

CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

M99-R-25

M I N U T E S

SEPTEMBER 7, 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
Cecilia May Moreno,	Councilmember, District IV
Eliseo Valdez, Jr.,	Councilmember, District V
Joe A. Guerra,	Councilmember, District VI
Mario A. Alvarado,	Councilmember, District VII
Consuelo "Chelo" Montalvo,	Councilmember, District VIII
Gustavo Guevara, Jr.,	City Secretary
Florencio Pena, III,	City Manager
Jaime L. Flores,	City Attorney

ABSENCES:

Motion to excuse Cm. Galo.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IV. MINUTES

1. City Council Meeting, July 19, 1999
City Council Meeting, July 26, 1999
City Council Meeting, August 2, 1999

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE

2. Amending the provisions of the City of Laredo's Code of

Ordinances Chapter 2, Article II, Section 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 table for next meeting.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
Second: Cw. Moreno
For: 7

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 3. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with OmniaAmerica 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.

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Alvarado

VI. FINAL READING

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

Motion to waive the final reading of ordinances #99-O-231, #99-O-252, #99-O-253, #99-O-254, #99-O-255, #99-O-256, #99-O-257, #99-O-259, #99-O-261, #99-O-262, and #99-O-263.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 4. 99-O-231 Ordinance amending Division 3 (Rates and Charges) of Chapter 31 (Utilities) of the Code of Ordinances, specifically Section 31-138 which provide for water rate charges by increasing the residential and commercial rates in two phases. The First Phase effective October 4, 1999, and the Second Phase effective October 1, 2000. The First Phase increases include (a) a 5.6% increase for each tier in the residential escalating rate, (b) a \$3.00 increase for the commercial minimum rate, and (c) a 3% increase for each tier in the commercial escalating rate structure, the Second Phase increases include (a) a 3.9% increase for each tier in the residential escalating rate, (b) a \$3.00 increase for the commercial minimum rate, and (c) a 3% increase for each tier in the commercial escalating rate structure, and providing for publication and

9. Consideration to authorize the approval of plans and specifications for the construction of the Chacon Creek Interceptor.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

10. Consideration to award an engineering contract with Mejia Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas for an amount not to exceed \$457,105.00 for surveys, design, and preparation of plans and specifications for a new Regional Fire Fighting Training Facility to be located at a site in North Laredo. Funding is available in the Fire Training Facility Project Engineer Fees.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

11. Consideration to award a construction contract to the LOWEST BIDDER, Cantu America Construction Company, Laredo, Texas, in the bid amount of \$1,054,600.00 for the East Hachar Recreational Center. Funding is available in the East Hachar Recreational Center - 24th Action year.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

12. Consideration to award contract number 99-135, to the LOW BIDDER, Applied Concepts, Inc., Plano, Texas, in the amount of \$22,800.00, for the purchase of twelve, motorcycle radar units for the Police Department - Traffic Division. These will be installed on the new motorcycles. Funding is available in the Police Trust Fund budget. Delivery of these radar units is expected within forty five days.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

13. Consideration to award contract number 99-124 to the LOWEST BIDDER, UTW Tire Collection Services, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$98,000.00, for removal and disposal of tires from the City of Laredo landfill. The term of the contract is for one year with an option to extend for up to four (4), twelve month periods, subject to the approval of the

Contractor and the City Council. The contract is for a flat fee of \$98.00 per ton for all tires collected at the landfill.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 14. Consideration to ratify the annual service contract to the LOW BIDDER, Lawn Masters, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$100,398.00, for providing ground maintenance services for the Utilities Department, the Bridge System, Police Department, and the Public Library. This is the second year of the two year contract. The contract includes cutting cycles at all three International Bridge locations, the water plants, booster stations, the wastewater treatment plants, storage tank locations, utility easements, the Clark Street median, the Police Station, and the Public Library. The bid pricing is approximately 5% less than the previous contract amount.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 15. Consideration to award a construction contract to the LOW BIDDER, Guerra Construction Company, Inc., Austin, Texas, for \$159,919.20 for the construction of an 18" wastewater line on Hillside Road between Yeary Avenue and San Dario Avenue. Funding for the project is available in the 1992A Sewer Fund Bonds.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 16. Consideration to award an annual preventive maintenance contract number FY99-130, to the SOLE BIDDER, Five Star Electric Motors, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$17,300.00, for preventative maintenance on thirty three, variable frequency drives. The variable frequency drives are electronic controls that control the speed of the pumps at different water tank locations. The term of this contract will be for a period of one year with an option to renew for a second year.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 17. Consideration to award and approve a construction contract with Price Construction, Inc., as SOLE RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, in the amount of \$311,736.50 being the Base Bid to rehabilitate a portion of Runway 17R and approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$77,900 being 25 percent of the Base Bid to rehabilitate additional runway surface area and authorizing the City Manager to execute said contract and Change Order No. 1. The Federal Aviation Administration has issued to the City of Laredo a grant in the amount of \$606,446.00 for this project which grant amount is sufficient to cover Change Order No. 1.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 18. Consideration to approve Change Order No. 1, a (decrease) of \$8,154.12 for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place and to add 60 calendar days to the construction contract time, acceptance of the Fueling Facility for the City of Laredo Service Center to be located along North Daughtery, North of Hillside Road and adjacent to the City's Park and Ride Facility at the Laredo International Airport and approval of final payment in the amount of \$27,606.54 to Service Station Constructors and Fuel Systems, Inc., San Antonio, Texas. Funding is available in the DPW Infrastructure.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 19. Consideration to approve Change Order No. 1, a (decrease) of \$1,055.87 for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place and to add 13 calendar days to the construction contract time, acceptance of the Library Conversion at Bruni Plaza and approval of final payment in the amount of \$51,804.40 to Cantu America Construction Company, Inc., Laredo, Texas. Funding is available in the 1998 CO Issue.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 20. Consideration to approve Change Order No. 1 to the construction contract with Price Construction, Inc., approved on May 3, 1999 to reconstruct a portion of Taxiways "A", "F", and "G" and to reconstruct a portion of the southwest air cargo apron to include new construction of a new section of air cargo apron at the Laredo International Airport. Change Order No. 1 will increase the scope of work to reconstruct an additional portion

of Taxiway "A". Change Order No. 1 will increase the original contract amount of \$4,202,951.32 by \$836,000.00 an increase of 19.9 percent. The FAA is providing 90% of the cost in AIP Grant Project No. 3-48-0136-25 in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. The 10%, local match to the grant is also being provided by the FAA as a partial reimbursement to the City for the 114.77 acre land acquisition project.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

21. Consideration to approve construction of the Street Paving Assessment Project 61-B (9 Blocks) by the Department of Public Works and Utilities Department. Funding is available in the 23rd CDBG Grant Action Year - Paving Project No. 61.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Note: Cm. Bruni was not present.)

22. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Dental School, in the amount not to exceed \$20,000 to reimburse the City of Laredo for 20% of the salary for the Chief of Dental Health Services who will be overseeing the training of dental students at the City of Laredo Health Department. This contract will become effective August 1, 1999, through July 31, 2000.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

23. Consideration to award contract number 99-134, to the LOW BIDDER, Dell Marketing L.P., Round Rock, Texas, in the amount of \$54,075.00, for the purchase of computer servers and workstations for the Fire Department and Public Library. The Fire Department has requested one network server and three workstations for use by the Haz Mat Division. The Library System has requested two servers and twenty-one workstations. These will be installed at the Bruni Branch Library. Delivery of all requested equipment is expected within thirty days.

Francisco Meza, Purchasing Agent, stated that they failed to add the cost of the monitors to the total price. The correct amount should read \$68,675 to the total price and the difference of \$14,600 is for the cost of the monitors.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IX. STAFF REPORTS

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

Motion to table for next meeting.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion to table for next meeting.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

26. Status report of the City of Laredo International Airport Noise Compatibility Program for the month of September 1999.

Motion to table for next meeting.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion to table for next meeting.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

28. Status report on the development of the impact fee for water and wastewater improvements. Presenting a summary of decisions made by the Impact Fee Ad Hoc Committee and the proposed timetable.

Fernando Roman, Utilities Director, made the presentation. He stated that the objective of this presentation is to bring the order of magnitude of where we stand in terms of the investments that we are going to make in the next 10 years. The status report is as follows:

IMPACT FEES FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER

COMMITTEE GOALS

- Agree on magnitude and timing of improvements
- Determine maximum allowed fee
- Define implementation method
- Make recommendations to Planning and Zoning

TOTAL COST OF IMPROVEMENTS

- Eliminated projects already funded (\$25M)
- Reduced inflation from 4% to 1.5%
- Reduced soft costs from 30% to 25%
- Reviewing unit costs

MAXIMUM IMPACT FEE

- 10-Year CIP
 - >Original cost \$72M
 - >Revised cost \$44M
- Maximum Fee
 - >Original fee \$3,301 per line
 - >Revised fee \$2,054 per line

10-Year CIP INVESTMENT SCHEDULE

<u>Year</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Wastewater</u>	<u>Total</u>
2000-01	9,541,325	2,425,956	11,967,281
2002-03	1,541,539	17,783,732	19,325,271
2004-05	4,244,122	1,459,690	5,703,812
2006-07	1,731,358	1,503,809	3,235,167
2008-09	3,079,835	1,549,261	4,629,096
Total	20,138,179	24,722,448	44,860,627

IMPLEMENTATION

- Prorate by potential water use
 - >By lot size
 - >By meter size
- Collect in two phases:
 - >At time of platting
 - >At time of connection

COUNCIL OPTIONS

- Implement fee in full
- Implement partial fee

Fee range stands at \$500 to \$5,000 Depending on lot size and level of implementation

Current annexation fees stand at \$200 to \$950 depending on lot size and annexation year.

CRITICAL INTERIM PERIOD

- Platted land that goes to construction within a year of adoption is exempt from Impact Fees, pays under the old annexation fees
- Impact Fee revenues do not begin until January 2001
- May need an initial rate increase to inject liquidity into the process

IMPACT ON RATES

Year	No Impact Fee	50% Impact Fee	75% Impact Fee	100% Impact Fee
2000	2.32	1.16	0.58	0.00
2002	3.50	1.75	0.88	0.00
2004	0.97	0.49	0.24	0.00
2006	0.52	0.26	0.13	0.00
2008	0.70	0.35	0.18	0.00
Total	8.01	4.01	2.00	0.00

TIMELINE

September 20, 1999	-----	Set Date for Hearing
September 27, 1999	-----	Begin Advertisement
October 7 & 21, 1999	-----	Updates to Planning and Zoning
October 25, 1999	-----	Planning and Zoning Recommendations
November 1, 1999	-----	Public Hearing
January 1, 2000	-----	Effective Date

(Note: Mr. Roman clarified that Sept. 20, 1999 was the date chosen, but the public hearing is actually set for Nov. 1, 1999 and no action was needed for tonight.)

SEPTEMBER WORKLOAD

- Finalize refining numbers
- Finalize prorating by lot size
- Finalize prorating by meter size
- Study fee ramp-up proposal

OCTOBER WORKLOAD

- Update Planning and Zoning Commission
- Incorporate Planning and Zoning feedback
- Prepare recommendation for Planning and Zoning by October 21, 1999

- Planning and Zoning files recommendation by
October 27, 1999

(End of Report)

Albert Zuniga from the Impact Fee Ad Hoc Committee gave a status report to the Council as follows:

First goal of the committee was to reach a consensus on the 10 year CIP's projects.

Second goal is to determine the maximum legal fee that we could charge based on what the capital improvements plan shows and the cost number.

Third goal is to determine the best implementation strategy for an impact fee and the committee will be making a recommendation as to how it's charged and how it's collected.

The committee will recommend financing CIP with a combination of Impact Fee and a rate increase, only considering rates above the base rates. Combining the fees and rates will have the following features:

- 1.) Stable and predictable.
- 2.) Balance between existing rate payer and the new connections.
- 3.) It would not be so heavy on the fee side that it affects our housing affordability in Laredo's competitiveness.

(End of Report)

29. 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 possible City parking lot sites, 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 possible City parking lot sites, 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. Agredano

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

X. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Jesus Ponce wanted a list of the Impact Fee Ad Hoc Committee.

Cm. Bruni stated that he has no weather reports at this time.

