

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M2018-S-05
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1110
HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
April 16, 2018
5:30 P.M.**

SUPPLEMENTAL

I. RESOLUTIONS

1. 2018-R-58 Authorizing the City Manager to submit for technical assistance to the State Energy Conservation Office to determine the feasibility of developing a landfill gas to energy project. The goal is to determine whether or not it is economically feasible, and if the project is economically feasible, which would be the best alternative for the derived landfill gas, such as production of electricity or other possible uses.

Stephen Geiss, Solid Waste Services Director, explained that this item relates to a request being submitted to the State Energy Conservation Office for technical assistance. The SECO does not charge for the accessory and technical assistance services. The City has a small landfill gas collection system, but it is only for mitigation use and not for beneficial use.

CY Benavides III stated that the City is currently struggling with air quality in Laredo and fumigating the citizens. The current practice is not consistent and reactive. He voiced his opinion that this item is not a sufficient solution and needs more review. He invited Council to a public meeting at TAMU on May 1, 2018, to discuss the Pescadito landfill.

Mr. Geiss argued that the City is not fumigating the City with natural gas. The gas output is monitored at all times via computer systems with warnings and remediation in place, which results in no gas escaping into the atmosphere. He noted that Mr. Benavides' comment to the contrary is a mischaracterization of the landfill.

Horacio De Leon, City Manager, explained that this resolution is to determine the feasibility of selling the City's landfill gas for energy conversion.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-R-058.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Balli

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Gonzalez and Cm. Rodriguez were not present.

2. 2018-R-59 Supporting the Texas Department of Transportation's efforts for the Study, Analysis, Planning, Designing and Construction of an Outer Loop.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-R-059.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Gonzalez and Cm. Rodriguez were not present.

II. MOTIONS

3. Authorizing the City Manager to purchase the surface only of the following tract of land from A & S Holdings, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$230,500.00 plus incidental closing costs for the purpose of constructing a recreational hike trail to benefit the surrounding area with recreation improvements, subject to City obtaining clear title of property. The tract of land is described as being located off U.S. Highway 83 and Lomas Del Sur and legally described as the surface estate only in a tract of land containing 15.12 acres of land, more or less, being out of Porcion 35, Jose M. Diaz, Original Grantee, Abstract 546, Webb, County, Texas. Funding is available under Community Development Block Grant funds.

Arturo Garcia, Community Development Director, explained that this is a designated CDBG project and entails the acquisition of a property. The property has been federally appraised.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 5

Against: 1

Abstain: 0

Cm. Rodriguez

Cm. Altgelt

Cm. Torres

Cm. Vielma

Cm. San Miguel

Cm. Balli

Cm. Gonzalez was not present.

4. Consideration for approval of award of construction contract to the sole bidder, Romo Contractors, LLC., Laredo, Texas, in the negotiated bid amount of \$127,800.00 in accordance with the Council directive on September 5, 2017, for the Canseco De Valle House Project – Door and Window Bid Package with a construction contract time of sixty (60) calendar days; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related contract documents contingent upon receipt and approval of insurance and bond documents. Completion date for the project is scheduled for July 2018. Funding is

available in the 2016 C.O.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 5 Against: 1 Abstain: 0

Cm. Rodriguez Cm. Altgelt

Cm. Torres

Cm. Vielma

Cm. San Miguel

Cm. Balli

Cm. Gonzalez was not present.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Rodriguez

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Gonzalez was not present.

I, Jose A. Valdez, Jr., City Secretary, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes contained in pages 01 through 03 and they are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council meeting held on April 16, 2018.

Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary