

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M2007-R-24
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
DECEMBER 17, 2007
5:30 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Raul G. Salinas called the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Raul G. Salinas led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

In attendance:

Raul G. Salinas,	Mayor
Mike Garza,	Council Member, District I
Hector Garcia,	Council Member,
District II	
Michael Landeck,	Council Member, District III
Johnny Amaya,	Council Member,
District IV	
Johnny Rendon,	Council Member, District V
Gene Belmares,	Mayor Pro Tem, District VI
Juan Chavez,	Council Member,
District VII	
Juan Ramirez,	Council Member,
District VIII	
Gustavo Guevara, Jr.,	City Secretary
Carlos Villarreal,	City Manager
Cynthia Collazo,	Deputy City Manager
Horacio De Leon,	Assistant City Manager
Jesus Olivares,	Assistant City
Manager	
Raul Casso,	City Attorney

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of August 20, 2007.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Recognitions

Communiqués

- a. Recognizing Mr. Mario Medina, District Engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDoT), for TXDoT's commitment and dedication in accelerating the construction of Loop 20 and Highway 59 and status of current TXDoT funding.

Citizen comments

Citizens are required to fill out a witness card and identify themselves at the microphone. Comments should be relevant to City business and delivered in a professional manner. No derogatory remarks will be permitted. There is a time limit of three minutes per speaker.

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

None.

VII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Request by Mayor Raul G. Salinas

1. City Council approval to donate salvaged ambulance #9101 to the State of Guanajuato to be turned over to the municipality of Santiago de la Union.

B. Request by Council Member Dr. Michael Landeck

1. Presentation by a concerned citizen group and council discussion with possible action on all issues permits and approvals given to the GEO group Inc., or their representatives regarding the possible building of a private prison in south Laredo.
2. Discussion with possible action regarding the rental of the El Portal property to the Khaledi Group and/or their associates.

3. Discussion with possible action regarding the Sewage treatment plant in South Laredo at Santa Rita and related development issues.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. Public hearing and introductory ordinance accepting a grant in the amount of \$25,000.00 from the Texas Department of Transportation for enforcement of Impaired Driver Mobilization and amending the City of Laredo's Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Annual Budget/Special Police in the amount of \$25,000.00. This grant is for overtime salaries, including fringe benefits, and is funded 100% by the Texas Department of Transportation for a full year.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Ramirez
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Ordinance Introduction: City Council

3. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept a donation from the family of Amanda G. and Jose Maria Guerra in the amount of \$1,000.00 and amending and appropriating the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2007-2008 annual budget. Funds will be deposited in the Friends of the Library Fund and will be used to purchase books and DVDs about Alzheimer's disease for the Main Library.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya

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For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain:

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Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept the

Texas Department of Transportation Section 5307 Grant No. 51822F7052 for \$667,123.00 and amending the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Transit Budget by

increasing the

State Operating Grant contribution and decreasing Transit Sales Tax match for

operating

expenses by \$208,902.00.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Chavez

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain:

0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a

Memorandum of Understanding between the Laredo Police Department and the

United

States Marshals Service (USMS), and to accept monetary reimbursement from

the U. S.

Department of Justice and U. S. Marshals Service for salary expenses not to

exceed

\$15,572.00 annually per officer, incurred by the City of Laredo Police Department for the Fugitive Apprehension Task Force Operation; and amending the City of Laredo's FY2007-08 budget in the amount of 75,000.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

6. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Health Department Fiscal Year 2007-2008 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures

in the amount of \$145,933.00 of additional funds from the Texas Department of State

Health Services for the Health Department Public Health Preparedness and Epidemiology Program (Pandemic Influenza), for a total amount awarded of \$377,542.00. The term is to be changed from ending on August 31, 2008 to end on July

31, 2008, and requesting to amend the approved full-time equivalent positions.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Ramirez

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For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain:

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

7. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Health Department Fiscal Year 2007-2008 annual budget by decreasing revenues to the total award amount of \$23,227.00 from the Texas Department of State Health Services, with an in-kind amount of \$17,421.00 from L.I.S.D. and expenditures to \$40,648.00 for the continuation of the Health Department's Abstinence Education Program, term from October 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares
Second: Cm. Amaya

0 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares
Second: Cm. Amaya

0 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain:

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

8. Public hearing and introductory ordinance accepting a grant in the amount of \$20,829.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice and amending the City of Laredo's Fiscal Year 2007-2008 annual budget in the amount of \$20,829.00. This grant is part of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program which will pay for 50% of the total cost of all approved ballistic protective body armor. The grant period is valid through September 30, 2012.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares
Second: Cm. Amaya

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For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Ramirez
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain:

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Ordinance Introduction: City Council

9. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 8, Block 2, Moreno Addition, located at 1820 Harding Avenue, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District). The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change. District II

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain:

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Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Garcia

10. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 1.79 acres out of Lot 6, Kahn Subdivision, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located at 9505 F.M. 1472,

from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District). The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change. District VII

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and deny.

Moved: Cm. Chavez

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction:

11. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for the storage of flammable and explosive products, on Lot 8, Block 1, Emerald Valley Subdivision, located at 1019 Emerald Valley Drive. District II

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

12. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 4.85 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located northwest of intersection of McPherson Road and Shiloh Drive, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District). The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change. District VI

Motion to open the public hearing.

Discretionary Funds in order to complete the funding for the El Eden Recreation Center.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

IX. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

15. Amending the City of Laredo Drug and Alcohol Policy and Procedures Manual (No. 97- O-020), by expanding the Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy and Procedure to include random testing of all those employees whose jobs fall within the expanded definition of safety sensitive positions; excluding Police and Fire Department civil service employees until such time as the Laredo International Association of Firefighters, Local 1390, and the Laredo Police Officer's association (LPOA) accept the terms of this ordinance; providing that Police and Fire Department civil service employees shall remain subject to all provisions of the current City of Laredo Drug and Alcohol Policy and Procedures Manual (Resolution No. 95-R-068), together with the Addendum (Ordinance No. 97-O-020); and inserting the policy in the City of Laredo's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2-"City Work Policies" creating Subdivision IX, "Drug and Alcohol", beginning with Section Number 2-50.40; providing for severability and an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

16. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association, Inc., (W.B.C.A.) for approximately ten (10.0) acres of concrete ramp located on the West General Aviation parking ramp of the Air Operations Area to include City owned vacant non-aeronautical use land located at the Laredo International Airport for the purpose of hosting the 2008 W.B.C.A. Air Show. Lease term is for two (2) days commencing on February 16, 2008 and ending on February 17, 2008. City Council finds and declares that a valid public purpose would be served in setting the daily rental fee at \$1.00; providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

17. Consenting to the assignment of that Lease Agreement to the premises consisting of approximately 7,913 square feet constituting Building No. 900 located at 4502 Thomas Avenue at the Laredo International Airport approved by Ordinance No. 94-O-072 dated April 4, 1994 and as amended by Ordinance No. 95-O-048 between the City of Laredo, as Lessor and Jackson-Buitron Funeral Home, Inc., as Lessee, to Buitron Dickey Funeral and Cremation Services, L.L.C., a Texas limited liability company, as Assignee, and authorizing the City Manager to execute Lessor's Certifications, Consent, Agreements and Subordination. All terms and conditions of the lease agreement remain unchanged and in effect; providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

18. Amending Chapter 19, Motor Vehicle and Traffic, Article VIII. Stopping, Standing or Parking of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo, thereby creating Section 19-365, City Hall Parking Restrictions, authorizing the issuance of parking citations and/or towing of vehicles for violating posted parking restrictions for the City Hall parking lot and establishing a minimum fine, providing for severability, publication and an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

X. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive the final reading of Ordinance #

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

19. 2007-O-250 Authorizing the City Manager to grant License Extension to that certain

AT&T

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Term of the

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percent

and

License Agreement by and between The City of Laredo, Texas and Corp., dated September 15, 1997 for the use of one (1) inner duct Juarez-Lincoln Bridge and 555.5 linear feet of right-of-way.

extension shall be for five (5) years commencing at 12:00 a.m., 2007 and terminating at 12:00 p.m., September 30, 2012.

