

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

M99-R-27

M I N U T E S

SEPTEMBER 27, 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 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,	Councilmember, District VIII
Gustavo Guevara, Jr.,	City Secretary
Florencio Pena, III	City Manager
Jaime L. Flores,	City Attorney

IV. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE

1. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement between the City of Laredo, as Lessor, and United Way of Laredo, Inc., as Lessee, for a tract of land containing approximately 50,458 square feet located on Block No. 12 as recorded in Volume 5, Page 1, Plat Records of Webb County, Texas. Said property located at the Laredo International Airport and is further described by metes and bounds description. Lease term is for twenty (20) years commencing on November 1, 1999 until October 31, 2019, plus two consecutive ten years terms ending on August 31, 2029, and August 31, 2039. Monthly rent shall be 630.75 and will be adjusted annually during the primary and extension terms of this lease according to changes in the Consumer Price Index.

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Bruni

- 2. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents associated with a public sale to convey the "Surface Only" of a 1.1257 acre tract of non-aeronautical use of land (approximately 49,035 square feet) being part of Block No. 21 -Subdivision Plat of Laredo Airport land located at the Laredo International Airport, together with improvements located thereon being more particularly described by metes and bounds to Steve Whitworth for the purchase price of \$343,500. The appraised fair market value for the subject property was \$343,000.

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Bruni

V. FINAL READING

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

Motion to waive the final reading of ordinances #99-O-274, #99-O-275, #99-O-276, #99-O-277, #99-O-278, #99-O-279, #99-O-280, #99-O-281, #99-O-282, and #99-O-283.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 3. 99-O-274 Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a Scheduled Airline Operating Agreement and Terminal Building Lease with American Eagle Airlines, Inc., for exclusive and non-exclusive joint use space located at the Laredo International Airport passenger terminal for the purpose of conducting commercial air transportation services. The term of the agreement is for three (3) years effective July 1, 1998 and ending on June 30, 2001. The monthly rent including landing fees is capped at \$1.50 per enplaned revenue passenger and is retroactive to July 1, 1998. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-O-274.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 99-O-275 Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Juan Vargas d/b/a The Education Center for approximately 4,308 square feet constituting Building #1169 located at 4407 Foster Avenue, and used to house a day care facility. Lease term is for one (1) year commencing October 1, 1999 and ending September 30, 2000. Monthly rent shall be \$1,537.00. Previous monthly rent was \$850.00. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-O-275.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 99-0-276 Ordinance amending the provisions of the City of Laredo's Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article II, Sec. 2-16 which sets forth the departments of the City; thereby creating the Budget Department; providing for publication and providing for an effective date. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-O-276.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 99-0-277 Ordinance approving a contract with the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and budget in the amount of \$10,800 for the UT-HETCAT Child Health Insurance Enrollment Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning May 1, 1999, through September 30, 1999. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-O-277.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 99-0-278 Ordinance approval of an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and budget in the amount of \$3,000 for the Comprehensive Public Health Service Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 1999, through August 31, 2000. The source of funding is the Texas Department of Health and the grant will be assigned budget number 226-6011. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-O-278.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 99-0-279 Ordinance amending Chapter 2, article II, Division 3, Section 2-59 (Annual Leave) and section 2-60 (Sick Leave) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo as follows

respectively; by amending subsection (F) thereof to allow any annual leave to the employee's credit over the sixty (60) days maximum to be transferred and added to the employee's sick leave accrual balance at the end of the leave year, and to add subsection (n) 1&2 as a sick leave buy back provision, except as otherwise stated in any collective bargaining agreement and providing an effective date of October 1, 1999. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-O-279.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 99-O-280 Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article II, Division 3, Section 2-58, Subsection (a), holidays, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo, by adding one additional holiday, December 24th, for the City of Laredo employees, except as otherwise stated in any collective bargaining agreement, with an effective date of October 1, 1999. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-O-280.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 99-O-281 Ordinance identifying and granting retiree benefits to employees who retire between October 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000 with the exception of firefighters and police officers who are provided for under a collective bargaining agreement and providing an effective date of October 1, 1999. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-O-281.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 99-O-282 Ordinance amending, adding, and repealing certain subsections, paragraphs, sections of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances respectfully as follows: Chapter 2, Article II, Division 7 (Performance Evaluations) Section 2-87.11, 2-87.13, 2-87.14 and 2-87.15 except as otherwise stated in any collective bargaining agreement and providing for an effective date of October 3, 1999. (As Amended) (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-O-282.

