

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M2016-R-21
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
December 5, 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 in the pledge of allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

In attendance:

Pete Saenz	Mayor
Rudy Gonzalez, Jr.	District I
Vidal Rodriguez	District II
Alejandro Perez, Jr.	District III
Juan Narvaez	Mayor Pro-Tempore, District IV
Roque Vela, Jr.	District V
Charlie San Miguel	District VI
George Altgelt	District VII
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 arrived at 5:44 pm

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of November 21, 2016.

Motion to approve November 21, 2016 minutes.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. San Miguel was not present.

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Communiqués

1. Presentation on the Downtown Adult Fitness Center provided by Parks & Leisure Department.

Osbaldo Guzman, Parks and Leisure Services Director, reported that since the Downtown Adult Fitness Center opened it accounts for approximately 4,293 memberships. This recreation center has been a tremendous success.

Guadalupe Garza, Supervisor, noted that they receive approximately 40 to 50 individuals daily. Members indulge in multiple activities including but not limited to exercise activities, arts and crafts. The Center is open Monday to Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Cm. Balli explained that the success of a project is not based on the amount of funds that are allocated to it. The Downtown Adult Fitness Center was developed and executed with a very small budget. It is the smallest recreational center in the City of Laredo. Despite the size of the budget and premises it has had a tremendous success in a short period of time. He thanked Mr. Guzman and Mr. Orfila for their cooperation and effectiveness. This project was created to benefit downtown residents and to beautify District VIII. In the future, Cm. Balli would like to expand this project.

A video illustrating positive testimonies from the Downtown Adult Fitness Center members was presented to City Council.

Members thanked the City of Laredo and Cm. Balli for developing a center like this one. They expressed their satisfaction and personal achievements.

Cm. Balli presented them with a medal at the meeting and t-shirts were given to them prior to the meeting.

Recognitions

1. Recognizing Mayor Pro Tempore Juan Narvaez, City Council District IV, for his apt and untiring dedication to his community as the council representative in District IV for the past eight (8) years. These two consecutive council terms were well marked by his willingness to work with staff, make appearances, declare proclamations, attend meetings & press conferences, travel, and generally giving of his time and talent.

The City of Laredo Administration, Directors and staff thanked Cm. Narvaez for his dedication to his community.

Carmelita Alaniz commended Cm. Narvaez for his dedication, collaboration, and readiness to resolve any issues surrounding Public Libraries and the City of Laredo as a whole. She congratulated him on a very successful tenure and for entrusting her with the Library Commission for eight years. She noted that it was an honor to serve at the Library Advisory Committee.

Cm. Narvaez recognized his committee members for their time and dedication. He thanked City Council, the Mayor, and City Staff and Administration for their collaboration and support during his tenure. He asked Mayor Saenz to reconsider any potential decisions and changes that might affect the City of Laredo. He encouraged him to pursue and protect the interest of the City and its constituents.

Mayor Saenz applauded Cm. Narvaez and thanked him for his service and dedication to the community.

Cm. Vela commended Cm. Narvaez for his leadership and thanked him for his advice, noting that he appreciated everything he did for the city. It was an honor to have served with Cm. Narvaez and for his friendship.

Cm. Balli applauded Cm. Narvaez's pragmatism and dedication. He noted that he will be greatly missed.

Cm. Gonzalez thanked Cm. Narvaez for his guidance and for everything he has done and continues to do for the City of Laredo.

Cm. Rodriguez acknowledged Cm. Narvaez for his friendship and guidance. He thanked him for his service.

Cm. Altgelt wished Cm. Narvaez the best in future endeavors.

A certificate of recognition was awarded to Cm. Narvaez and Cm. Vela for their tenure in public service.

2. Recognition of the Cigarroa Middle School Bulldogs 7th Grade Football Red Team for their accomplishments during this season. Coached by Felix Esparza and Mike Sosa, the team earned a District Championship with a 7-0-1 record.

Felix Esparza, Coach, expressed his satisfaction and pride for their achievements. He recognized all team members and coaches.

Cm. Rodriguez noted that he is very proud of their accomplishments. He thanked their parents for their support.

Carol K. Hein, Campus Athletic Coordinator and Head Football Coach, recognized all prayers. He noted that they have great leadership and discipline.

Eloy Cabrera, Athletic Coordinator, thanked the players and applauded them for their effort as it is not easy to be a student, a player, and a child at the same time. He also recognized City Council for recognizing the athletes.