Mayor Flores commented on an article that was printed in El Mañana talking about how the Department of Health of Laredo and Webb County, the City Council and others were not interested or moving fast enough to control the Dengue Fever. She stated that it was the wrong information for the people of Laredo to read.

XI. CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

30. Requests by Mayor and City Council members for presentation and discussion.

A. Request by Mayor Elizabeth G. Flores

1. Presentation by the Laredo Affordable Housing Board.

Pete Saenz, from the Laredo Affordable Housing Corporation, made the presentation before the Council.

The Laredo Affordable Housing Corp. is a non-profit organization. The benefits of the Laredo Affordable Housing Corp. are the following:

- a.) Displays creativity in addressing the need for affordable housing.
- b.) Provides homebuyer opportunities to individuals and families who normally would be priced out of the housing market.
- c.) Funded through HUD'S HOME Investment Partnerships Program.
- d.) Demonstrates effective leveraging of resources
- e.) Brings together partners from the local governmental agency, non-profits, and private business.

Mr. Saenz stated that in support of this project, the City of Laredo previously purchased 50 lots with HOME funds in the Los Obispos Subdivision on which affordable housing could be constructed. The City, in 1997, then awarded \$2,435,590 in HOME Program funds to the Laredo Affordable Housing Corporation to construct single family, detached homes on these previously purchased lots. Construction of the homes began March 1998. The Corporation utilized HOME funds to finance interim construction; participating local banking institutions are providing the necessary permanent financing up to \$47,500 per unit with fixed rate for thirty years. The city of Laredo retains a forgivable second lien position for the cost of the land and soft costs which serves to

maintain the affordability requirements of the program.

This project eliminates the need for any down payment and helps to insure the long-term affordability of the unit. Upon termination of this project, an estimated \$2,272,595 in private financing will have been leveraged.

Partners and Contributors for the Laredo Affordable Housing Corporation are: the City of Laredo, International Bank of Commerce, Laredo National Bank, Norwest Bank, NBC Bank, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Laredo Webb Neighborhood Housing Services, Webb County Title and Proviron Inc.

2. Recognition of Ms. Elia Pruneda, Historic/Landmark Board Member District.

Mayor Flores recognized Mrs. Elia Pruneda and presented her with a plaque for her accomplishments.

3. Recognition to the Veteran's of Foreign Wars Millennium Anniversary.

Mayor Flores presented a proclamation to the Foreign War Veterans on their 100th Anniversary.

B. Request by Council member Alfredo Agredano

1. Presentation by Michelle Martinez and Skateboard Club Members on the request for funding of a Skate Park in South Laredo, with possible action.

Miss Michelle Martinez and the Skateboard Club Members appeared before the Council to request a Skateboard Park. Miss Martinez stated that there is no place in Laredo to skate. Presently kids are skating and roller blading on the streets or sidewalks, which is very dangerous. Also, that by building this park, kids will stay off the streets and off drugs.

Motion to instruct staff to find the money to finance a skateboard park with \$125,000 to build and \$50,000 a year for maintenance after that.

Moved : Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

C. Request by Council member John C. Galo

1. City Council confirmation on the following appointments:
Millennium Committee - Pat Davila and Viviana Frank
Board of Adjustments - Ray Gonzalez

Motion to confirm.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

31. Public hearing adopting the Annual Budget for fiscal year 1999-2000 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.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance adopting the Annual Budget for fiscal year 1999-2000 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.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Heberto Ramirez, Budget Officer, gave a review of council actions during the workshops.

August 19, 1999

Motions made by City Council

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

No dollar impact.

2.) Motion to draw down \$1 million from the General Fund balance for the CP&L Road. If at the end of FY1998-99 fund balance is available, then replenish the General Fund balance by the \$1,000,000.

Dollar impact \$1,000,000.

