

CITY OF LAREDO

**CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL BUDGET WORKSHOP
ON THE PROPOSED FY1999-2000 BUDGET
M99-W-11
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS**

Thursday, August 19, 1999	5:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.
Friday, August 20, 1999	5:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.
Saturday, August 21, 1999	9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

M I N U T E S

Thursday, August 19, 1999

I. CALL TO ORDER

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IV. PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET WORKSHOP FY1999-00

- a. Review and presentation of the proposed FY1999-00 Annual Budget.

Heberto Ramirez, Budget Officer, made the presentation before the Council on the overall budget as follows:

**CITY OF LAREDO
CONSOLIDATED BUDGET
OPERATING FUNDS
1999-00**

<u>FUND</u>	<u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u>	<u>CLOSING BALANCE</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$11,789,163	\$11,789,163
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
Airport	\$ 61,333	-
Health Fund	-	-
Hotel-Motel Tax	\$ 469,643	\$ 80,626
Civic Center	-	-
Convention & Visitors Bureau	-	-
Mercado	\$ 46,150	\$ 38,150
Public Access Channel	\$ 257,004	\$ 257,004
Veteran's Field Fund	-	-
NPDES	\$ 142,767	\$ 538,635
Recreation Fund	\$ 36,580	\$ 38,280
Minerals Leases Fund	\$ 132,303	-
Parking Meters Fund	\$ 1,263,155	\$ 114,159
Hazardous Materials Fund	\$ 83,264	\$ 101,708
Narcotics Task Force	\$ 1,205,559	\$ 1,227,334
Financial Task Force	\$ 494,574	\$ 714,974
Auto Theft Task Force	\$ 180,856	-
Special Police Program	\$ 275,000	-
Laredo Border Violence	-	-
Home Investment Partnership	\$ 5,537	\$ 5,537
Community Development	-	-
Housing Rehab	\$ 144,378	\$ 120,717
Emergency Shelter Grants	-	-
Street Closing	\$ 102,816	\$ 4,046
Capital Funds Total	\$18,026,914	\$ 4,603,402
Operating Funds Total	<u>\$48,355,595</u>	<u>\$42,271,408</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$66,382,509</u>	<u>\$46,874,810</u>

(End of Report - Budget Fund)

**City of Laredo
Tax Department
Analysis of Property Tax Levy & Collections**

**Actual
FY 1996-97**

**Actual
FY 1997-98**

Total Taxable Value	3,634,769,982	3,806,075,234
Cancellations	(28,292,025)	(23,228,007)
Supplements	18,642,621	10,488,991
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Revised Value	3,625,120,578	3,793,336,218
Tax Rate	0.526766	0.539930
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Total Levy	19,095,903	20,481,360
Less Delinquency	900,492	839,408
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Total Current Collection	18,195,411	19,641,952
Prior Year Taxes	981,742	884,745
Penalty & Interest Collected	732,124	726,620
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Total Revenue	19,909,277	21,253,317
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Tax Rate		
General Fund	0.314030	0.336788
Debt Service	0.212736	0.203142
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Total Tax Rate	0.526766	0.539930
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Distribution of Collections		
General Fund P&I	732,124	726,620
General Fund-Current Taxes	10,847,137	12,252,650
General Fund-Prior Yr. Taxes	595,327	544,916
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Total General Fund	12,174,588	13,524,186
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Debt Service-Current Taxes	7,348,274	7,389,302
Debt Service-Prior Yr. Taxes	386,415	339,829
Total Debt Service	7,734,689	7,729,131
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Total Distribution	19,909,277	21,253,317
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Taxes Receivable EOY before Adj	2,570,520	2,570,520
Adjustments	0	0
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Total Adj Receivables	2,570,520	2,570,520
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Current Collection Ratio	95.28%	95.90%
Ratio of Taxes Rec to Levy	13.46%	12.55%
Ratio of Collections to Levy	100.43%	100.22%