Cm. Vela congratulated the players and noted that Mr. Hein is a great leader. Coach Hein will ensure the success of the players as he is caring and dedicated.

3. Recognizing the United High School Marching Band for their third time in history making it to the State Marching Competition that took place in San Antonio on November 8, 2016 and ranking 38th out of 239 6A Division bands in the State of

Texas.

John Mallon, Band Director, noted that every member of the band was instrumental to the success of the group. He thanked the school administration for their support. He applauded all band members for their dedication.

Cm. San Miguel stressed that the habits that students develop now will stick with them for the rest of their lives. He recognized the students' parents. He encouraged band members to remain strong and courageous.

Cm. Altgelt congratulated them and noted that statistics reflect that school districts that invest in music programs tend to do better than those who do not.

Citizen comments

Tonie Gamboa invited City Council to attend the 2017 Laredo Honor Flight. This event will be scheduled for May 19 and 20, 2017. There will be numerous events and activities for all ages. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the Laredo Honor Flight. The "Old Glory" Flag Relay and Veteran's Health Fair will be on January 14, 2017 at the Veteran's Clinic, 4602 N. Bartlett, Laredo, Texas.

Lakshmana "Vish" Viswanath noted that First Recycling is not properly conducting business and the City of Laredo continues to award them a contract. He noted that the City of Laredo failed to address this matter. Subsequently, there will be consequences.

Mellie Hereford explained that she is constantly examining City Council Member actions and campaign financial reports. She noted that she was disappointed at Cm. Narvaez and illustrated a copy of Cm. Narvaez's Discretionary Fund chart. She stressed the importance of allocating District IV funds to such district as opposed to transferring funds to other districts and/or projects. She wished Cm. Narvaez good luck and thanked him for his hard work.

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

None.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public Hearing designating a geographic area within the City of Laredo as Reinvestment Zone Number One, City of Laredo, Texas, for Tax Increment Financing purposes pursuant to Chapter 311 of the Texas Tax Code; creating a board of directors for such zone; containing findings and provisions related to the foregoing subject; and providing a severability clause.

Motion to open public hearing.

Moved: Cm. San Miguel

Second: Cm. Balli

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the City of Laredo Sewer System 2010 Revenue Bond FY 2016-2017 Annual Budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount not to exceed \$1,437,000.00 from the proceeds of the sale of the "surface only" of 6.9441 Acre Tract to AEP Texas Central Company.

Motion to open public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Riazul I. Mia, Utilities Director, explained that the City of Laredo owns this property. However, this property will be sold to AEP for a substation. The funds will be used to acquire an additional property. This will be used as a buffer that the plant needs. He noted that the property contains a rail road bridge. The City asked state entities to established a time line to remove it. The City cannot move forward; the property cannot be used.

Cm. Altgelt noted that having a water treatment plan in that location is not a good idea as the first thing individuals are going to see when they come to Laredo is the Water Treatment Facility. He expressed his discontent with Mr. Mia's request to purchase an additional property.

Jesus M. Olivares, City Manager, suggested that the property can be fragmented to accommodate the buffer and to provide a green area for District VII residents. He noted that there is a permit in place. They would like to expedite the process in order to move forward.

Motion to close public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

3. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the FY 2016-2017 9-1-1 Regional Administration Budget by appropriating additional revenues and expenditures provided by the Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) in the amount of \$80,953.00 to provide additional funding for Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb and Zapata Counties for the period beginning September 1, 2016 and ending August 31, 2017.

Motion to open public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7

Against:

Abstain:

4. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 4.56 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located south of F.M. 1472 Road and approximately .83 miles north of Max Mandel Municipal Golf Course, from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District), providing for publication and effective date.

Staff does not support the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the Zone Change. District VII

Motion to open public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Gonzalez

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Nathan Bratton, Planning Director, explained that the department met with the applicant. The applicant is willing to downzone from an M-1 to B-3. Staff recommends this change.

Motion to close public hearing and introduce as amended.

Moved: Cm. Altgelt

Second: Cm. Balli

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

5. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending FY 2017 annual budget by appropriating additional revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$310,104.61 in the General Fund. The revenues are from forfeiture cases involving abandoned and unclaimed money from the Laredo Police Department Property and Evidence Section. Funding will be used to purchase patrol and officer safety equipment, capital outlay equipment and other needed items. Funding is available in the General Fund.

