

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M2016-R-13
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
August 1, 2016
5:30 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pete Saenz called the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pete Saenz led the pledge of allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

In attendance:

Pete Saenz	Mayor
Rudy Gonzalez	District I
Vidal Rodriguez	District II
Juan Narvaez	Mayor Pro-Tempore, District IV
Roque Vela, Jr.	District V
Charlie San Miguel	District VI
Roberto Balli	District VIII
Heberto L. Ramirez	Acting City Secretary
Jesus Olivares	City Manager
Cynthia Collazo	Deputy City Manager
Horacio De Leon	Assistant City Manager
Robert A. Eads	Assistant City Manager
Raul Casso	City Attorney

Cm. San Miguel joined at 6:55 pm.

Motion to excuse Cm. Altgelt's absence.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez

Second: Cm. Balli

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. San Miguel was not present.

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of July 18, 2016 and July 26, 2016.

Motion to approve the July 18 and July 26, 2016 minutes.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. San Miguel was not present.

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Communiqués

1. Presentation by Marc David Contreras on the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Ice Bucket Challenge Event Scheduled at Uni-Trade Stadium on Friday, August 5, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Marc Contreras, Laredo Area Coordinator of the ALS Association Texas Chapter, noted that his mother was diagnosed with ALS in May 2013. He began working with the Association in 2014. This disease is particularly devastating and has a major impact on families. Mr. Contreras' mother passed away in December 2015. There are about 10 patients in the Laredo area with ALS.

Cm. Vela stated that this year will be the third annual ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. He clarified that donating money through the national organization's website funds research, but money donated locally supports the Texas chapter and local individuals suffering from the disease.

Mr. Contreras reported that ALS is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that deteriorates nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. The Laredo Area group hosts an ALS Walk every year as well as plate sales and ice bucket challenges. In 2016, the annual ALS Ice Bucket Challenge will take place at Uni-Trade Stadium on Friday, August 5, after the baseball game. Anyone in attendance is welcome to take part in the challenge, up to 500 people. Mr. Contreras noted that Cm. Vela continues to host this event, which is hosted by Miller Light, Laredo Lemurs, Uni-Trade Stadium, Dr. Oscar Benavides, Ready Ice, Pepsi, and Driscoll Health Plan. The proceeds from the Ice Bucket Challenge will be used to assist in genetic research.

Cm. Vela noted that a press conference for this event will be held on Tuesday, August 2, at 11:00 am, in which Cm. Vela will participate in the ice bucket challenge.

Recognitions

1. Recognizing two Laredoans, Ironman Coach Victor Trevino, Jr. and Samantha Rojo for their contribution to multi-sport in Laredo, and for qualifying for the USA Triathlon National Championships in Omaha, Nebraska on August 13th and August 14th. Mr. Trevino qualified for the Olympic Distance and Mrs. Rojo qualified for the sprint distance. It is the first time that two Laredoans have qualified and competed at the National Championships.

Victor Treviño, Jr., stated that he has been participating in triathlon activities for 14 years and is very honored and humbled to receive this recognition. He has been trying to promote youth sports in Laredo for years, given all of the great resources available for athletes to train and increase their competitiveness.

Samantha Rojo noted that she is honored to receive this recognition. She claimed that she is an example that anyone can do this.

Mayor Saenz presented Mr. Treviño and Ms. Rojo with certificates of recognition for their accomplishments.

2. Recognizing the Laredo Lady's All Star team for getting 2nd place at the AAU West Coast National Championships on July 14-17, 2016 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Cm. Gonzalez stated that the team did not receive any trophy or award for placing 2nd place while in Las Vegas. He thanked the team for their hard work and congratulated them on their success. He also thanked the parents of the team members for their hard work and dedication.

Mayor Saenz presented the team members with a certificate of recognition for their accomplishment.

Citizen comments

David Leal II, representing Dimmitt Utility Water Supply Corporation, asked Council to bring a frozen RFP back to the table for discussion.

Howard Ivy, developer for Dimmitt Utility Water Supply Corporation, noted that Dimmitt Utility has the right to move the water that is under scrutiny. The water is arsenic-free and at a volume twice as abundant as what Council has requested.

Gerardo Gonzalez, officer in charge for the United States Department of Agriculture-Land Protection and Quarantine, reported that the Mexican Fruit Fly Quarantine is currently 81 square miles. They have found 27 larva and 6 adults in four quarantine spots throughout the City. Mexican fruit flies are an agricultural pest and do not harm human health. Eradication techniques include: picking fruit that is left on the trees, spraying trees with an organic pesticide with consent of the public in affected areas, releasing sterile flies from airplanes in the area to disrupt the mating cycle of the fruit flies. Fruit can not be moved out of the quarantined areas.

Juan Montes stated that after his grandmother passed away, he went to the appraisal office to move her home to his name. He has asked Cm. Perez why the City does not give any homestead discounts for disabled people, like him. Disabled people live on limited incomes and can not pay all taxes without discounts.

Myrthala Alejo, senior counselor at PILLAR, invited Council to a holistic youth symposium on August 27 at the Laredo Coliseum from 9:00 am through 3:00 pm. PILLAR is a non-profit organization since 2010 providing mental health services to everyone for free, from children to senior citizens. PILLAR provides group counseling, individual counseling, workshops, presentations, training facilities for other mental health services, and a 24-hour help line. Since 2011, counseling services have increased by 40%. The number one problem being treated is depression, and the largest client age base is between the ages of 14 and 18.

Cm. Vela requested staff to set up a meeting with PILLAR to explore opportunities for the City to help PILLAR's service and outreach.

David James of Our Laredo asked for a status update on the revised contract and audit regarding First Recycling. The City deserves to recover the money that is owed.

Jesus Olivares, City Manager, noted that the First Recycling contract is being renegotiated, and staff will return to Council in a month or two with a restructured contract. He confirmed that based on the audit performed, there is currently no money owed to the City.

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

None.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1. Public hearing and Introductory Ordinance ordering a General City Election concurrent with the General Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 for: the Election of City Officials; a Special Election for the submission of proposed Laredo City Charter Amendments; designating polling places; designating a runoff date; providing for publication; and, authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract with the Webb County elections administrator for the purpose of conducting a joint election with the City of Laredo and other matters relating thereto.

Motion to open public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. Narvaez
For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. Narvaez
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 2. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 11, Block 414, Eastern Division, located 3820 Cedar Avenue, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to R-O (Residential/Office District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff is in support of the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change.

Motion to open public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. Narvaez
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

3. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for a restaurant selling alcohol on Lot 1A, Block 1, McPherson Square Subdivision, located at 6102 McPherson Road; providing for publication and effective date. District V

Motion to open public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Balli

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Nathan Bratton, Planning Director, recommended that one requirement of the permit be that the occupancy level not exceed the available parking.

Motion to close public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

4. Amending Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo by adopting Chapter 11 Energy Efficiency of the 2015 edition of the International Residential Code (IRC), repealing all ordinances and/or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for publication and effective date. This will be effective September 1, 2016 for Single Family Residences and Duplexes in accordance with House Bill 1736.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive final reading of Ordinances 2016-O-090, 2016-O-091, 2016-O-092, 2016-O-093, 2016-O-094, 2016-O-095, 2016-O-096, 2016-O-097, 2016-O-098, 2016-O-099, 2016-O-100, 2016-O-101, 2016-O-102, 2016-O-103, and 2016-O-104.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

5. 2016-O-090 Amend Article VI [Investment Policy] of Chapter 2 [Administration] of the Code of Ordinance in order to:
 1. Adjust the Broker/Dealer list in order to have Article VI of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinance to conform with Chapter

- 2256 of the Government Code, popularly known as "The Public Funds Investment Act" of the Texas Government Code; and
2. Provide for an effective date.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2016-O-090.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. 2016-O-091 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a voucher payment reimbursement of additional funds in the amount of \$50,562.00 (for clinic operations- one (1) vehicle, phone system upgrade, travel, and moving of clinic, previously \$350,000.00 had been accepted for remodeling roof repairs of the Santo Nino Community Center) from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and amending the FY 2015-2016 Health Department Budget by appropriating additional revenues and expenditures for a total of \$6,015,388.00 for the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program of the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) for the period of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2016-O-091.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

7. 2016-O-092 Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute a contract amendment from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and amending the FY 2015-2016 budget by appropriating additional revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$4,018.00 for an award amount of \$331,135.00, with an in-kind match of \$33,114.00 for a total award of \$728,498.00 for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) program for the term period from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2016-O-092.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

8. 2016-O-093 Authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into contract with the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), amending the FY 2015-2016 budget by appropriating additional revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$405,010.00, and amending the FY 2015-2016 full time equivalent (FTE) listing by adding the following three (3) positions: one (1) RN, Nurse Practitioner Supervisor, R40, One (1) Caseworker, R34 and One (1) Clerk III, R27. This project will further support the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) to provide primary care, women's preventive health care, prenatal care,

family planning, chronic disease prevention clinic services, diagnostic, and laboratory services to an additional 350 women for the term period from July 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017 and can be renewed for up to 2 years contingent on funding availability.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2016-O-093.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

9. 2016-O-094 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for children's amusement services (indoors) on Lot 3, Block 1, San Isidro / McPherson No. III Subdivision, located at 9902 Crystal Court, Suites 103, 104 and 105; providing for publication and effective date. District VI

Motion to approve Ordinance 2016-O-094.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

10. 2016-O-095 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning the East half (1/2) of Lot 6, Block 765, Western Division, located at 2820 San Agustin Avenue, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District); providing for publication and effective date. District VIII

Motion to approve Ordinance 2016-O-095.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

11. 2016-O-096 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 18.09 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located South of Dorel Drive and Cheyenne Drive Intersection from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date. District II

Motion to approve Ordinance 2016-O-096.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

12. 2016-O-097 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for Oil and/or Gas Extraction and Production, plug/abandonment of McNary-Ramsey #1 Well on one acre, located North of Wormser Road and East of Cuatro Vientos

Road; providing for publication and effective date. District I

Motion to approve Ordinance 2016-O-097.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

13. 2016-O-098 Authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo 2015-2016 Auto Theft Task Force Fund and General Fund Budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$3,642.00, respectively; and to amend the FTE's by reducing one Sergeant position and adding one Lieutenant position as awarded by the Texas Auto Burglary & Theft Prevention Authority. The grant award is in the amount of \$637,768.00 with a cash match of \$341,959.00 for a total grant amount of \$979,727.00. The performance period is September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017. Funding for the local match is available in the General Fund.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2016-O-098.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

14. 2016-O-099 Authorizing the City Manager to convey a tract of land to The Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation as part of a signed agreement from 1999. This property is a Tract of Land Containing 43,653.78 SQ. FT. (1.0022 Acres), out of Block 28, of the Subdivision Plat of Laredo Airport, as Recorded in Volume 5, Page 1, Webb County Plat Records, in the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2016-O-099.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

15. 2016-O-100 Authorizing the City Manager to approve a sublease for a portion of Hangar 1307, consisting of 3,810 square feet on the leased premises approved by Ordinance No. 2004-O-184 dated August 02, 2004 between the City of Laredo as LESSOR and Ronny Salamon, d/b/a Avionics Services International, as LESSEE located at 4400 Maher, at the Laredo International Airport, said lease provides for the right to sublease subject to City approval, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. This proposed sublease is to the Texas Department of Public Safety, as SUB-LESSEE.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2016-O-100.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

16. 2016-O-101 Requiring that all executive sessions during regularly scheduled or special city council meetings be audio recorded pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.103.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2016-O-101.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

17. 2016-O-102 An Ordinance approving the adoption of a pet policy agreement for all single-family units managed on behalf of the City of Laredo Airport's Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 150 Noise Compatibility Program and the Jose A. Flores Duplexes located at the old Air Force Base; setting forth the terms and conditions by which tenants shall be allowed to keep a maximum of two (2) pets per leased unit; establishing non-refundable one hundred (\$100.00) dollar security deposit fee effective October 1, 2016; prescribing other miscellaneous requirements for administration and enforcement of the agreement; providing for indemnification of the Laredo Municipal Housing, its agents, and employees; and providing for an effective date.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2016-O-102.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

18. 2016-O-103 Amending Chapter 19, Motor Vehicle and Traffic, Article VIII, Stopping or Parking, Section 19-364, Restricted Parking Areas, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Laredo: Specifically adding Sub-Section 19-364 (18) which establishes the East and West side of Northcrest Drive, between Shiloh Drive and Northstar Drive, as a "No Parking Anytime/Tow Away" Zone; providing severability and for an effective date and publication.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2016-O-103.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

19. 2016-O-104 Setting the maximum speed limit on that section of Highway FM 1472 approximately 0.285 of a mile north of La Bota Ranch to 0.100 of a mile north of Killam Industrial Boulevard, within the city limits of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, as 45 MPH, Northbound only, from Mile Point 13.400 to Mile Point 14.460 as defined in the Texas Department of Transportation Control Section Map 2150-04, to be in effect during the construction providing for the installation of appropriate signs to

indicate new speed changes in the designated areas and providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2016-O-104.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