**Budget
FY 1998-99**

**Estimate
FY 1998-99**

Total Taxable Value	4,100,805,001	4,073,722,461
Cancellations	(27,082,540)	(4,896,122)

Supplements	0	0
Revised Value	4,073,722,461	4,068,826,339
Tax Rate	0.539930	0.539930
Total Levy	21,995,250	21,968,814
Less Delinquency	879,810	734,072
Total Current Collection	21,115,440	21,234,742
Prior Year Taxes	872,172	872,172
Penalty & Interest Collected	500,000	550,000
Total Revenue	22,487,612	22,656,914
Tax Rate		
General Fund	0.351858	0.351858
Debt Service	0.188072	0.188072
Total Tax Rate	0.539930	0.539930
Distribution of Collections		
General Fund P&I	500,000	550,000
General Fund-Current Taxes	13,776,051	13,895,353
General Fund-Prior Yr. Taxes	550,000	550,000
Total General Fund	14,826,051	14,995,353
Debt Service-Current Taxes	7,339,389	7,339,389
Debt Service-Prior Yr. Taxes	322,172	322,172
Total Debt Service	7,661,561	7,661,561
Total Distribution	22,487,612	22,656,914
Taxes Receivable EOY before Adj	2,500,000	2,400,713
Adjustments	0	0
Total Adj Receivables	2,500,000	2,400,713
Current Collection Ratio	96.00%	96.66%
Ratio of Taxes Rec to Levy	11.37%	10.93%
Ratio of Collections to Levy	99.97%	100.63%

**Budget
FY 1999-00**

Total Taxable Value	4,354,083,033
Cancellations	0

Supplements	0
Revised Value	4,354,083,033
Tax Rate	0.569218
Total Levy	24,784,224
Less Delinquency	867,448
Total Current Collection	23,916,777
Prior Year Taxes	825,000
Penalty & Interest Collected	550,000
Total Revenue	25,291,777
Tax Rate	
General Fund	0.393256
Debt Service	0.175962
Total Tax Rate	0.569218
Distribution of Collections	
General Fund P&I	550,000
General Fund-Current Taxes	16,580,216
General Fund-Prior Yr. Taxes	500,000
Total General Fund	17,630,216
Debt Service-Current Taxes	7,336,561
Debt Service-Prior Yr. Taxes	325,000
Total Debt Service	7,661,561
Total Distribution	25,291,777
Taxes Receivable EOY before Adj	2,500,000
Adjustments	0
Total Adj Receivables	2,500,000
Current Collection Ratio	96.50%
Ratio of Taxes Rec to Levy	10.09%
Ratio of Collections to Levy	99.83%

(End of Report - 8/19/99)

CITY OF LAREDO
EFFECT ON ADOPTING EFFECTIVE RATE OVER ROLLBACK RATE

Effective Rate	Total Tax. Value	Total Levy	Adopted Rate	Total Levy
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1994	0.478890	3,014,769,360	14,437,429	0.551601	16,629,498
1995	0.525640	3,282,444,963	17,253,844	0.551601	18,105,999
1996	0.514767	3,634,769,982	18,710,596	0.526766	19,146,732
1997	0.523413	3,806,075,324	19,921,493	0.539930	20,550,142
1998	0.534631	4,100,805,001	21,924,175	0.539930	22,141,476
1999	0.538138	4,354,083,033	23,430,975	0.569218	24,784,224

5.72%	Effective Rate	Total Tax. Value	Total Levy	Adopted Rate	Total Levy
1994	0.478890	3,014,769,360	14,437,429	0.506283	15,263,250
1995	0.525640	3,282,444,963	17,253,844	0.555707	18,240,764
1996	0.514767	3,634,769,982	18,710,596	0.544212	19,780,843
1997	0.523413	3,806,075,324	19,921,493	0.553352	21,061,002
1998	0.534631	4,100,805,001	21,924,175	0.565212	23,178,238
1999	0.538138	4,354,083,033	23,430,975	0.568919	24,771,227

Revenue
Loss

1994	(1,366,248)
1995	134,764
1996	634,110
1997	510,860
1998	1,036,761
1999	(12,997)

	937,250

(End of Report - 8/18/99)

Dan Migura, Administrative Services, made a presentation before the Council on a Pay Plan:

**EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION
COMMITTEE**

Members

Jose L. Flores	Phyllis Colon	Jerry Robinson
Sylvia Arellano	Linda Cantu	Rosalinda Garza
Javier Pena	Jay Villarreal	Alejandro Labrada
Joe Guerra	Fernando Roman	Luis Perez-Garcia
	Dan Migura	

PURPOSE OF COMMITTEE

During a workshop with the City of Laredo Department Directors, it was determined that an Employee Compensation Committee should be established to recommend a pay plan strategy for the upcoming fiscal year.

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Budget Workshop continuation.

Keith Selman, City Planner, made the Capital Improvement Programs presentation before the Council. He reported the following:

Since 1985, the City's first bond program in over 30 years, the City has continued an aggressive capital improvements program to meet the demands of the fastest growing City in the State. Below are the bond sales of tax-supported debt which have been sold since 1985 and are supported by a current tax rate of approximately 20 cents..

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1985	\$1,000,000	1992	\$11,300,000
1986	4,000,000	1993	3,000,000
1987	1,275,000	1994	22,725,000
1988	3,000,000	1995	2,442,000
1989	4,000,000	1997	9,490,000
1990	5,500,000	1998	16,160,000
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1991	5,500,000	Total	\$89,392,000

The three primary methods of financing capital improvements for the City has been long-term debt, bridge revenues transferred to Capital Improvements Fund, and Community Development Block Grant Funds. The following represents a brief description of the

proposal for long-term debt, bridge revenues, and Community Development Block Grant Funds.

Long-Term Debt

Enclosed as Exhibit 1 is a review of the tax rate between 1985 and 1998. In 1998, a bond issue of \$16,160,000 in certificates of obligation were sold (Exhibit 2). This sale was made possible as a result of outstanding bond retirement and was accomplished without a tax rate increase.

An increase in 1997 of wastewater fees presented an opportunity to incur additional debt service to meet the growing wastewater needs. In FY 1999 a bond issue of \$6,415,000 in certificates of obligation were sold. In order to meet increased needs in our water delivery system, we are proposing a certificate of obligation issue of approximately \$3,850,000 to be paid for under the current fee structure.

For the construction of International Bridge IV, \$29,400,000 has been borrowed through the State Infrastructure Bank and \$30,260,000 in bonds have been sold. An additional \$9,000,000 in bonds are proposed for the installation of Weigh in Motion systems at the four international crossings.

The downtown area continues to have limited parking despite the construction of the Transit Center Parking Garage. A \$1,050,000 certificate of obligation is proposed to help meet these needs. The bond will be supported by revenue generated by the current parking rate structure.

Exhibit 1

**City of Laredo
Analysis of Property Tax Rate**

FY 9/30	TAX RATE	GENERAL FUND	DEBT SERVICE
1985	0.365900	0.344200	0.021700
1986	0.380000	0.340000	0.040000
1987	0.385000	0.345000	0.040000
1988	0.430300	0.380300	0.050000
1989	0.465000	0.415000	0.050000
1990	0.465000	0.368150	0.096850
1991	0.485000	0.377090	0.107910
1992	0.510100	0.377100	0.133000
1993	0.510100	0.327300	0.182800
1994	0.510100	0.325900	0.184200
1995	0.551601	0.325900	0.225701
1996	0.551601	0.311543	0.240058
1997	0.526766	0.314030	0.212736
1998	0.539930	0.336788	0.203142

(End of Report - Exhibit 1)

MISSION STATEMENT:

To develop an equitable compensation plan that will allow the City of Laredo to enhance itself as a valued work place, offering fulfilling careers in public service, with professional, knowledgeable, motivated, versatile, and efficient staff;

- + to maintain the City's ability to attract and retain superior employees;
- + to foster excellence in performance for the betterment of our community.