Motion to open public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Balli
Second: Cm. Gonzalez
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Balli
Second: Cm. Gonzalez
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Altgelt was not present.

VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

None.

IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive readings of Ordinances 2016-O-172, 2016-O-178, 2016-O-179, 2016-O-180, 2016-O-181, 016-O-182, 2016-O-184, 2016-O-185, 2016-O-186,2016-O-187, 2016-O-188, 2016-O-190, 2016-O-191, 2016-O-192, 2016-O-193, and 2016-O-194.

Moved: Cm. Balli
Second: Cm. Gonzalez
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

6. 2016-O-172 Amending the City of Laredo FY 2017 Airport Construction Fund Budget to accept and appropriate funds in the amount of \$75,300.00 for claim filed with the Texas Municipal League due to damage of the Engineered Material Arresting Systems (EMAS) Block at Runway 17R/35L at the Laredo International Airport.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-O-172.

Moved: Cm. Balli
Second: Cm. Gonzalez
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

7. 2016-O-178 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a Swimming Pool - Outdoor Amusement Services on Lots 10, 11 and 12; the South 10 ft. of Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 793, Eastern Division, located at 1402 Market Street; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-O-178.

Moved: Cm. Balli
Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

8. 2016-O-179 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 5A, Block 222, Eastern Division, located at 1919 S U.S. Hwy. 83, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date. ZC-86-2016 District III

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-O-179.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

9. 2016-O-180 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, Block 1709, Eastern Division, located at 2805/2807/2817 Cortez St., and 2802/2818 Guatemozin St., from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date. ZC-84-2016 District III

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-O-180.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

10. 2016-O-181 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 1.61 acres of Lot 1, Block 20 of the City of Laredo Airport Subdivision, located east of N. Bartlett Avenue and south of Pappas Street, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-O-181.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

11. 2016-O-182 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 47.09 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located south of St. Charles Loop and east of St. David Lane, from R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) to R-1B (Single Family High Density District), providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-O-182.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

12. 2016-O-183 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 7.33 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located at the southeast corner of Bob Bullock Loop (Loop 20) and Bayside Boulevard, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District), providing for publication and effective date.

Cm. Vela was concerned about the land. Selling this land will encourage development. Consequently, the value of the land will increase. He encouraged City Council to consider this potential issue and initiate some source of dialogue.

Nathan Bratton, Planning Director, noted that they are searching for a mechanism to work with TxDot to obtain setbacks requirements. He explained that TxDot presented a schematic and will further review

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

13. 2016-O-184 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for an Auto Tire Repair on Lot 10, Block 103, Western Division, located at 319 Matamoros St., providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-O-184.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

14. 2016-O-185 Altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 82.48 acres, more or less, located east of FM 1472 (Mines Rd.) and south of State Highway 255 (Camino Colombia Toll Hwy.), as further described by metes and bounds in Exhibit "A", specifically the Tract 1, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-O-185.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

15. 2016-O-186 Altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 54.20 acres, more or less, located north of State Highway 359 and west of Los Altos Dr., as further described by metes and bounds in Exhibit "A", specifically the Tract 2, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing District).

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-O-186.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

16. 2016-O-187 Altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 20.34 acres, more or less, located north of State Highway 359 and east of Kansas City Southern Railway Yard, as further described by metes and bounds in Exhibit "A", specifically the Tract 3, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of R-1MH (Single Family Manufactured Housing District).

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-O-187.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

17. 2016-O-188 Altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 5.0 acres, more or less, located north of Del Mar Blvd. and east of Bob Bullock Loop (Loop 20), as further described by metes and bounds in Exhibit "A", specifically the Tract 4, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of R-1 (Single Family Residential District).

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-O-188.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

18. 2016-O-189 Altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 7.61 acres, more or less, west of FM 1472 (Mines Rd.) and north of Max Mandel Municipal Golf Course, as further described by metes and bounds in Exhibit "A", specifically the Tract 5, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

Nathan Bratton, Planning Director, recommended an amendment to change the initial zoning of M-1 to B-3. The department spoke to the developer and agreed to proceed with amendment.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-O-189 as amended.