Annual duct fee shall be \$17,000.00 and will increase by five

(5%) every year the license is in place. In addition to the duct fee, Licensee shall pay a six dollar (\$6.00) linear foot right-of-way fee,

will increase by five percent (5%) every year.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2007-O-250.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2007-O-251 Approving and authorizing the City Manager to: Execute an easement

term;

Department for a

amended)

to the Department of Homeland Security for a term of 25 years for construction of a Riverbend Roadway with option to extend the

and Execute a Temporary Construction Easement to the

term of two (2) years; and providing for an effective date. (As

Motion to postpone as per motion on item on supplemental.

Moved: Cm. Ramirez

Second: Cm. Landeck

For: 4

Against: 4

Abstain: 0

Cm. Garza

Cm. Garcia

Cm. Landeck

Cm. Amaya

Cm. Chavez

Cm. Rendon

Cm. Ramirez

Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Mayor

2007-O-252 Altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 4.02 acres, more or less, located east of FM 1472 and south of State Highway 255, specifically the Ed-Sal Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of B-4 (Highway Commercial District). Tract 1

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2007-O-252 as amended.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2007-O-253 Altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 84.77 acres, more or less, located approximately 1.55 miles east of Bob Bullock Loop and Highway 359, on the north side of Highway 359, specifically the RRTAIT Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of R-1 (Single Family Residential District). Tract 2

Motion to withdraw # 2007-O-253.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2007-O-254 Altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 88.56 acres, more or less, located approximately east of Interstate Highway 35 and north of Bob Bullock Loop, specifically the Killam Charco Tract, providing for the effective

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the
date of the ordinance, authorizing the City Manager to execute a
adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing
initial zoning of R-1 (Single Family Residential District). Tract 3
Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2007-O-254.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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establishing
2007-O-255 Altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo,
annexing additional territory of 194.08 acres, more or less, located
Bob Bullock Loop and north of Casa Verde Road (future extension
Mar Boulevard), specifically the Killam Quiote Tract, providing for
effective date of the ordinance, authorizing the City Manager to
contract adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and
the initial zoning of R-1 (Single Family Residential District). Tract 4
Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2007-O-255.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

directly
providing for
territory, and
2007-O-256 Altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo,
annexing additional territory of 59.94 acres, more or less, located
east of the City of Laredo landfill, specifically the H-5 Tract,
the effective date of the ordinance, authorizing the City Manager to
execute a contract adopting a service plan for the annexed
establishing the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).
Tract 6

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2007-O-256.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2007-O-257 Altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo,

east of annexing additional territory of 10.85 acres, more or less, located
Mines Road (FM 1472) and south of Las Tiendas Road (FM 3338),
effectively specifically the A.R. and Alicia Sanchez Tract, providing for the
contract date of the ordinance, authorizing the City Manager to execute a
the adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing
initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District). Tract 7

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2007-O-257.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

the 2007-O-258 Altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo,
adopting a annexing additional territory of 172.13 acres, more or less, located
zoning of approximately north of Wormser Road and east of Avenida Mexico,
specifically the 4V Holdings Tract, providing for the effective date of
the ordinance, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract
adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial
zoning of R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District). Tract 8

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2007-O-258.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

located 2007-O-259 Altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo,
Highway 83, annexing additional territory of 1330.83 acres, more or less,
effectively approximately north of Mangana Hein Road and east of U.S.
contract specifically the South Webb County Tract, providing for the
the of the ordinance, authorizing the City Manager to execute a
9 adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing
initial zoning of R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District). Tract

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2007-O-259.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares
Second: Cm. Ramirez
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2007-O-261 Altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 30.00 acres, more or less, located immediately east of Bob Bullock Loop and south of San Isidro Northeast, specifically the Daughters of Mary Help Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract the adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of R-1 (Single Family Residential District). Tract 11 Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2007-O-261.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares
Second: Cm. Ramirez
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2007-O-262 Amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Contractual Obligation Fund by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$120,000.00. A portion of the funds will be appropriated for the Alerting System Upgrade Project and the difference will be set aside in the Reserve Appropriation.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2007-O-262.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares
Second: Cm. Ramirez
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

XI. RESOLUTIONS

20. 2007-R-089 Accepting a donation from Las Misiones Partnership, of a 10.4343 acre tract of land, more or less, out of a 98.5533 acre tract as per the warranty deed recorded in Volume 1099 pages 154-158 of the deed records of Webb County, by dedication deed, copy of which is attached as Exhibit A; and hereby dedicating said property as drainage, parkland, right of way

and any other purpose beneficial to the general public. Out of the proposed 10.43 acres to be dedicated, the Parks Advisory Board recommended the credit of 7.69 acres be accepted as parkland.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2007-R-089.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