X. RESOLUTIONS

20. 2016-R-092 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application, if offered, to the Federal Aviation Administration in the amount not to exceed \$8,500,000.00 and to accept said grant for the extension of Taxiway G, Rehabilitation of Air Cargo Apron Phase 9, and reconstruction of Taxiway G. The City's ten (10%) local match will be \$944,444.00 and is available in the Airport Construction Fund thru value of previously purchased land for Runway 17L Runway Protection Zone (RPZ).

Motion to approve Resolution 2016-R-092.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

21. 2016-R-094 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application, if offered, to the Federal Aviation Administration in the amount of \$4,000,000.00 for the Noise Abatement Program at the Laredo International Airport and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents resulting from the award. The purpose of the grant is to provide funding for acquisition, soundproofing of residential structures and for the acquisition of aviation easements. The City's ten (10%) percent local match will be \$444,444.00 and is available in the Airport Construction Fund Budget.

Motion to approve Resolution 2016-R-094.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

22. 2016-R-096 Accepting the conveyance of the following fifteen (15) foot Public Utility and Utility Access Easement, for the right to install, construct, reconstruct, repair and perpetually maintain utility improvements from:

G.D.L.M., LLC By: Lucia D. Montemayor, Manager - Utility easement as follows:

A tract of land containing 0.3 acres, (13,587 square feet) more or less being within Lot 1, Block 2, Sophia Industrial Park, in Webb County, a copy of which conveyance is attached as Exhibits A & B:

And directing that said Easement be filed of record in official property records of Webb County, Texas.

Motion to approve Resolution 2016-R-096.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

23. 2016-R-097 Authorizing the City of Laredo to enter into Inter-Local Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the 1Government Procurement Alliance (1GPA) and authorizing the City Manager to execute the membership agreement. The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate compliance with the State of Texas bidding requirements, to identify qualified vendors of commodities, goods and services, and to realize potential cost savings for the City of Laredo.

Motion to approve Resolution 2016-R-097.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

24. 2016-R-098 Amending Resolution #2016-R-88 by adding one (1) additional memorandum of understanding to the list of cooperative working agreements/mutual assistance agreements/memorandums of understanding between the City of Laredo Police Department and various federal, state and local agencies, including but not limited to: Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), SCAN, et al., a comprehensive list is attached hereto as "Exhibit A". The Police Department's participation is part of the community service provided to our citizens, with no cost to the City of Laredo.

Motion to approve Resolution 2016-R-098.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

25. 2016-R-099 Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute a contract from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to continue to provide tuberculosis prevention, treatment, surveillance, intervention and diagnosis services in the amount of \$156,757.00 with a cash contribution of \$31,351.00 and projected program income of \$30,939.00 for a total of \$219,047.00 for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Tuberculosis Elimination/State Program for the term of September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017.

Motion to approve Resolution 2016-R-099.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

26. 2016-R-100 Authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services in the amount of \$230,491.00, with a projected amount of program income of \$108,763.00 for a total of \$339,254.00 for the continuation of the Immunization Action Plan (IAP) Program (that provided immunizations to over 20,000 mostly children; over 43,000 immunizations annually) for the City of Laredo Health Department for the term beginning September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017.

Motion to approve Resolution 2016-R-100.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XI. MOTIONS

27. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a contract in the amount of \$79, 215.65 between the Webb County Elections Administrator and the City of Laredo relating to the conduct and supervision of the Joint General/Special Elections of November 8, 2016.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

28. Consideration for approval of Amendment No. 5 an increase of \$127,605.00 to the professional services contract with Puig Engineering, Laredo, Texas, Laredo Division of Civil Engineering Consultants for mitigation studies which involve work off-site at North Central Park to the West Laredo Corridor – Flecha Lane/Las Cruces Intersection re-alignment Project. We received a letter of approval from TxDOT on July 6, 2016 to proceed with the amendment. Current engineering contract amount with this amendment is \$547,950.00. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund-West Laredo Corridor – Phase II. A time extension for the mitigation work, which includes 5 years of annual monitoring, until August 31, 2023 is being authorized.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