Moved: Cm. Altgelt

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

19. 2016-O-190 Altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 1,743.53 acres, more or less, west of IH 35 and north of Beltway Parkway, as further described by metes and bounds in Exhibit "A", specifically the Tract 6, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-O-190.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

20. 2016-O-191 Altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 0.31 acres, more or less, east of Resources Dr. and south of Carriers Dr., as further described by metes and bounds in Exhibit "A", specifically the Tract 7, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-O-191.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

21. 2016-O-192 Designating a geographic area within the City of Laredo as Reinvestment Zone Number One, City of Laredo, Texas, for Tax Increment Financing purposes Pursuant to Chapter 311 of the Texas Tax Code; creating a board of directors for such zone; containing findings and provisions related to the foregoing subject; and providing a severability clause.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-O-192.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

22. 2016-O-193 Authorizing the City Manager to amend the FY 2016-2017 Department of Community Development budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$1,611,846.00 in order to appropriate Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program income funds received due to the payoff of the Hamilton Apartments Section 108 loan by the Hamilton Housing Partners LTD.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-O-193.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

23. 2016-O-194 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a First Amendment to Ground Lease ("Lease") by an between the City of Laredo, a municipal corporation ("Lessor"), and T-Mobile West Corporation ("Lessee") dated September 25, 2007 and attached hereto; to allow Lessor to increase Lessee's space on the South Laredo Elevated Water Storage Tank ("Water Tower") as described in Exhibit "C" of the Lease and provide additional space on the top surface of the Water Tower for the placement of three (3) additional antenna facilities as more fully described in Exhibit "C-1;" therefore replacing Exhibit "C" with Exhibit "C-1;" and to increase Lessee's rent by \$6,250.00 per year commencing on November 21, 2016 and shall thereafter increase in accordance with paragraph 3 of the Lease; all other terms and conditions remain in full force and effect.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-O-194.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

X. RESOLUTIONS

24. 2016-R-146 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 an 8" water line from:

Junction Partners, Inc. By: Del A. Trautmann, President - Utility easement as follows:

A strip of land containing 0.10 acres, more or less (4,235.79 square feet) out of Lot 5, Block 1, Encino Plaza Subdivision, Unit 2A situated in Porcion 25 Abstract No. 50 in Laredo, Webb County, Texas, a copy of which conveyance is described in Exhibit B and depicted on Exhibit A.

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

Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-R-146.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

25. 2016-R-147 Authorizing City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$30,520.00 from the Texas Department of Transportation to fund the STEP Impaired Driving Mobilization program. The City of Laredo will match \$9,766.40 for a total grant amount of \$40,286.40. This grant is to pay overtime for officers in order to increase enforcement to arrest individuals driving under the influence of a controlled substance.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-R-147.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

26. 2016-R-149 Supporting the City of Laredo's participation in the South Texas Development Council; authorizing payment of \$36,255.84 for the City's Membership Assessment for the period covering October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017; and confirming the appointment of representatives from the City of Laredo to serve on the Board of Directors of the South Texas Development Council. Funding is available in the General Fund.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-R-149.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

27. 2016-R-151 Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute a contract from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in the amount of \$112,533.00 with a cash match (in kind) of \$22,507.00, for a total award amount of \$135,040.00 for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Tuberculosis Prevention & Control/Federal Program to continue Tuberculosis control, prevention, treatment and surveillance for early detection for the term of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-R-151.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XI. MOTIONS

28. Consideration to adopt the 2017 State Legislative Agenda for the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

29. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Johns Hopkins University as part of the What Works City (WWC) Initiatives sponsored by the Bloomberg Family Foundation, Inc. This project proposes to provide technical assistance at no cost to the City. The goal is to accelerate the use of data and evidence as a strategic asset, by leveraging it more effectively for reliable insights, using the data for more efficient service provisions, and laying the foundation for advanced data practices. There is no financial impact at this time.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

30. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a formal written commitment with the Texas Homeless Network to participate in the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care. This commitment will support its efforts to end homelessness.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

31. Authorizing the City Manager to amend the 2015 Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) contract with Bethany House of Laredo, Inc., by increasing the total amount awarded by \$9,500.00. The additional funds will be utilized for administrative costs related to the planning and execution of ESG activities.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

32. Consideration for approval of the Laredo International Airport Taxiway G Reconstruction as complete, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$449,312.94 to Reim Construction, Inc., Mission, Texas. Final

construction contract amount is \$8,276,191.46. Funding is available in the Airport Construction Fund – FAA Grant No. 79.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

33. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to donate a Fire Department Chevrolet Suburban, 2007 Freight liner Ambulance and such as equipment (stretcher, power plant, hoses, bunker gear, and rescue tools) to the City of Colombia Nuevo Leon, Mexico with no dollar value.