21. 2007-R-090 A resolution of the City of Laredo authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for funding assistance through the F2008 Economically Disadvantaged County Program for funding consideration of the Chacon Creek Bike and Pedestrian Trail Project, a joint development project between the City of Laredo and Texas Department of Transportation.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2007-R-090.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

22. 2007-R-091 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the United States Department of Energy (USDOE) in the amount of \$200,000.00 with no matching funds. Funds will be used to fund the integration of solar technology into city energy planning and facilities.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2007-R-091.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

23. 2004-R-093 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Flood Protection Planning Program in the amount of \$200,000.00 with City designating \$200,000.00 in matching funds for the Zacate Creek Flood Protection Plan.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2007-R-093.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

24. 2007-R-097 Endorsing and requesting the swift implementation of SB11 enacted by the 80th Texas Legislature that strengthens national and border security through an enhanced driver's license by the State of Texas that would also reduce border crossing wait times.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2007-R-097.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

25. 2007-R-098 Authorizing the City Manager to accept the grant award and enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and explosives (ATF) Accelerant Detection Canine Program (ADCP) and the City of Laredo Fire Department for a Canine Program Unit. The use of detection canines is needed and is necessary for determining the cause and origin of suspect fires.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2007-R-089.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XII. MOTIONS

26. Consideration to award a contract to Internetwork Experts, San Antonio, Texas, in the total amount of \$257,551.19 for an upgrade to the City's Wide Area Network (WAN)

utilizing data core switch and an upgrade to the City Hall's phone system. The City is
(DIR) contract pricing from the State of Texas Department of Information Resources
Public contract awarded to Internetwork Experts. Funding is available in the City's
Telecommunication's PEG Property Finance Contract Obligation (\$115,798.44) in the
Fund (\$140,000.00) and in the Information Technology and Support Services
(\$1,752.75). (Contingent upon approval of Final Reading 2007-O-262)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

27. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Westnet, Inc., in the amount

of \$69,488.00. The contract is for the following services:

1. Annual maintenance \$36,650.00
2. System upgrade \$21,838.00
3. On-site operator training for trouble shooting \$11,000.00

Funding is available in the 2006 PPFCO and in the General Fund Fire Department.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

28. Authorizing the issuance of a permit to the Streets of Laredo Urban Mall Association,

for the installation of a banner located across the intersection of Calton and Yearly and

at Springfield and Hillside Street to be hung from January 2, 2008 to January 29, 2008;

and to require that the Streets of Laredo sign a release of liability to the City of Laredo.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

29. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts to be adjusted for the month of November 2007, represent a decrease of \$656.09. These adjustments are determined by Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

30. Authorizing the City Manager to extend the current agreement with Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Company for the City's Dental Benefit. The current dental rates were increased by approximately 14.5%. This agreement will be effective January 1, 2008 through September 30, 2008. Funding is available in the Health & Benefits Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

31. Authorizing the City Manager to extend the current contract with Monumental Life Insurance Company for the retiree Medicare Supplemental Health Insurance for one year, effective January 1, 2008. Not rate increase has been proposed since 2004.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

32. Authorizing the City Manager to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc. (PHFE, a collaboration between the Centers for disease control and prevention (CDC) Border Infectious Disease Surveillance (BIDS) project and Sanofi Pasteur) who will directly incur all costs to

(1) FTE
dengue support this project and the City of Laredo Health Department who will house epidemiologist to conduct active surveillance, testing and training for clinical and other febrile and vector borne diseases beginning October 1, 2006 through November 5, 2008.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

33. Consideration to amend the contract to Arcadis, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$223,800.00 and deduct \$111,148.00 to provide surveys for easements along the Colonias in the Mines Road Area for the wastewater collection system, lift station and force main system; and provide wastewater treatment plant revisions for the Rancho Penitas West Wastewater Treatment Plant, including Wastewater Treatment Plant permit application, Geotechnical report and post design services. This project is funded by the North American Development Bank (NADB) and is subject to their approval. Funding is available in the Project Engineer Fees Account #451-8311-533-5512.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

34. Authorizing the City Manager to award a construction contract to Ellis and Ellis, Inc., in Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$150,000.00 for repair of a 250 linear feet of 12" sewer line at Boulanger and South Malinche. Funding is available in the 2006 Utility Revenue Bond.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

35. Authorizing the City Manager to award an Engineering Services Contract in the amount of \$4,447,000.00 to Carollo Engineers of Austin, Texas. This contract will provide for the final design and bid phase services for the 15 MGD expansion of the Jefferson Upper Plant and the Electrical back-up power projects, and the construction management services for the new Disinfection Facility. Funding is available in the 2006 & 2007 Utilities Revenue Bond.