August 20 & 21, 1999

Cost of requested programs

Description	General Fund	Other Funds
1. Total Additional Property Tax Revenues available with Property Tax Rate of \$0.569218.	580,918	
2. Add Clerk III position in the Tax Department.	22,602	
3. Add Three (3) Personal Computers for Building		

Department.		3,900	
4. Reclassification of (3) Lieutenants, (2) Sergeants, (7) Investigators.		115,249	
5. Staffing of Fire Station #12 for one day in FY 2000. (12 Firefighters)		1,388	
6. Allocate additional funding for Mid-Management Training Program.		50,000	
7. Downtown Clean-up Crew:			
\$18,930 1-Light Equipment Operator			
\$17,172 1-Laborer			
\$21,000 1-Pick-up truck			
\$20,000 1-Sidewalk Washing Machine			
\$ 5,000 Minor Apparatus & Tools			
Sub-Total		82,102	
8. Add one (1) Assistant City Attorney:			
\$55,000 1-Assistant City Attorney			
\$ 1,300 1-Personal Computer			
\$ 1,000 Printer			
\$ 250 Desk			
\$ 125 Chair			
\$ 2,000 Miscellaneous (Prof.Dev., etc.)			
Sub-total		59,675	
9. Fund the balance needed to construct East Hachar Recreation Center. Funding is available from project close out savings in Community Development Block Grant.			400,000
10. Add twelve (12) lifeguards to the Parks and Recreation Dept.		63,396	
11. Add Clerk IV for Non-Profit Management Center		23,000	
12. Library Overtime for extended hours		30,000	
13. Prioritize the Santo Niño Library in the CIP			N/A
14. Study Main Library hours (Advisory Board)		N/A	
15. Municipal Housing increase rates by \$20 for the Jose Flores Apts.			29,633
16. Landfill will close Sunday's, have Saturday as a free day, extend hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. this will be contingent on amending Chapter 14 (Garbage, trash, and refuse)			N/A
17. Bridge will consolidate all divisions for Fund Summaries and Financials			N/A
18. Third Party Agencies		2,400	23,411
19. Pay Plan Adjustment (Cost to be taken from Salary Savings)		N/A	N/A
20. Retirement Plan - City Annuity		60,102	34,344
21. Police Cars & Accessories (Capital Leases & Automotive Equipment) Revenues and Expenditures \$1,266,240		N/A	N/A
22. Reserve Appropriation		67,054	
Total Cost of Requested Programs		<u>580,918</u>	<u>487,388</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)		0	<u>(487,388)</u>

3rd Party Funding Requested Changes

GENERAL FUND	Original Amount	Increase (Decrease)	New Amount
Crime Stoppers Inc.	7,500	7,500	15,000
L.I.F.E	-	5,000	5,000
Bethany House	12,000	3,000	15,000
Laredo State Center- Basta Program	11,250	(11,250)	-
Mi Laredo Program	9,300	(4,300)	5,000
Communities in Schools	12,500	2,500	15,000
TOTAL	52,550	2,450	55,000

HOTEL-MOTEL	Original Amount	Increase (Decrease)	New Amount
Laredo Little Theater	11,839	14,661	26,500
Laredo Philharmonic	37,000	(12,000)	25,000
LCC Dance Theater	5,000	(2,500)	2,500
Heritage Foundation	27,390	(2,390)	25,000
Republic of the Rio Grande	25,360	(360)	25,000
San Agustin Church	20,000	(20,000)	-
Los Caminos Del Rio	10,000	5,000	15,000
TAMIU Dance Troop	1,000	2,000	3,000
TOTAL	137,589	(15,589)	122,000

Hotel-Motel NEW 3RD PARTY FUNDING	Original Amount	Increase (Decrease)	New Amount
Cola Blanca	-	10,000	10,000
Lamar Bruni Vergara Env. Science Ctr.	-	10,000	10,000
Club Olympia	-	5,000	5,000
WBCA	-	10,000	10,000
Pocahontas	-	5,000	5,000
TOTAL	-	40,000	40,000

(End of Reports)

Motion to add (1) Lieutenant and (1) Sergeant to the reclassification by Amending the Budget.

Moved : Cm. Guerra
Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 1
Cw. Moreno

Motion to incorporate \$25,000 for the operation expenses of the skateboard park and \$5,000 for the membership dues of the NorthAmerican International Trade Corridor to the proposed budget; and as we draw down \$125,000 for the construction of the skateboard park that we replace it, if the funds are there, at the end of the fiscal year.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to instruct staff to meet and bring back a recommendation as to how to implement and distribute the monies that the City allows with the 3rd Party Funding.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Dan Migura, Administrative Services Director, gave a brief presentation on the 1999-2000 City Employee Pay Plan Proposal as follows:

1999 - 2000 City Employee Pay Plan Proposal

1. 1.6% Cost of Living Adjustment for all Non Civil Service Employees effective Oct. 1, 1999.
2. Non Civil Service Employees would be eligible for a salary adjustment on their respective anniversary employment date subject to a favorable performance evaluation score of 3.0 or greater.