COMPENSATION PLAN

The Proposed plan consists of a three year implementation period. The plan consists of the following:

**COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT
(COLA)**

The proposed COLA for each year is necessary to keep up with inflation. (Note: Slavin and Nevans had proposed COLA to be granted yearly in order to maintain the plan competitive with the market.)

- + The last pay plan adjustment was given on 10-1-98 consisting of 2.5%. This adjustment included 1.9 National Consumer Price Index (CPI).
- + The proposed COLA for year one (FY 99-00) is 2.0%. This percentage was calculated by adjusting the National Consumer Price Index (CPI) of 1.6 by 25% (City of Laredo inflation factor).

Source: Consumer Price Index

**MERIT INCREASE BASED ON
MEASURABLE PERFORMANCE FACTORS**

A new method of calculating the merit increases based on measurable performance factors is proposed. This method will consist of the following tiers:

- + Tier I:
If employee gets a 3.0 on their performance evaluation, the employee will advance to Tier II.

TIER I

Current Evaluation Model	Performance Factor
Consistently Exceeds Standards	5
Occasionally Exceeds Standards	4
Meets all Standards	3
Occasionally Below Standards	2
Consistently Below Standards	1

- + Tier II:
This tier will consist of Measurable Performance Factor Adjustments

that will enable the employee to possibly receive up to 5% merit increase depending on their activities, work load, attendance, training & education, and safety records during the 12 month evaluation period.

TIER II

Measurable Performance Factor Adjustment

Leadership Development Progress or Other comparable professional program (selected during 12 months).

Cost Savings and Significant Program Innovations Department Recommended City Manager approval.

High Performance Evaluation Score (4.0).

Extra Work: Projects or Committees

Projects or Committees outside of normal work assignments.

Excellent Attendance Record

Not more than 4 Sick Leave days/yr.

Not more than 5 tardies/yr.

Training and Education

(3) Three training certifiable events or Educational Milestone (G.E.D., AA, BS or BA, MMS, Phd) or professional certification during 12 month prior to evaluation.

Excellent Safety Record

Labor intense employees only (no infractions)

High Risk employees (no infractions)

Sick Leave Buyback

Year 1 & 2

Non civil service employees who have accumulated 60 days of Sick Leave prior to October 1 of that year may sell to the City 2 days of unused sick leave in exchange of one paid day up to 3 paid days (50%) or sell at a rate of 1 day of unused sick leave in exchange for 1 paid day up to 6 paid days if placed in a deferred compensation plan (100%).

Year 3

The amount of days that could be purchased by the City will double, in each prospective category.

Longevity Pay

Employees that have been with the City 5 years will be entitled to longevity pay. Longevity pay will begin on their 5th year anniversary (consecutive service months) and will be calculated as follows:

\$5.00 per each month of service per year. Payment will be

paid bi-weekly.

Example: \$5.00 x 12 (1 year)=\$60.00 per year.

At year 5, employee will be receiving \$300.00 adjustment. At year 6, employee will be receiving \$360.00, etc.

**Annual Leave Accumulation
Cap**

The proposed includes to raise the annual leave accumulation cap to 720 hours as opposed to the current 480 hours cap that are allowed.

This would become an incentive for our long term employees and retirees.

(End of report - committee's plan)

The difference between the committee's plan and the City Manager's proposal is the following:

**Cost of Living Adjustment
(COLA)**

The proposed COLA for FY 99-00 is 1.6% .

**Merit Increase based on Measurable
Performance Factors**

A new method of calculating the merit increases based on measurable performance factors is proposed. This method will consist of the following tiers:

Tier I:

- + If employee earns a 3.0 to 3.49 on their performance evaluation, the employee will receive a 1% pay increase and will be eligible for Tier II.
- + If employee earns a 3.50 to 4.49 on their performance evaluation, the employee will receive a 2% pay increase and will be eligible for Tier II.
- + If employee earns a 4.50 and above on their performance evaluation, the employee will receive a 3% pay increase and will be eligible for Tier II.

