CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M-2017-S-01
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
February 6, 2017
5:30 P.M.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending Chapter 21, Article XII, Section 21-256 of the Laredo Code of Ordinance regarding Aggressive Solicitation to prohibit handing over of money or other goods from a vehicle that is not legally parked. Providing for a penalty; providing for publication; providing for effective date.

Note: This item replaces item #2, page 3 on the A-2017-R-02 Regular City Council agenda.

Motion to open public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Balli noted that he will not support this item. He explained that individuals have the moral responsibility to help the most unfortunate and disadvantaged. He recited a passage from the bible to illustrate his thoughts and support of his position.

Cm. San Miguel echoed Cm. Balli's position.

Kristina L. Hale, Acting City Attorney, explained that Chief Garner requested for this Ordinance to be drafted due to numerous safety concerns.

Raymond E. Gardner, Chief of Police, noted that this is a safety concern. This initiative is not to prevent citizens to assist those in need but to help them but to provide a safe environment for them.

Cm. Rodriguez, explained that safety is a priority. The City is not trying to take anything away from anybody. He encouraged City Council and the public to help the poor but in a safe environment.

Cm. Torres noted that he is a practicing Catholic but this issue is about safety. He noted that they must tackle this matter from a legal and preventive sensitive stand.

Cm. Vielma stated that this practice is dangerous; three of her staff members have been negatively impacted.

Motion not to approve.

Moved: Cm. San Miguel

Second: Cm. Balli

For: 3 Against: 4 Abstain 0

Cm. Balli Cm. Gonzalez
Cm. Altgelt Cm. Rodriguez
Cm. San Miguel Cm. Torres
Cm. Vielma

Motion fails.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Torres Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 4 Against: 4 Abstain 0

Cm. Gonzalez
Cm. Torres
Cm. Altgelt
Cm. Rodriguez
Cm. Vielma
Cm. San Miguel

Mayor Saenz Cm. Balli

Motion fails.

II. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

2. Authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment No.1 to License Agreement ("License") by and between the City of Laredo, a municipal corporation ("Licensor"), and Texas Telecommunications, LLC, a Texas limited liability company ("Licensee") dated June 20, 2011, and attached hereto; to allow Licensee to expand the Premises by adding ground space consisting of approximately 300 square feet in order to provide for additional facilities to be installed at and on the Premises located at 1501 Water St; as described in Exhibit "B-1" and "C-1;" therefore replacing Exhibit "B" with Exhibit "B-1;" and Exhibit "C" with Exhibit "C-1" and increase Licensee's rent by \$12,500.00 per year commencing on March 20, 2017 and shall thereafter increase in accordance with paragraph 3 of the License; all other terms and conditions remain in full force and effect.

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III. MOTIONS

3. Consideration to award a purchase contract utilizing sole source provider Mitchell Time & Parking, Austin, Texas in the amount of \$93,911.00. This is for the purchase and installation of parking lot related collection equipment to be installed at the Zaragoza/Santa Maria Parking Lot. Funding is available from Parking Meter Fund and 2009 Contractual Obligation Bond Proceeds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

V. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Request by Council Member Rudy Gonzalez

a. Discussion with possible action to request the Texas Department of Transportation to reopen the closed intersections of Cuatro Vientos Road (Sierra Vista Boulevard and Cielito Lindo Boulevard) to through traffic and avoid a right-turn only. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez and Council Member Roberto Balli)

Cm. Gonzalez noted that in the past a couple of years there has been many accidents in that area. He directed City Manager to schedule a meeting with TxDot pertaining to this item.

Jesus M. Olivares, City Manager, noted that he will make an appointment with TxDot and report back to Mayor and City Council.

Cm. San Miguel stated that this initiative is necessary. He noted that he is confident that City Staff and TxDot will resolve this concern.

Motion to approve any all intersections surrounding Cuatro Vientos and to direct City Manager to confer with TxDot on this matter.

Moved: Cm. Gonzalez Second: Cm. Balli

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

I Heberto L. "Beto" Ramirez, Acting City Secretary, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes contained in pages 01 to 04 and they are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council meeting held on February 6, 2017.

Heberto L. "Beto" Ramirez Acting City Secretary