Motion to table at request by City Manager.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

36. Consideration for approval of the selection of consultant O'Connor Engineering & Science, Inc., Laredo, Texas, and Horizon Environmental Services, Inc., Austin, Texas, for the Asbestos Containing Building Materials Investigations for Fiscal Year 2008 and authorization to negotiate a professional services contract for each respective project on a rotation basis. Funding is to be available from each project account.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

37. Consideration for approval of change order no. 3 an increase of \$73,959.20 to the construction contract with Amberland Development, Ltd., Laredo, Texas, for the Drainage Improvements from Hillside to Sandman for inlets needed to complete storm water plan additional, caliche and excavation items required to address pumping of subgrade due to moisture and high plasticity index of soil, backfill of water line trenches requested by the City Utilities Department. Current construction contract amount is \$689,637.20. The project is scheduled for completion by December 31, 2007.

Funding is available in the 2004 Transit C.O. – PROJ#TRSAND –
Improvements
Other Than Buildings.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

38. Consideration for approval of amendment no. 2 an increase of \$79,120.00 to
the
professional services contract with Puig Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas,
for the
Rancho Viejo Drainage Improvements Project to provide recommendations
and
construction design modifications for water line improvements along FM 1472
between
San Gabriel to Loop 20 and to add ninety (90) calendar days to the contract
time.

Funding is available in the 1999 Water Bond Series.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

39. Consideration for approval of change order no. 1 a decrease of \$202,201.00
for a
reduction in scope of work as recommended by the consultant for value
engineering
changes to the construction contract with Leyendecker Construction, Inc.,
Laredo,
Texas, for the Clinical/Laboratory Expansion and Renovation for the City of
Laredo
Health Department. Current construction contract amount with this change
order
decrease is \$2,671,799.00. Substantial completion date for the project is April
4, 2008.

Health
Funding is available in the 2006 and 2007 Contractual of Obligation Issues –
Lab Construction.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

40. Consideration for approval to award a construction contract to the lowest bidder Closner Construction Company, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$439,877.50 for the Flecha Lane Drainage Improvements. Contract time is one hundred fifty (150) working days. Funding is available in the 2005 C.O. Bond.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

41. Consideration for approval of change order no. 1 a decrease of \$46.50 for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place, acceptance of the Sidewalk and ADA Ramps Improvements along Matamoros Street from Santa Maria Avenue to Flores Avenue (4 blocks) approximately 1200 linear feet of construction and approval of final payment in the amount of \$13,563.60 to ALC Construction, LLC., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$72,333.50. Funding is available in the Community Development Block Grant – 31st Action Year.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

42. Consideration for approval to award a professional services contract to Porras Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$155,000.00 for design and preparation of plans and specifications for the Laredo International Airport Street Improvements. Funding is available in the 2007 CO Airport Truck Route.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

43. Award a professional services contract with Arcadis-US, Inc., in the amount of

\$48,500.00 to provide consulting services Laredo Street Drainage Improvement Phase
3 Project for the City of Laredo, Texas. The project consists of the construction of a
new storm drainage system along Meadow Avenue from Laredo Street to
Christi Street and along Freemont Street from Seymour Avenue to Meadow
reduce the localized flooding. Funding is available in the 2007 Certificate of
Obligation Bond Proceeds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

44. Consideration to approve amendments No. 1 to LNV Engineering for an amount not to exceed \$41,000.00 for the additional professional services for the Laurel/Dellwood
Drainage Improvement Project for the City of Laredo, Texas. The additional
include 700 LF of RCP pipe along Laurel Drive between Dellwood and
Street and 360 LF of concrete lined channel south of Andrew Drive along the
easement. The total contract amount will be \$74,053.00 with this amendment. Funding is available in the 2007 Certificate of Obligation Bond Proceeds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

45. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement with Webb
County
for the purpose of accepting a contribution in the amount of \$175,000.00 from
County for the construction of the El Eden Recreational Facility.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

46. Consideration for approval of change order #1 to QRO-MEX Construction Co.,
Inc.,

Granite Shoals, Texas in the amount of \$520,551.00 for the 24 inch Water Transmission Main along Del Mar from McPherson north of Del Mar and at the existing stub-out at Loop 20 and Del Mar. This change order consists of the installation of 8 extra pressure reducing valves at Eden, Lindenwood, Broadcrest, Bedford, McPherson and Winfield Parkway at Loop 20; a 20" jack and bore at Winfield Parkway and Loop 20 and add 359 CY of Flowable Fill at Station (76+46) to (80+50). The construction contract time is extended for an additional 120 calendar days. The revised contract amount is \$3,097,062.50. The new construction time including this change order will be 390 calendar days. Funding is available in the 2006 Utilities Revenue Bond.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

47. Amending a contract with Crane Engineering Corporation, Laredo, Texas in the amount of \$58,230.74 to include additional basic engineering and surveying services required to do plans adjustments and revisions to the project for the 24 inch Water Transmission Main along Del Mar from McPherson north of Del Mar and at the existing stub-out at Loop 20 and Del Mar. The amendment brings the total contract amount to \$165,730.74. Funding is available in the 2006 Utilities Revenue Bond.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

48. Authorizing the City Manager to amend the 2003 HOME Investment Partnership, Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Contract with Metro Affordable Housing Corporation to extend the deadline to expend program funds from November 1, 2007 to August 30, 2008 in support of the Cardinal Point Project, a 40 unit town home development, of which 20 units will be HOME assisted.

Motion to table.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

Cm. Ramirez

49. Authorizing the City Manager to amend the Library Services agreement between the City of Laredo and Laredo Independent School District Section II by changing "Public Use" from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to read 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

50. Consideration for approval, a service contract with Medina Electric Cooperative, Inc., for a street light installation and electricity service. The City will be contracting with Medina Electric for streetlights for lighting roadways, streets, intersections, alleys and other publicly accessible areas used by moving vehicles within the Laredo City limits that are within the Cooperative's service area. Funding is available in the Traffic Safety Department budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

51. Consideration to award supply contract number FY08-022 to the low bidder, HD Supply Waterworks, San Antonio, Texas in the estimated amount of \$250,000.00 for (60) the purchase of PVC pipe used by the Utilities Department. This will be a sixty day day supply contract with an option to extend the contract for an additional sixty day periods. These materials are purchased on an as needed basis for construction and repair projects. Funding is available in the Utilities Department budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

52. Consideration to award contract FY08-028 to low bidder, Laredo Harley-Davidson, Laredo, Texas in the amount of \$241,728.00 for the purchase of twelve (12) law enforcement motorcycles for the Police Department. Funding is available in the Police Trust Fund budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

53. Consideration to amend contract FY07-134, currently awarded to HD Supply Waterworks, San Antonio, Texas, an increase of \$42,600.00 to the original contract total for the purchase of additional water meters for the Utilities Department. Due to an increase in residential and commercial installations of water meters, the proposed amendment would increase the current contract from \$170,647.00 to \$213,247.00. Funding is available in the department's budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

54. Consideration to award contract FY08-012 to Nick Benavides, Laredo, TX. in the estimated amount of \$65,950.00 to remove debris from the 18 acre Chacon Creek Lake in the Chacon Creek watershed. Funding is available in the Environmental Service Department budget – Brownfield's Grant.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

55. Consideration to award supply contract number FY08-023 to the low bidder, Screen Crushed Concrete Inc., Laredo, Texas in the estimated contract amount of \$80,000.00 required for the purchase of flexible base material Type D(crushed concrete) Grade 2 (1) year for city paving and construction projects. The term of this contract is for a one on an period and is subject to the availability of funds. This material will be purchased as needed basis utilizing Public Works construction project budgets.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

56. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one (1) custom rescue fire pumper truck in the total amount of \$334,624.40 from American LaFrance Gulf Coast, Houston, Texas, through contract pricing from the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (H-GAC) cooperative purchasing program. Funding for this equipment is available from 33rd Action Year Community Development Block Grant funds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