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

99-O-283 Ordinance amending the City of Laredo's 1998-1999 budget in the amount of \$ 5,000 and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Department of Treasury/U.S. Customs Service for the reimbursement of the additional \$ 5,000 for overtime wages to continue the joint venture during the month of September of Operation-Cooperation to search for stolen vehicles and contraband crossing into Mexico at the City's International Bridges. These monies will be used to pay overtime and benefit wages for police officers involved in this operation.
(City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-O-283.

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

VI. MOTIONS

- 4. Consideration for approval of construction plans and authorization to advertise for bids for the CDBG Sidewalks in District IV Project (City of Laredo Sidewalk Construction Project No. 10). Funding is available in the Community Development Block Grant - Sidewalks.

Motion to approve.

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

- 5. Consideration to award a contract to Salon de la Fama Latin Americano del Deporte, Inc. from the Hotel/Motel Fund in the amount of \$4,000 for the Fiscal Year October 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999.

Motion to approve.

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

- 6. Consideration of an award of contract number FY99-148, to the LOW BIDDER, for the purchase of a hydro-mulch machine, for the Public Works Department. This machine can be used

by various city departments for erosion control and landscaping. Delivery of this unit is expected within sixty days. Funding is available in the Public Works Department - Creek Cleaning Crew - capital outlay budget.

Motion to approve to Hydro Seeders, Inc. in the amount of \$21,135.00.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

7. Consideration to authorize the purchase of eight mobile radios for the Police Department through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) - Cooperative Purchasing Program, in the total amount of \$26,015.76. These voice secure radios will be purchased through the cooperative purchasing contract vendor Motorola. This equipment is needed for the eight new vehicles that will be assigned to the Department's canine units. Delivery of these radios is expected within sixty days.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

8. Consideration of an award of contract 99-138, to the SOLE BIDDER, Philpott Motors, Port Neches, Texas, in the amount of \$37,342, for the purchase of two passenger vans. These vans will be assigned to the Health Department's Women Infant & Child (WIC) program. The Texas Department of Health and the United States Department of Agriculture used FY99 earned Nutrition Services and Administrative funds to purchase these vehicles. Delivery is expected within one ninety days.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

9. Consideration to award to Dell Marketing, L.P., Round Rock, Texas, in the amount of \$26,384, for the purchase of a computer server and 20 computer workstations for various city departments. These computers will be purchased using the provision of the State of Texas Qualified Information Systems Vendor Program (QISV) and bids secured for computer workstation on bid FY99-134. Delivery of all requested equipment is expected within thirty days. Funding for this equipment is available in the departmental capital outlay budgets.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

10. Consideration to award contract number 99-145, to the SOLE BIDDER, Aranda Iron Works, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$35,671.08, for the fabrication and installation of two, hose towers for the Fire Department. These hose towers will be installed at Fire Station No. 10 (5210 Hwy. 359) and Fire Station No. 11 (11015 McPherson). These towers will be fabricated and installed within thirty days.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

11. Consideration of an award of contract number FY99-147, to the SOLE BIDDER, H.D. Industries, Jacksonville, Texas, in the amount of \$87,970, for the purchase of one pot patcher truck, for the Public Works Department. This truck will be assigned to the street maintenance division. Delivery of this truck is expected within ninety days. Funding is available in the Public Works Department capital outlay budget.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

12. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to submit a proposal for \$250,000 to the Environmental Protection Agency's Sustainable Development Challenge Grant Program to provide funds for acquisition of property and/or ecosystem improvements for the proposed El Portal Heritage Riverfront Park.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VII. STAFF REPORTS

13. Presentation by the Building Department regarding their activities and projects.

Benny Salinas, Building Director, made the presentation before the Council as follows:

MISSION STATEMENT

To work in conjunction with the building community to ensure the construction of safe buildings by enforcement of adopted Building Codes.

FUNCTION

The Building Inspection Department enforces the Southern Building Code, National Electrical Code, Southern Plumbing Code, Southern Mechanical Code, Southern Housing Code, the City of Laredo Zoning Ordinance, and regulates floodplain areas.

This department ensures the health and safety of citizens by enforcing regulations of fire safety, structural safety, health, security, and energy conservation. The department provides a variety of direct services which include plan review, permit issuance, inspections, enforcement of related code and ordinances, as well as consultation with architects, engineers, contractors, home owners, and citizens planning to do construction within the City.

The department also provides staff support for the Building Standards Board, the Electrical Board, and the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

GOALS

To continue implementation of Customer Service practices and procedures;

To secure multiple certification for enforcement personnel;

To increase productivity by cross-training Inspectors;

To enhance enforcement effectiveness through interdepartmental coordination;

To streamline Plan Review and Permit Issuance procedures;

To improve radio communications;

To implement the use of electronic inspection requests.

MAJOR
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Bruni Plaza Conversion Project.

Established Computerized Permitting, Certification of Occupancy, Bonds, Job Status, and Related Activities.

Implemented Revised Codes and Ordinances as adopted by City Council.

Secured Multiple Certification of Inspectors.

Co-Hosted the 12th Annual Texas Floodplain Management Association Conference.

Appointed by Governor George W. Bush to the Texas Industrial Building Code Council.

14. Status Report regarding the placement of (5) Five positions that will be eliminated as a result of Budget reductions in the FY 1999-2000 City of Laredo Airport Fund Budget.

Dan Migura, Administrative Services Director, reported that 3 individuals were placed today, a carpenter was placed at the Public Works Department, the groundskeeper was placed at the Civic Center, and the master electrician was placed in the Parks and Recreation Department.

There are 2 current positions they are working with; the two individuals are on Workers Compensation at this time.

15. 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. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion to instruct staff to proceed with the negotiations to acquire two downtown properties for construction of parking facilities and further present a Resolution at the next Council meeting to be held October 4, 1999, authorizing the acquisition of said properties.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Jerry Elizondo, President of the Laredo Association for Human Resource Management, announced a public invitation of the upcoming Human Resource Awareness events planned for the month of October with a kick-off event to be held on October 1, 1999.
2. Cm. Bruni read a letter from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission as follows:

Letter quotes:

"During the summer of 1998, the TNRCC sponsored a month-long series of studies, as part of the continuing Texas Exercise in Augmenting Rainfall through Cloud-seeding (TEXARC) Project, to assess the efficacy of various types of silver-iodide flares on convective cloud development in portions of West and South Texas where rain-enhancement operations are now being conducted systematically by organizations such as the Southwest Rain-Enhancement Association.

The project's two principal investigators, Dr. William Woodley and Dr. Daniel Rosenfeld, have completed their analysis of the considerable data collected during TEXARC exercises in September 1998 and have submitted a report to the TNRCC, entitled "Comparison of Texas AgI Flares and Their Effect on the Internal Structure and Circulations of Vigorous Supercooled Clouds".

A summarization of their findings is given below. During September 1998, the aircraft contracted for by the TNRCC, a specially-equipped Cheyenne cloud-physics platform, conducted 15 flights on 13 days, for an aggregate of 33.97 flight hours. On five days during the month, a total of 22 cloud-physics units were qualified by the scientists for subsequent study and analysis. Those clouds containing adequate supercooled water were selected for randomized treatment with glaciogenic (silver iodide) material, either in the form of the TB1 flare or the BF1 flare. The older of the two formulations, the TB1, functions as a nucleant by contact freezing, whereas the more recently-developed BF1 flare operates as a faster, condensation-freezing mechanism. In seven (7) instances, the TB1 flare was used, while in seven (7) other cases, the BF1 flare was used. The remaining (7) cases involved simulated treatment.