Score

Increase Amount

2.9 and under
 3.0 to 3.49
 3.5 to 3.99
 4.0 to 4.49
 4.5 to 5.0

No Increase
 1%
 2%
 3%
 4%

3. Performance Evaluations for Department Directors and the Assistant City Managers will be done using the format used to evaluate the City Manager.
4. All other non civil service employees will be evaluated using a modified performance appraisal form.
5. A sick leave buy back program will be recommended using a 3/6 formula after 60 days of sick leave are accrued.
6. Add day before Christmas as a recognized holiday.
7. Allow employees to transfer annual leave hours exceeding 480

hours to their respective sick leave accruals.

(End of Report)

Florencio Pena, City Manager, will suggest to Dan Migura and Herberto Ramirez that when the Council adopts this pay plan and adopts a merit system, civil service employees will fall under this system as well. They will also get the 1.6% Cost of Living Adjustment effective October 1, 1999.

Motion to instruct staff to come back with the 1999-2000 City Employee Pay Plan Proposal.

Moved : Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Note: Cm. Bruni not present)

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

32. Public hearing on the 1999 proposed Ad Valorem tax rate of \$.569218/\$100, and introduction of an ordinance approving the 1999 tax rate, and providing for the levy and collection of General and Special Ad Valorem Taxes and Alcoholic Beverage Taxes for the City of Laredo for the 1999 tax year and the 1999-2000 fiscal year.

A public hearing must be held when the tax levy to be adopted is more than the levy of 1998. The introductory ordinance is to be read in its complete form and voted on after the fiscal 1999-2000 budget ordinance is introduced and voted on. A notice of the tax rate ordinance must be published and the final vote taken within fourteen days of the public hearing.

Note: Mayor Flores read the ordinance in its entirety into the record.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance approving the 1999 proposed Ad Valorem tax rate of \$.569218/\$100, and providing for the levy and collection of General and Special Ad Valorem Taxes and Alcoholic Beverage Taxes for the City of Laredo for the 1999 tax year and the 1999-2000 fiscal year.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(Note: Cm. Bruni not present)

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 33. Public hearing for closing the hearing on the Paving Assessment Street Improvements Project 61-B and fixing a lien and charge.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance closing the hearing on the Paving Assessment Street Improvements Project 61-B and fixing a lien and charge.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, explained the paving project before the council with the costs of:

Paving + 10%	\$149,354.92
Assessments	\$ 52,248.70
City's Share	\$ 97,106.22

Mrs. Francis Villarreal, State Certified Appraiser, studied the street paving assessment role and found that all the properties were enhanced with the exception of one. This is Parcel 1, which was being assessed at \$3,333.30, 40% of the frontage of this property did not have any enhancement because of its irregular shape. Therefore, the 40% means that \$1,333.32 was not included in the enhancement and this particular parcel is enhanced at \$1,999.98 instead of the \$3,333,30.

There was no public hearing.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo
Second: Cm. Alvarado
For: 6

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 34. Public hearing approving an amendment to the FY 1998-1999 City

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Agredano

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 36. Public hearing 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.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

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Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 37. Public hearing 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.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

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.

convenience store/meat market. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends denial of the zone change.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 99-O-025, authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for a beauty salon on Lot 1, block 1, Ejido Subdivision, located at 3301 Santa Barbara Street, by changing the use to a convenience store/meat market.

Motion to open the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and follow recommendations of Planning and Zoning Commission to deny the zone change.

Moved : Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 40. Public hearing adopting the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Laredo without amendment in compliance with Article IX, Section 9.03 of the Charter of the City of Laredo.

RESOLUTION 99-R-132

Adopting the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Laredo without amendment in compliance with Article IX, Section 9.03 of the Charter of the City of Laredo.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 41. Public hearing adopting the 2000-2004 Capital Improvement Program for the City of Laredo.

RESOLUTION 99-R-133

Adopting the 2000-2004 Capital Improvement Program for the City of Laredo.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Keith Selman, City Planner, went over the revisions that were made to the CIP at the Council Budget Workshops.

City of Laredo

CIP Motions

District I - Allocate balances from CIF, Street Fund, Drainage Fund reserves for a COPS Substation and sidewalks in Century City.

Cost

\$243,398

District II - Allocate balances from CIF, Street Fund, and Drainage Fund reserve for University Blvd.

Cost

\$243,398

District III - Allocate balances from CIF, Street Fund, and Drainage Fund reserves for sidewalks and a speed hump on Stone near Daiches.

Cost

\$243,398

District IV - Allocate balances from CIF, Street Fund, and Drainage Fund reserve for sidewalks.

Cost

\$243,398

District V - Allocate balances from CIF, Street Fund, and Drainage Fund reserves for:

- 1) Addition of a COPS station to the North East Hillside Recreation Center to include required parking.
- 2) Sidewalk along the creek on Wyoming in the Hillside Terrace area all the way to the NE Recreation Center.
- 3) Jogging Sidewalk or trail along the Community Park.
- 4) Additional large trees at the Chaparral Park and a playscape for children at the same park.
- 5) The balance to be used for sidewalks in the Alma Pierce and Thomas Sanchez area.

Cost

\$243,398

District VI - Allocate balances from CIF, Street Fund, and Drainage Fund reserves for Widening McPherson at Del Mar Blvd. and sidewalks in Del Mar.

Cost
\$243,398

District VII - Allocate balances from CIF, Street Fund, and Drainage Fund reserves for School approach sidewalks for:

- 1) Santa Maria School (LISD) one block sidewalks: Boston, Philadelphia, Ugarte, Pace (west of Santa Maria St.)
- 2) Farias Elementary (LISD) four blocks of sidewalks in front of the school, South Side of Chicago St. from Santa Maria St. to Santa Rita.
- 3) Double frontage lots on Bristol Road from River Bank to Arcadia (approximately six blocks to Finley Elementary (UISD).
- 4) St. Jude Church sidewalk, one block west side of Albany.

The balance will be transferred to fund CP&L Road.

Cost
\$243,398

District VIII - Allocate balances from CIF, Street Fund, and Drainage Fund reserves for River Road/San Francisco Javier Project.

Cost
\$243,398

Total \$1,947,184

Cw. Moreno identified Clark Blvd. for the sidewalk program starting at Meadow going West as far as the money will reach on both sides.

Cm. Agredano wants to know how much it would cost to lift the median from starting to ending point; and also to brick the median on Century Blvd.

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

XIII. MOTION TO RECESS AND CONVENE AS MASS TRANSIT BOARD

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

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

42. Consideration to waive or reduce bus fare collection during Try Transit Week, September 12-18, 1999. This action will give El Metro an opportunity to attract new customers and support this community event, the estimated revenue loss, will be \$13,617.00.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

43. Consideration to adopt the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program that ensures that minority owned businesses - and women owned businesses have continued opportunity to participate in Federally - funded transportation projects. The submittal includes a goal of 10% participation with DBE. Federal Transit Administration requires periodic updates to the plan and goals as a condition for continuing eligibility for federal transit funds.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

44. 99-RT-128 Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute a 1999-00 State Urban Public Transportation Grant Agreement No. 51022F1011 from the Texas Department of Transportation in the maximum amount of \$1,112,922.00 and providing for grant funds to be deposited in the Mass Transit Department Accounts.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion to recess as the Laredo Mass Transit and convene as

Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo
Second: Cm. Agredano
For: 6

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

45. 99-RMH-125 Approval from the Laredo Municipal Housing

Corporation (LMHC) Board of Directors to implement new rental rates on all fair market rental units at the Jose A. Flores Apartments, located at the airport, effective October 1, 1999. The proposed rental rates are as follows: \$335.00 for a 2 bedroom, \$370.00 for a 3-bedroom, and \$410.00 for a 4-bedroom for all fair market units. The proposed rents are still lower than comparably sized apartments in our community including the rents authorized by HUD for the Section 8 Program. LMHC has the option to charge the maximum fair market rents to 198 families as permitted by HUD for the Section 8 Program; \$486.00 for a 2-bedroom, \$607.00 for a 3-bedroom and \$683.00 for a 4-bedroom; but does not charge the maximum fair market rents in order to provide assistance to the families. In addition to providing below fair market rental rates to families, LMHC also provides water utility services including garbage collection, maintenance repairs and improvements to all rental units. These new rental rates for the Jose A. Flores Apartments will not apply to the families participating in the Section 8 Program. LMHC has issued 30 day written notices and posted a notice at the LMHC main office for the changes in rental rates.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Valdez
Second: Cw. Moreno
For: 6

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

46. 99-RMH-126 Authorization from the Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation (LMHC) Board of Directors to accept and implement the annual factor increase offered from the Laredo Housing Authority - Section 8 Housing Assistant Payment Program. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allows landlords to increase the Section 8 rents by the annual factor increase percentages which are as follows: 2.6% for rents ranging from \$310.00 to \$349.00, 2.3% for rents ranging from \$350.00 to \$419.00 and 1.7% for rents ranging from \$420.00 to \$489.00. The Section 8 rental rates charged by Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation fall within these categories. The rents being proposed are still lower than comparably sized

apartments throughout our community. HUD pays the difference of the rent charged by landlords, meaning that this proposed increase will not affect the current rent being paid by Section 8 participants. LMHC charges below fair market rents to 26 Section 8 participants because the Section 8 rents need to be similar to the fair market rents charged to non-Section 8 participants. In addition, LMHC does not charge Section 8 participants the maximum Section 8 fair market rents; \$486.00 for a 2-bedroom, \$607.00 for a 3-bedroom and \$683.00 for a 4-bedroom; because the Section 8 rents need to be similar to the LMHC fair market rents charged to non-Section 8 participants. Also, Section 8 participants are only responsible for paying rent based on 30% of their income. The revenues generated from the rental rate increase will be used to assist in covering the operational costs. The Section 8 Annual Factor increase will be implemented to all Section 8 contracts as they are renewed at both the Jose A. Flores Apartments and Tomas Flores Apartments.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Valdez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

47. 99-RMH-127 Authorization to adopt the Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation (LMHC) Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 1999-2000 by the LMHC Board of Directors, appropriating the estimated revenues and balances reported therein for the year beginning October 1, 1999 and ending September 30, 2000 and authorizing the LMHC Director to implement the LMHC Annual Budget. The LMHC Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 1999-2000 may be amended soon after the LMHC Board of Directors are presented with a recommendation by the LMHC Committee selected to determine the possibility of completing all Capital Improvement Projects within a year period.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Valdez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA**XI. CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION**

30. Requests by Mayor and City Council members for presentation and discussion.

A. Request by Mayor Elizabeth G. Flores

3. Presentation by the North American International Trade Corridor Partnership, A.C. with possible action to consider membership during fiscal year 2000.

Ulises De La Garza made the presentation before Council. The North American International Trade Corridor Partnership, A.C. has been in business for 4 years. The organization started producing a summit of Mayors from Canada, United States and Mexico. This summit of Mayors brought around 220 cities as well as 350 people from 3 nations.

In February 1999, they created a non-profit organization called Asociacion Civil, located in San Nicolas de Los Garza, the 5th industrial city in Mexico, for all the cities to incorporate on this organization. They have been promoting this organization since then and it has been growing tremendously. The organization is focusing on the people. The people should have the opportunity to trade, especially small companies and medium size companies, because they provide 80% of employment.

Their mission is to create this international trade corridor partnership and North American continent to join resources, force and our people in order to create better economics and sustainable development.

The main goal is to see how they can work together as the private sector, public sector, and invocational sector for the benefit of our communities.

Two of their several specific objectives are:

- 1) the use of new technology like the internet
- 2) open an operational center to inform the people how to create trade missions and investment missions.

Currently there are 37 cities in Mexico, as well as several other cities in the United States that have joined the organization. He stated that the cities need to get globalized in order to compete with the rest of the world. Finally, he added that this organization needs to get together to try to interchange trade, investment and tourism among members but an economic