29. Consideration to award a Professional Services Contract to Canales, Garza, & Baum, PLLC, Certified Public Accountants for a period of one year in the amount not to exceed \$93,000.00 in order to provide audit services for fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. This is the first of a two, one year extensions as per the contract. Audit fees

will be allocated to the professional services line item among the different funds to be audited. This contract is subject to future budget appropriations.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

30. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a contract between CenturyLink and the City of Laredo for the purchase of Software Subscription Support and Software Protection and Remote Technical Services Support through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Contract EC07-16 in the total amount of \$131,365.40. This software and technical support will be provided for each of eight (8) Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) located throughout the South Texas Region. Funding is available in the Regional 9-1-1 Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

31. Consideration to renew existing contract FY14-077 between the City of Laredo and Laredo Examiners, Inc., as primary provider, as well as with Dr. David H. Cruz, as secondary provider, to perform drug and alcohol testing services pursuant to the City of Laredo Drug and Alcohol Testing Ordinance. Term of the contract shall be for one (1) year, this is the last extension period for this contract, subject to future funding appropriations. Cost of services contracts is approximately \$120,000.00 per year for both contract providers. Funding is contingent upon availability in the FY-17 Risk Management Fund - Employee Health & Wellness Division.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

32. Consideration to award contract FY16-055 to the sole bidder Chungas Smokehouse, Laredo, TX for Food Catering Truck Services Operation at Downtown City Hall. The City of Laredo will receive a \$1,000.00 monthly payment. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and contract may be extended for one (1) additional year period upon mutual agreement of the parties.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

33. Consideration to award contract number FY16-056 to the sole proposer, McWilliams Governmental Affairs Consultants located in Austin, Texas to provide State Legislative and Lobbying Consulting Services for the City of Laredo for the period of October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2020. The contract amount is for approximately \$78,000.00 annually and is for a four (4) year term and is subject to future appropriations. This contract may be renewed for an additional four year term upon mutual agreement. All legislative and lobbying consulting services will be on a continuous basis. Funding is available through Utilities, Solid Waste and General Funds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

34. Consideration to award contract FY16-061 to the lowest bidder, Magnadata USA, Inc., in the amount of \$52,150.00 for the purchase of custom magnetic swipe passes (Gateway Passes) for the Laredo Bridge System pedestrian gates. Funding for this purchase is available in the Laredo Bridge System's Operation Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

35. Consideration to renew the existing six (6) month contract FY14-039 to Hollon Oil Company, Weslaco, Texas in an amount up to \$88,000.00 for the purchase of motor oil and lubricants for the Fleet Department. The term of this contract shall be for a period of six (6) months beginning as of the date of its execution. There will be no price increase during this extension period. This is the fifth of eight extension periods. All lubricants will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

36. Consideration to award contract FY16-060 to the sole bidder La Flecha Materials, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$152,000.00 for the purchase of red top soil and fill dirt for the Parks & Leisure Department. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. This contract has four extension periods and may be extended upon mutual agreement. All soils will be purchased on an as needed basis. The Parks & Leisure Department will use these soils for the maintenance of its Parks. Funding is available in the Parks & Leisure Department Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. Gonzalez
For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

37. Consideration to renew existing contract FY14-070 to Gutierrez Machine Shop, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$750,000.00 for professional welding services for the Utilities Department. The services requested include site repairs to various water and wastewater treatment plants, lift stations, and other municipal utility facilities. There will be no price increase during this extension period. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. This is the second of six extension periods. All services will be requested on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. Gonzalez
For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

38. Consideration to renew existing contract FY13-054 to Rotex Truck Center, Laredo, Texas for an amount up to \$60,000.00 for the purchase of International Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) automotive parts for the City's medium size trucks. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. There will be no price increase during this extension period. This is the third of five extension periods. All parts will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. Gonzalez
For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

39. Consideration to amend the existing annual service contract FY14-007 for the purchase of Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) parts/service for the City's Caterpillar heavy equipment currently awarded to Holt CAT, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$ 81,250.00. Due to an increase in usage, the proposed 25% increase would help fund these services before the end of the contract term. All parts and services will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. Gonzalez
For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

40. Consideration to award supply contract number FY16-059 to the following bidders:
- 1) City Ready Mix, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$2,300,000.00 (Primary Vendor);

- 2) Mobile-Crete, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$ 1,000,000.00 (Secondary Vendor),

for the purchase of ready mix cement (job site delivered) for various City Departments. This contract has three extension periods. All materials shall be purchased on an as needed basis utilizing the Utilities, Parks and Leisure Services and Public Works Departments - construction projects budgets.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

41. Approval of the 2016 Certified Appraisal Roll from the Webb County Appraisal District for the development of the City's tax roll; acceptance of the Effective and Rollback Tax Rate calculations for Tax Year 2016; and setting of the public hearing dates of August 15th and September 6th, 2016 for the proposed tax rate of \$0.637000/\$100 value. (This will be the thirteenth year that the City adopts the same tax rate.)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

XII (a) RESOLUTIONS

None.