The randomized series of studies revealed the

following:

Convective clouds, have abundant supercooled water in them, evidenced higher and earlier counts of graupel particles when they were seeded with the BF1 flare in comparison to the older TB1 flare. These graupel particles then melt into raindrops once they fall into air warmer than freezing;

In those convective clouds treated with AgI, the rate at which the cloud water was used up to form graupel was cut in half. (Typically, in unseeded continental clouds, some 10-12 minutes are needed for the maximum available cloud water to be depleted to 50 percent of its initial value, in clouds with active coalescence, only 5-6 minutes are required for such depletion to occur);

The conversion of cloud water into ice particles, which leads to raindrops and an enhancement of the updraft within the cloud mass, was observed to occur more often in seeded clouds than in non-seeded clouds. This is consistent with the conceptual cloud model that serves as the basis for seeding convective clouds in Texas for the augmentation of rain water from those clouds.

Moreover, the just-completed study by Woodley and Rosenfeld corroborates the findings from previous (1987-1990) research done in West Texas:

Seeding with silver iodide increases the ice content of a convective cloud relative to comparable unseeded clouds. If the cloud has little or no active coalescence and is, thus, short-lived, the ice takes the form of numerous small graupel; however, in those instances where the coalescence process is active, seeding results in rapid freezing of raindrops and their growth as graupel;

In those instances where light to moderate in-cloud coalescence is occurring within convective clouds, seeding was observed to enhance rainfall from such clouds by increasing the clouds' size, volumetric rain rate, and duration. Such treated clouds were also seen to cluster with adjacent clouds twice as often as non-seeded cells; and,

In convective clouds having temperatures at their bases reater (warmer) than 15C, growth of the cloud following seeding was found to be, on average, 29 percent more than that observed in non-seeded cases.

Thanks to the research done in 1998, we now have more

credible evidence suggesting "secondary seeding" plays a role in increased rain-water production from seeded convective clouds. By speeding up the process of glaciation and augmenting resultant down drafts, the application of silver iodide on one cloud entity appears to be "seeding indirectly" other convective clouds nearby or those clouds that form some time after seeding is started and that ingest the ice particles from the previously seeded cells.

TEXARC '98 has shown us that the newly-developed Texas flares (BF1) are effective in glaciating convective clouds when applied appropriately and timely. Moreover, the findings from the summer of 1998 strengthen appreciable the physical basis for seeding as is being practiced in Texas at the present time. Seeding does appear to lead to the production of graupel ice in invigorated updraft regions with a concomitant decrease in the cloud water. This is consistent with the conceptual cloud model developed by Woodley and Rosenfeld.

Of course, the sample size obtained in September 1998 is hardly large enough to justify a claim that the impact of seeding with silver iodide on in-cloud structure and circulation has been adequately demonstrated. There remains a need to obtain additional cases with which to strengthen further the physical basis for convective cloud seeding. Nonetheless, Woodley and Rosenfeld conclude that "a highly encouraging and physically consistent picture is emerging in the documentation of the effects of seeding" on convective clouds in Texas.

The work accomplished in 1998 gives good reason to continue along the course previously established in Texas: Seeding convective cloud towers with glaciogenic (ice-phase) materials, like the BF1 flare and other, new and improved flares still being developed, can be relied upon to "nudge" the clouds to greater growth (primarily horizontally) and increased rain production.

We anticipate having, by the end of this year, some conclusions from the assessment of our various rain-enhancement programs using weather-satellite imagery, a study on-going by Woodley and Rosenfeld under contract with the TNRCC.

I look forward to working with you and your organization as you prepare for the cloud-seeding season of 2000. A contract "shell" for an interlocal agreement between the TNRCC and the District, which provides for funding in FY2000, is nearing completion. I hope to have a draft version of that agreement to you for your review within the next 10-14 days.

Please do not hesitate to call on me whenever I can be assistance to you."

(End of letter)

3. Cm. Alvarado announced that the public is invited to the Red Ribbon Coalition "kick-off" event on October 4, 1999 at 5:00 p.m.
4. Mr. Jesus Hernandez appeared before Council to get an update on the project of getting a "monument" representing our Vietnam Heroes.

IX. CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

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

A. Request by Mayor Elizabeth G. Flores

1. Presentation by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motion to table.

Moved : Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Recognition to the Laredo Crimestoppers for best video production.

Mayor Flores presented certificates of Recognition to Tony Reyes and Ramiro Saucedo for their work in receiving 1st place in State and International Production Awards.