Tier II:

- + This tier will consist of Measurable Performance Factor Adjustments that will enable the employee to possibly receive points that can increase their merit increase up to 5% depending on their activities, work load, attendance, training and education, and safety records during the 12 month evaluation period.

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Retirement Incentive Proposal

Non-civil service employees with a combination of service years and age equal to or greater than 80. (66 employees).

Retire between October 1, 1999 and March 31, 2000.

City pays contribution for Retiree Medical Insurance for 5 years (Option II, III or IV*).

City pays all sick leave accrual without applying 720 hour limit.

City pays all annual leave accrual without applying 420 hour limit.

* includes family

Longevity Pay

No Longevity.

(End of Report - City Manager's proposal)

Motions made on Thursday, August 19, 1999:

- 1. Motion to adopt the City of Laredo Retirement Incentive Proposal with effective dates of October 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000.

Moved : Cm. Valdez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

The Retirement Incentive Proposal as presented by staff is as follows:

- * Non-civil service employee with a combination of service years and age equal to or greater than 80. (66 employees)
 - * Retire between October 1, 1999 and March 31, 2000.
 - * City pays contribution for Retiree Medical Insurance for 5 years (Option II, III, or IV - includes family)
 - * City pays all sick leave accrual without applying 720 hour limit.
 - * City pays all annual leave without applying 480 hour limit.
- 2. Motion instructing staff to look at the General Fund Balance and to draw down \$1 million for the CPL Road and if the Fund Balance is over expectation, to replace the \$1 million back to

the General Fund.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado
Second: Cm. Guerra
For: 6

Against: 2 Abstain: 0
Cm. Galo
Cm. Valdez

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Time: 10:00 p.m.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Exhibit 2

**CITY OF LAREDO
1997-98 CO Issue
(MODIFIED)**

DRAINAGE

1200 Frost and Lyon	75,000
406 W. Plum at San Francisco	50,000
Flecha Lane	100,000
Laredo Manor	170,000
McPherson Acres Drainage/Improvement	530,000
Texas Ave./Price St.	1,700,000
Tinaja Channelization	370,000
Chaparral Drainage Improvement	150,000
Zacate Creek Upper Reaches	300,000
Zacate Creek/Erosion Control	500,000

Sub-total	3,945,000

STREETS

Alma Pierce Sidewalk	70,000
Calton Road Improvements (Library)	700,000
Cigarroa Parking Lot at Recreation Center	50,000
Hilltop (290,000) and/or Gallagher (200,000)	490,000
Paving Project #60	500,000
Santa Maria Reconstruction	2,900,000
School Drop Off's	500,000
South Meadow Bridge at Chacon	500,000
Traffic Signal on US 83 and Santa Barbara	50,000
Trautmann Elementary Sidewalk	70,000
Adjustment:	
Cherry Hill Dr. Widening	438,000
Orilla Street	250,000
Texas Ave.	66,000
Jacaman Extension (Engineering Cost only)	55,000

Sub-total	6,639,000

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Canizalez Gym	170,000
Library	410,000
Public Works Facility	2,500,000

Sub-total	3,080,000

PROJECTS CONTINGENT ON BOND MARKET

Cherry Hills Drive Widening	400,000
Calle del Norte sidewalk (Amparo Gutierrez Elem. to Springfield)	20,000
Hilltop Improvements	12,000
Adjustments:	
Bartlett Extension is to be deferred till	

	FY 1999-2000	400,000

	Sub-total	32,000
Total		13,696,000

OTHER		
	Purchase of Land for Landfill (self-supported)	750,000
	* Equipment (tax-supported)	1,069,900
	* Repairs to Municipal Court (previously listed with equipment	19,500
	Equipment (self-supported)	930,000
	Sub-total	2,769,400

	Bond Issuance Costs	103,600
	Interest Earnings reduction	409,000
	Grand Total	16,160,000

(End of report - Exhibit 2)

Presentations on 1998-1999 major accomplishments, significant performance measures, personnel history, and major programs and activities proposed were made by Mayor's Office, City Manager's Office, Municipal Court, Building, City Secretary, Tax Office, Administrative Services, Police, Fire, Traffic, and Public Works.

Motions made on Friday, August 20, 1999:

1. Motion to earmark \$243,398 balance for the University Blvd. project for this year's C.I.P. for District 2.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Motion to spend the \$243,398 balance on sidewalks for District 4.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

3. Motion to allocate the \$243,398 balance for sidewalks for District 3 and for a speed hump on Stone near Daiches School.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

4. Motion to allocate the \$243,398 on District 5 for:

- (a) Addition of a COPS station to the Northeast Hillside Recreation Center and include required parking.
- (b) Sidewalks along the creek on Wyoming in the Hillside Terrace area all the way to the Northeast Recreation Center.
- (c) Jogging sidewalks or trails at the Chaparral Park and a playscape for the children.
- (d) The balance to be used for sidewalks in the Alma Pierce Elementary School and Tomas Sanchez Elementary School area.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 5. Motion to allocate the \$243,398 balance to the River Road and the San Francisco Javier Project for District 8.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 6. Motion to allocate the \$243,398 to widen McPherson Road at Del Mar Blvd. and identify sidewalks in Del Mar for District 6.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 7. Motion to allocate the \$243,398 balance to a COPS Substation in South Laredo contingent on land donation and for sidewalks in Century City for District 1.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

 Second: Cm. Agredano
 For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn. Time: 10:05 p.m.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

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Motions made on Saturday, August 21, 1999:

1. Motion to increase the rent at the Jose Flores Apartments by \$20.00 per month and to find funds for the refurbishing. The new rate to become effective 30 days after the tenants have been notified.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mayor Flores requested that the mission statement of the Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation be revised by a committee. Mayor Flores named Cm. Galo to head the committee and added Cm. Valdez and Cw. Montalvo to the Ad Hoc Committee.

2. Motion to allocate the \$243,398 for sidewalks to double frontage lots on Bristol Road from the river banks to

Acadia; approximately 6 blocks from Finley Elementary School; sidewalks on the west side of Albany along St. Jude Church; school approaches sidewalks for Santa Maria School; one block sidewalks on Boston, Philadelphia, Ugarte, Pace west of Santa Maria Street; 4 blocks of sidewalks from Farias Elementary School south side of Chicago Street from Santa Maria to Santa Rita for District 7.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Under the Third Party Funding Budget Mayor Flores and City Council requested the following allocation changes:

	FY99-00 <u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
Crime Stoppers, Inc.	7,500	15,000
L.I.F.E.	0	5,000
Bethany House	12,000	15,000
Laredo State Center - Basta	11,250	0
Mi Laredo	9,300	5,000
Communities in Schools	12,500	15,000
Laredo Little Theater	14,661	26,500
Laredo Philharmonic	37,000	25,000
LCC Dan Theater	5,000	2,500
Heritage Foundation	27,390	25,000
Republic of the Rio Grande	25,360	25,000
San Agustin Church	20,000	0
Los Caminos Del Rio	5,000	15,000
TAMIU Dance Troop	1,000	3,000
Cola Blanca	0	10,000
Environmental Science Center	0	10,000
Club Olympia	0	5,000
WBCA	0	10,000
Pocahontas	0	5,000

Mayor Flores requested name change for Del Mar Little League to read "Little League Championship Travel" and to keep the money in reserve for the championship tournament.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.


Time: 6:15 p.m.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

I hereby certify that the above minutes contained in pages 01 to 19 are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council

Budget Workshops held on August 19, 20, and 21 of 1999. A certified copy is on file at the City Secretary's Office.



Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary

Minutes approved September 20, 1999