XII (b) MOTIONS

None.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XIII. STAFF REPORTS

42. Discussion with possible action to enter into an inter-local agreement with Webb County to register no objection to the County's providing solid waste disposal services in the City's extra territorial jurisdiction.

Jesus Olivares, City Manager, recommended the inter-local agreement. This has been under discussion since February. The jurisdiction of the City is strictly within city limits and not within the ETJ. He confirmed that the City has no objection to Webb County to charge for their services to the ETJ.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

43. Discussion with possible action to consider a request for a third extension of Injury Leave with pay in accordance with 143.073 (b) of the Texas Local Government Code for Patrol Officer Jose Cisneros.

Linda Teniente of the Human Resources Department, reported that Officer Cisneros had surgery on July 27. She requested a 45-day extension while he recuperates from his surgery.

Motion to approve a 45-day extension of Injury Leave.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

44. Presentation on the Pecos River study by Dr. Ronald Green and its underlying aquifers and its effect on the Rio Grande water with possible action.

Riazul Mia, Utilities Director, stated this contract was awarded in 2014.

Dr. Ronald Green, reported that the sources of the Lower Rio Grande are: New Mexico, Mexico, and Val Verde County. Two models were used during the study: the Pecos River and the Devils River water basin. The models were used to simulate the Devils River flow. Only 10-15% of the flow of the lower Pecos River is from the upper Pecos River. The majority of the flow comes from the headwaters of Independence Creek and Live Oak Creek.

Flow in the lower Rio Grande will not be significantly impacted by export of groundwater from the upper Pecos River watershed, but it will be significantly impacted by export of groundwater from the lower Pecos River watershed. Flow in the lower Rio Grande will also be significantly impacted by export of groundwater from the Devils River watershed.

While the groundwater models are powerful, surface flow information is missing. Contribution to flow in the lower Rio Grande from Mexico needs to be evaluated. Dr. Green clarified that surface water and groundwater are handled very differently: surface water is governed by the state while groundwater is governed by private individuals.

No action taken.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

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

No action taken.

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

No action taken.

GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

45.

A. Request by Council Member Roberto Balli

- a. Discussion with possible action on the designation and/or creation of bike lanes in the City of Laredo. Specifically, discussing the safety, feasibility and cost effective approach to such designations and/or creations. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Roque Vela, Jr.)

Cm. Balli noted that several areas of Laredo would benefit from bike lanes. Laredo hosts many cyclists, but many areas of Laredo, especially downtown, do not have bike lanes. Victoria Street offers the opportunity to include a bike lane, given the wide driving lanes already there. Other areas force cyclists to ride on the sidewalk, where they do not belong. Convent Street is ideal for a cycling lane.

Victor Treviño, Jr., thanked Cm. Balli and Cm. Vela for placing this item on the agenda. Bike lanes are essential due to a misconception that Texas law protects cyclists. Cyclists are treated as vehicles in Texas. Bike lanes do not occupy much space and will greatly increase the safety of cyclists and pedestrians.

Sonia Cadena, Laredo Cycling Association President, stated that the Association was created in the 1980's with 50 members. It has grown to 300 members and brings bike safety and awareness to the community. The LCA sponsors school-age mountain bike teams that compete out of town.

Arturo Dominguez, former LAC President, voiced his support of this agenda item. He noted that there are bike lanes which need the cyclist symbol added.

Gerardo Gonzalez stated that he would like the bike trails from residential areas to lead straight to the City's parks. He would like to connect Lake Casablanca, Independence North Park, TAMIU, and the library with biking trails. Shiloh and McPherson could also be looped together with trails.

Jesus Olivares, City Manager, noted that cyclist etiquette and education should be implemented as well.

Motion to direct the City Manager to direct staff to identify streets that are appropriate for designated marked cycling lanes with the international cycle lane symbol and to immediately begin to restripe and mark the lanes.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XVII. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0