B. Request by Council member John C. Galo

1. Discussion on having the public information office advise citizens in advance when street utility or repair work will be done in their area with time estimates on when they should expect the repairs to be completed.

Cm. Galo stated that the public needs to be informed when their streets or sidewalks are going to be worked on and an estimate date of when it should be completed. He suggested a need to place door notices.

Florencio Pena, City Manager, reported that Utilities Department does the notification to property owners that are being impacted whenever they have an advance notice that they are going to do some work. Unfortunately, sometimes they do not

have the advance notice. He stated that the department that has not been doing that is the traffic and public works. He added that Mr. Dovalina is going to start using some kind of notices.

C. Request by Council member Eliseo Valdez Jr.

1. Presentation by Paul and Sally Zuniga of Real Love Inc. on the awareness of services provided to the community, with possible action.

Paul and Sally Zuniga, representing Real Love, Inc., stated that this is a nonprofit social services organization for spiritual help to those in need through television and personal contact. They are located at 1520 Clark. They wanted to make the public aware of its services and existence.

D. Request by Council member Mario G. Alvarado

1. Discussion and possible action on requesting proposals from interested parties to manage and promote activities and special events at Veterans Field.

Motion to instruct staff to prepare a request for a proposal from interested parties for the management and promotion of special activities at Veterans Field.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Update from staff on the Lafayette Bridge relocation project, with possible action.

Erasmus Villarreal, CD Director, reported that this is the 3rd phase of the project that they are working on right now. Phases 1, 2 and 3 already have acquisition except one parcel in Phase 3. The reason is that the owner has not come up with a clear title within a given time. He stated that they will no longer wait and will start condemnation procedures and have the courts clear the title.

In terms of demolition and the acquisitions that they have done, and the units that were on those particular properties, on Sept. 20, 1999 they were awarded a contract for the demolition of 10 structures on Phase 2. These particular structures have had to go through environmental engineering and remediation. Currently 10 units have been demolished. The contractor completed 3 last week, 3 today and has 3 pending that should be finished by

the end of this week. Under Phase 3, which is the last phase of this project, they have 4 other parcels that they have acquired and are working with the families. One of the property owners is currently building and he will not have his residence ready for two months; another property owner has acquired dwelling and will be moving out of the project area within two through three weeks; another dwelling had problems with connecting the utilities but should be moving out by the end of the week; and the last property owner had some problems trying to acquire financing to get another unit and they are working with that particular family to make sure they get another dwelling.

They are reviewing interest statements from environmental engineering firms to start testing these units. Those recommendations will be forwarded to the Council within the next Council meeting so they can hire someone to start doing the testing. After they finish with the environmental review of the properties they will start the demolition.

3. Presentation by the Webb County Community Coalition acknowledging city staff for their help with the 4th of July Family Fiesta.

The organization was recognized by Cm. Alvarado, Mayor Flores, and City Council who in turn were honoring Bruni Ranch Company, Traffic Department, Parks and Recreation Department, Public Access Department, and Public Works Department. Mayor Flores was presented with a picture.

X. PUBLIC HEARINGS

17. Public hearing concerning application by Harry B. Jewett III, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 50.11 acres, as further described by metes and bounds located at the northeast corner of Loop 20 and McPherson Road., from AG (Agricultural District) and R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District).
The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the proposed zone change.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 50.11 acres, as further described by metes and bounds located at the northeast corner of Loop 20 and McPherson Road., from AG (Agricultural District) and R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Harry Jewett spoke in favor of the zone change.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Guerra

- 18. Public hearing concerning application by Harry B. Jewett III, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 19.06 acres, as further described by metes and bounds located north of Loop 20 and east of McPherson Road., from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the proposed zone change.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 19.06 acres, as further described by metes and bounds located north of Loop 20 and east of McPherson Road from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Harry Jewett spoke in favor of the proposed zone change.

Motion to close the public hearing and table for the next two (2) meetings.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 19. Public hearing concerning application by Harry B. Jewett III, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 4.95 acres, as further described by metes and bounds located at the southwest corner of the proposed San Isidro Parkway and International Blvd. intersection, from AG (Agricultural District) to B-1 (Limited Business District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the proposed zone

change.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 4.95 acres, as further described by metes and bounds located at the southwest corner of the proposed San Isidro Parkway and International Blvd. intersection, from AG (Agricultural District) to B-1 (Limited Business District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Harry Jewett spoke in favor of the proposed zone change.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Guerra

20. Public hearing concerning application by Harry B. Jewett III, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 38.30 acres, as further described by metes and bounds located at the southeast corner of the proposed International Blvd. and San Isidro Parkway intersection, from AG (Agricultural District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the proposed zone change.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 38.30 acres, as further described by metes and bounds located at the southeast corner of the proposed International Blvd. and San Isidro Parkway intersection, from AG (Agricultural District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Harry Jewett spoke in favor of the proposed zone change.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Guerra

- 21. Public hearing concerning application by Harry B. Jewett III, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 60.12 acres, as further described by metes and bounds on attached exhibit "A", located west of the proposed extension of International Blvd. and south of Loop 20, from AG (Agricultural District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the proposed zone change.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 60.12 acres, as further described by metes and bounds on attached exhibit "A", located west of the proposed extension of International Blvd. and south of Loop 20, from AG (Agricultural District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Harry Jewett spoke in favor of the zone change request.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Guerra

- 22. Public hearing concerning application by Jesse Jacaman, authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for a manufactured housing park on Block 66, Calton Gardens Subdivision, located at 100 E. Calton Road. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the Special Use Permit with a time limitation of five years.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for a manufactured housing park on Block 66, Calton Gardens Subdivision, located at 100 E. Calton Road.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Jesse Jacaman, property owner, spoke in favor of the zone change for a manufacturing housing park.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Guerra

23. Public hearing concerning application by Rogelio Villa, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 752, Eastern Division, located at 1301 E. San Pedro St., from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the proposed zone change.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 752, Eastern Division, located at 1301 E. San Pedro St., from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business 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 introduce.

Moved : Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Valdez

24. Public hearing concerning application by Enrique Brizuela amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 5, Block 927, Western Division, located at 3616 Santa Maria Ave., from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends denial of the proposed zone change.

This is an appeal from an unfavorable recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Agredano

- 26. Public hearing concerning application by Jacaman Investment Group. Ltd. amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 43.041 acres, as further described by metes and bound located west of the Bob Bullock Loop and northwest of the Laredo International Airport , from M-1 (Light Manufacturing District), R-1 (Single Family Residential District), and B-4 (Highway Commercial District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends denial of the proposed zone change. 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 43.041 acres, as further described by metes and bound located west of the Bob Bullock Loop and northwest of the Laredo International Airport, from M-1 (Light Manufacturing District), R-1 (Single Family Residential District), and B-4 (Highway Commercial District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ron Whitehawk, representing the Jacaman Investment Group, announced to withdraw the zoning change at this time.

Motion to close the public hearing and deny the zone change request.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 27. Public hearing concerning an application by Julia Ruhlman by rezoning 59.3252 acres, as further described by metes and bounds located on the west side of FM 1472 and north of Pan American Blvd., from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the proposed zone change at the Planning and Zoning meeting of 08/05/99. The Planning and Zoning Commission took no additional action on the item at the Planning and Zoning meeting of 9/16/99. 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 59.3252 acres, as further described by metes and bounds located on the west side of FM 1472

and north of Pan American Blvd., from AG (Agricultural District) to M -1 (Light Manufacturing District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Keith Selman, City Planner, reported that the staff supports the zone change.

Ron Whitehawk, representing Julia Ruhlman, spoke in favor of zone change request for industrial use.

Mrs. Julia Ruhlman addressed the issue requesting approval since they had covered all the health hazard issues.

Mrs. Cookie Muller presented a video of the area along the Sombretillo Creek and asked Council to deny the zone change request.

Herbert Smith spoke in favor of Mrs. Ruhlman's zone change request.

Jim Earhart from Rio Grande International Study Center and Dr. Tom Vaughn expressed concerns to the hazards going into the tributaries and reaching the river.

Motion to close the public hearing, override Planning and Zoning, and approve the zone change with the inclusion of a 24 acre greenbelt that will serve as a buffer zone.