57. Consideration to award contract FY07-160 to Route Smart Technologies, Columbia, Maryland in the amount of \$75,900.00 for the purchase of a refuse collection route optimization software system for the Solid Waste Department. This system will improve the efficiency of the City's refuse collection services by optimizing the efficiency of the City's refuse collection services. Funding is available in the Solid Waste fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

58. Consideration to award annual service contract number FY08-015 to the sole bidder

MO-VAC, Inc., McAllen, Texas, in the estimated amount annual amount of \$489,000.00 for furnishing vacuum truck services to transport domestic, sewage,

sewage sludge, and/or sludge for the Utilities Department. This service supplements

the department's equipment capabilities and helps control sewage overflows during

emergencies. The frequency and number of hours vary depending on the City's need.

The bid price is based on a flat hourly rate of \$91.00 and a truck washout charge rate of

\$100.00. Funding is available in the Utilities Department-Wastewater Collection and

Water Transmission and Distribution Divisions.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

59. Authorizing the City Manager to grant a public fireworks display permit for the Laredo

Entertainment Center for December 31, 2007 at 11:59 p.m. The technicians

for the display will be Pyrotecnico of Louisiana, LLC.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

60. Ratification of the modification of the total amount of the engineering contract with

Turner Collie and Braden approved for the Texas Water Development Board Economically Distressed Areas Program Colonia Projects on October 15,

2007. In the

background information of the agenda item, it was stated that the total engineering

contract was \$1,639,383.81. The correct total is \$1,975,483.00. The engineering work has been performed and approved by the Texas Water Development Board. In addition, a change order of \$100,000.00 was approved for Turner Collie and Braden for the project management services for the water and wastewater portions of the Colonias project funding by NADB for a contract total of \$160,000.00. Both contracts have been terminated effective October 31, 2007.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

61. Consideration to award a contract to G.T. Distributors, Inc., Austin, TX., in the total amount of \$149,702.74 for the purchase of thirty seven level IIIA protective armor vests and related equipment for the Police Department, utilizing the BuyBoard cooperative purchasing contract pricing. These are special armor vests used by the Police Department's S.W.A.T team. Funding is available in the Police Trust Fund budget and from the 2006 LETPP Special Fire Police Grant.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

62. Consideration to award an annual lawn maintenance equipment parts/service contract number (FY08-007) to the following bidders:

1. Jones Equipment & Turf, Fort Worth, Texas, in the amount of \$20,000.00
2. Barbee Neuhaus, Weslaco, Texas, in the amount of \$20,000.00
3. Professional Turf Products, San Antonio, Texas, in the amount of \$20,000.00

for the purpose of OEM lawn maintenance equipment parts and service for the Fleet Department. This contract establishes discount percentage pricing for lawn equipment parts and services for the Fleet Department. Parts and service will be purchased on an as needed basis and funding is available in the Fleet Management budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

low 63. Consideration to award an annual contract number FY08-020 to the following

bidders:

1) Beaver's Source, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$25,000.00

2) McCoy's, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$15,000.00

3) Dr. Ike's, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$15,000.00;

for the purchase of Portland cement and concrete mix sacks. These materials

will be

purchased on an as needed basis by the Utilities, Traffic, Public Works, and

Parks and

Recreation Departments for construction and repairs projects. The term of this

contract

will be for a period of six (6) months with an option to extend for two (2)

additional six

(6) month periods. Funding is available in the respective departmental

budgets.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

64. Consideration to award contract number FY08-013, to the low bidders:

1) Gateway Uniforms, Laredo, Texas in the estimated amount of \$75,000.00;

2) Mike's Western Wear, Laredo, Texas in the estimated amount of \$6,500.00;

3) J. C. Twiss Co, Laredo, Texas in the estimated amount of \$5,000.00;

4) Koncepts Safety, San Antonio, Texas in the estimated amount of \$3,500.00;

for the purchase of safety footwear for city maintenance personnel. Funding is available in the respective departmental budgets.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

65. Consideration to authorize the purchase of:

amount of 1) two, pothole patcher units from Bergkamp Inc., Salina, KS in the total

\$109,924.50;

Centers 2) two, GMC cab and chassis for the pot hole patcher units from Rush Truck

of Texas L.P., Houston, TX in the total amount of \$120,184.00; through contract pricing from the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (H-GAC) cooperative purchasing program. Funding is available from 2007 certificates of obligation bond proceeds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XIII. STAFF REPORTS

66. A. Discussion with possible action to consider Police Officer Ernesto Cantu's first request for an extension of injury leave with pay in accordance with 143.073 (b) of the Texas Local Government Code.

B. Presentation by Dan Migura, Human Resources Director, regarding the recruitment progress of the Police Chief position and explore the feasibility of hiring a professional recruiter, with possible action.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council hereby reserves the right to go into executive session at any time during this public meeting, if such is requested by the City Attorney or other legal counsel for the City, pursuant to his or her duty under Section 551.071(2) of the Government Code, to consult privately with his or her client on an item on the agenda, or on a matter arising out of such item.

67. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (1) (B) to consult with attorney on possible settlement of the case of Ruben Mendiola, Jr. et al v. City of Laredo, et al, Cause No. 2006CVQ00232D2, in the 111th District Court of Webb County; and return to open session for possible action.

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (1) (B) to consult with attorney on possible settlement of the case of Ruben Mendiola, Jr. et al v. City of Laredo, et al, Cause No. 2006CVQ00232D2, in the 111th District Court of Webb County; and return to open session for possible action.

Moved: Cm. Ramirez

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

was
After Executive Session, Mayor Raul Salinas announced that no formal action
taken.

Motion to

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

68. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section
551.071(1)

(A) & (B) for consultation with the City Attorney regarding pending litigation and
possible settlement of Armando Rodriguez, et al. vs. City of Laredo, et al,

Cause No.

2006-CVQ-001878-D2; in the United States District Court, Southern District of
Texas,

Laredo, Division; and return to open session for possible action.

Section
Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code
551.071(1) (A) & (B) for consultation with the City Attorney
regarding pending

litigation and possible settlement of Armando Rodriguez, et al. vs. City of
Laredo, et al,

Cause No. 2006-CVQ-001878-D2; in the United States District Court, Southern
District of Texas, Laredo, Division; and return to open session for possible

action.

Moved: Cm. Ramirez

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

was
After Executive Session, Mayor Raul Salinas announced that no formal action
taken.

Motion to

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

69. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section
551.071

and
5:07-
and
(1)(A)&(B) for consultation with the City Attorney regarding pending litigation possible settlement of Anthony Stahl, et al v. City of Laredo, Texas, Cause No. cv-00093; in the United States District Court Southern District, Laredo Division; return to open session for possible action.

Section
regarding pending
Texas,
Laredo
Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 (1)(A)&(B) for consultation with the City Attorney litigation and possible settlement of Anthony Stahl, et al v. City of Laredo, Cause No. 5:07- cv-00093; in the United States District Court Southern District, Division; and return to open session for possible action.

Moved: Cm. Ramirez

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

was
After Executive Session, Mayor Raul Salinas announced that no formal action taken.

XV. RECESS AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD

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

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Supply,
van fleet
for a
Management, Inc.
70. Consideration to award annual contract FY08-025 to Andy's Auto Air and Laredo, Texas in the estimated amount of \$60,000.00 for providing bus and air conditioning services for the transit system. The term of this contract will be period of two (2) years. Funding is available in the Laredo Transit operations budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**XVI. RECESS AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD AND RECONVENE AND
ADJOURN AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL**

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

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

M2006-S-11

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET**

LAREDO, TEXAS 78040

DECEMBER 17, 2007

5:30 P.M.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

I. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Recognitions

Recognition of Edna Lopez, of the Library Department, as the December employee
of the month.

I. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Appointment by Council Member Dr. Michael Landeck of Michelle Marie Romani to
the Convention & Visitors Bureau Advisory Committee.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

II. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Request by Council Member Juan Ramirez

Discussion with possible action and presentation by Dr. Earhart regarding the
Riverbend Project. (Co-sponsored by Council Member Dr. Michael Landeck)

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council hereby reserves the right to go into executive session at any time
during this public meeting, if such is requested by the City Attorney or other legal

counsel for the City, pursuant to his or her duty under Section 551.071(2) of the Government Code, to consult privately with his or her client on an item on the agenda, or on a matter arising out of such item.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0