Cm. Alvarado requested staff to address all of the environmental concerns and issues.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Alvarado

- 28. Public hearing concerning application by Jose P. Miranda Jr. amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 9 and 10, Block 1097, Eastern Division, located at 1908 Clark Blvd., from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-O (Residential/Office District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends denial of the proposed zone change. 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 Lots 9 and 10, Block 1097, Eastern Division, located at 1908 Clark Blvd., from R-1 (Single

Family Residential District) to R-O (Residential/Office District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Jose Miranda, applicant and co-owner, requested consideration approval for office and residence.

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

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce as a C.U.P. (Conditional Use Permit).

Moved : Cw. Moreno
Second: Cm. Galo
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cw. Moreno

- 29. Public hearing concerning an application by Fasken Ltd., amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 75.036 acres, as further described by metes and bounds located at the proposed Bob Bullock Loop and FM 1472 intersection, from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the proposed zone change.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 75.036 acres, as further described by metes and bounds located at the proposed Bob Bullock Loop and FM 1472 intersection, from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Carlos Mejia, Mejia Engineering Company and representing Fasken Ltd., spoke in favor of the zone change request.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Alvarado

- 30. Public hearing concerning an application by Fasken Ltd. amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo

by rezoning 1.989 acres, as further described by metes and bounds located on the west side of FM 1472 and south of the proposed Bob Bullock Loop extension, from AG (Agricultural District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the proposed zone change.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 1.989 acres, as further described by metes and bounds located on the west side of FM 1472 and south of the proposed Bob Bullock Loop extension, from AG (Agricultural District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Carlos Mejia, Mejia Engineering Company, spoke in favor of the zone change.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Alvarado

- 31. Public hearing concerning an application by Fasken Ltd., amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 0.304 acres, as further described by metes and bounds located west of FM 1472 and south of the proposed Loop 20 extension, from AG (Agricultural District) to R-1 (Single Family Residential District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the proposed zone change.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 0.304 acres, as further described by metes and bounds located west of FM 1472 and south of the proposed Loop 20 extension, from AG (Agricultural District) to R-1 (Single Family Residential District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Carlos Mejia, Mejia Engineering Company, spoke in favor of the zone change.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Alvarado

- 32. Public hearing amending City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, Chapter 25 entitled plumbing, specifically Article I, 25-2 entitled Definitions, by adding new definitions; and creating Article III, Division I, Section 25-37, to include provisions for customer service inspections and providing for authority for the building official to enforce this ordinance and creating Article III, Division, I, Section 25-38 to provide penalties for noncompliance; and amending Article III, Division III, Section 25-63 by requiring an inspection prior to obtaining water service providing for severability, publication and an effective date.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, Chapter 25 entitled plumbing, specifically article I, 25-2 entitled Definitions, by adding new definitions; and creating Article III, Division I, Section 25-37, to include provisions for customer service inspections and providing for authority for the building official to enforce this ordinance and creating Article III, Division I, Section 25-38 to provide penalties for noncompliance; and amending Article III, Division III, Section 25 -63 by requiring an inspection prior to obtaining water service; providing for severability, publication and an effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public hearing.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce with correction to delete "or a plumbing permit".

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

XI. MOTION TO RECESS AND CONVENE AS MASS TRANSIT BOARD

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

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 33. Consideration to award contract number FY99-141, to the LOW BIDDER, American Consortium, San Antonio, Texas, in the amount of \$17,988, for the purchase of an identification badge system. This equipment will be used for by the Transit System to create and print photo plastic card IDs. Funding is available from capital grant TX-90-X406 funds. Delivery of all the requested equipment is expected within thirty days.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

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

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

VI. MOTIONS

Consideration to select the firm Estrada-Hinojosa, Inc., as Financial Advisor for the Colonias Project. The firm will prepare the financial application to request engineering and construction funds from the Texas Water Development Board. The cost of the services will be determined by a sliding scale approved in the contract and to the complexity of the process. Funding for this contract will be provided from the bond proceeds, once reviewed, authorized and issued to the TWDB.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Adjournment time: 9:30 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 27 are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council Meeting held on the 27th day of September, 1999. A certified copy is on file at the City Secretary's Office.



Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary

Minutes approved October 18, 1999