Steve Landin, Fire Chief, explained that these ambulances are out of commission. The operational maintenance is not cost effective. He noted that the City of Laredo possesses 10 frontline ambulances. They are experiencing a shortage of ambulances, however, each ambulance requires 9 individuals in uniform to operate the unit. The department cannot remove firefighters to allocate them to a unit as Cm. Altgelt suggested. In January of 2018 the department will be activating the 11th unit in preparation for the outlet mall. Upon graduation, cadets will be filling vacancies and some will be operating the 11th unit.

Cm. Altgelt that the City of Laredo is currently experiencing a shortage of ambulances. The City is no position to be donating ambulances.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Altgelt

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

34. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a contract between Century Link and the City of Laredo for the purchase of Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) equipment through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Contract EC07-16 in the total amount of \$53,376.30. These UPS units will be purchased for six (6) 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. Balli

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

35. Consideration to award annual contract FY17-011 to the low bidders:

1. Andy's Auto Air and Supplies, Inc. (DBA: Andy's Auto & Bus Air, Inc.) Laredo, Texas in an estimated amount up to \$60,000.00 and

2. Rotex Truck Center, Laredo, Texas in an estimated amount up to \$40, 000.00

for air conditioning system repairs for the medium and heavy duty trucks, and construction equipment for the Fleet Division. The term of the contract shall be for period of one (1) year with an opportunity to renew for four (4) additional one (1) year periods. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

36. Consideration to award supply contract FY17-009 to the sole bidder, Century Asphalt, Houston, Texas in an amount up to \$190,000.00 for the purchase of prime emulsified asphalt oil used for street paving projects. All materials are purchased on an as needed basis utilizing the construction project budgets. This contract has four extension periods. If the pricing remains the same or price adjustment has mutual agreement from both parties and the City agrees to extend the contract, the contract shall automatically renew for another one year period. Funding is available in the Public Works and Utilities Departments construction projects budgets.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

37. Consideration to award contracts for the purchase of eight (8) refuse trucks and one (1) dump truck for the Solid Waste Department and the Public Works Department utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Contract Pricing to the following vendors:

1. Rush Truck Center, Laredo, Texas in the total amount of \$1,235,022.02 for the purchase of eight (8), cab and chassis trucks (garbage trucks) and one (1) 14 Yard Dump Truck (BuyBoard contract 430-13);
2. BTE Body Company, Irving, Texas in the total amount of \$953,232.00 for the purchase of seven (7) automated side loader refuse bodies (BuyBoard contract 516-16);
3. Reliance Truck & Equipment, San Antonio, Texas in the total amount of \$121,985.00 for the purchase of one (1) automated split rear loader refuse body (BuyBoard contract 425-13);

Funding is available in the Solid Waste and Environmental Services Department Budgets.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Balli
Second: Cm. San Miguel
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

38. Consideration to award contract FY17-007 for the general diesel engine repairs and parts/service for the City's Fleet Division to the following bidders:

1. Cervantes Truck Center, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$100,000.00 and
2. Andy's Auto & Bus Air, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$40,000.00; and
3. Rotex Truck Center, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$35,000.00; and
4. Rush Truck Center, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$30,000.00.

This contract establishes multiple vendors for general diesel engine repairs. This contract provides the Fleet Division with the ability to farm out and expedite needed diesel engine repairs. 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. If the pricing remains the same or price adjustment has mutual agreement from both parties and the City agrees to extend the contract, the contract shall automatically renew for another one-year period. 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. Balli
Second: Cm. San Miguel
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

39. Consideration to award supply contract number FY17-006 for the purchase of assorted rebar, wire mesh, keyway, and stakes to the following low bidders:

1. R & R Rebar Supply, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$74,090.25; and
2. Beavers Source, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$35,534.00.

These materials will be purchased on an as needed basis by the Public Works and Parks & Leisure Service Departments for construction and repair projects. This will be a one hundred twenty (120) day supply contract with the opportunity to extend for ten additional one hundred twenty day periods and is subject to future appropriations. If the pricing remains the same or price adjustment has mutual agreement from both parties and the City agrees to extend the contract, the contract shall automatically renew for another one hundred twenty day period. Funding is available in the respective departmental budgets.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Balli
Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

40. Consideration to award of annual contract FY17-005 to the sole bidder AP/M Permaform, Johnston, Iowa in an amount up to \$120,000.00 for the purchase of cementitious mortar concrete for the repair of sanitary sewer underground structures for the Utilities Department. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. The contract may be extended for four (4), additional one (1) years periods each upon mutual agreement of the parties. If the pricing remains the same or price adjustment has mutual agreement from both parties and the City agrees to extend the contract, the contract shall automatically renew for another one year period. All material will be purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

41. Consideration to award contract FY16-063 to the sole bidder, Rochester Armored Car Co. Inc., Omaha, Nebraska, in an amount up to \$144,351.84 for providing bank courier service for city operations to various city departments. This is a two (2) year contract subject to continued appropriations in future fiscal years. This contract has three (2-year) extension periods upon mutual agreement. Funding is available in the respective departmental budgets.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

42. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one (1) 2017 Ford F750 Aerial Truck in the amount of \$174,528.50 to Silsbee Ford, Silsbee, Texas utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Contract. The aerial bucket truck shall be utilized for the installation and maintenance of radio transmission equipment used by the Advanced Traffic Signal Management system which maintains the synchronization of the City's traffic signals and traffic video monitoring systems. Funding for this purchase is available in the 2009 Tax C.O. Fund.

Miguel A. Pescador, Purchasing Agent, requested consideration to purchase an aerial truck. The aerial bucket truck is more efficient.

Jesus M. Olivares, City Manager, explained that this aerial truck has numerous features and will facilitate and improve the quality of employees' work. The machine reaches a higher altitude than the one the City has. This truck is bigger and better. The purchase of this item will preclude the City from renting or borrowing this item from other entities.

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Director, stated that the current aerial truck reaches an altitude of 30 to 35 feet. The proposed aerial truck reaches an altitude of 65 feet. This purchase is necessary because the department needs to contract a third party entity to execute such duties or they borrow an aerial truck from Parks.

Cm. San Miguel noted that the height is not an important factor but rather the safety of the employees is.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Altgelt

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

43. Consideration to authorize the purchase of 2 (two) diesel pumps from the sole source provider Precision Pump Systems, Houston, Texas in an amount of \$95,000.00 for the Utilities Department. These pumps will be stationed at the TAMIU and Flying J Lift Stations. These pumps will be utilized during electrical power outages and for the avoidance of sewer spillage. This emergency backup equipment is a requirement by TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality). Funding is available in the Utilities Department Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

44. Consideration to award contracts for the purchase of one (1) street sweeper for the Public Works Department utilizing HGAC Cooperative Contract Pricing to the following vendors:

1. Santex Truck Center, San Antonio, Texas in the amount of \$83,322.00 for the purchase of one (1) cab and chassis for the the street sweeper;
2. Kinloch Equipment & Supply, Pasadena, Texas in the amount of \$183,320.00 for the purchase of one (1) Whirlwind Vacuum Air Sweeper body;

Funding for the purchase of this equipment is available in the Capital Improvement Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

45. Consideration to award contract FY17-012 for the purchase of promotional materials in an estimated amount of \$102,000.00 for various vendors to include:

1. Authentic Promotions, Carmicheal, California;
2. LF Enterprise, Laredo, Texas;
3. TS and J, Inc., Johns Creek, Georgia;
4. Specialties Plus, Franklin, N. Carolina;
5. Leon's Caps, Springfield, Texas;
6. Halo Branded Solutions, Sugarland, Texas

Promotional materials will be purchased on an as needed basis by various city departments, including: Human Resources, 311 Customer Service, 911 (Admin and PSAP) and Convention and Visitors Bureau. Funding is available in the respective department budgets.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

46. Consideration to renew the annual contracts FY13-021 for the purchase of tractor and heavy equipment tires currently awarded to:

1. Southern Tire Mart, L.L.C., Dallas, Texas, in an amount up to \$106,250.00; and
2. GCR Tire Centers, Nashville, Tennessee, in an amount up to \$50,000.00.

Contracts are currently awarded to a primary and secondary vendor in order to provide the City of Laredo with a supply of tires. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. All tires will be secured on an as needed basis. There will be no price increase during this extension period. This is the last extension period for this contract. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

47. Consideration to approve Change Order No. 2 to contract FY16-062, for an increase of \$12,630.00 and allowing for an additional 10 calendar days, for asbestos remediation services for Fire Stations 1 and 5 from Jupe Environmental, Inc., San Antonio, Texas; new contract total is \$79,782.00. Change order No. 2 is required to allow for additional work which was not part of the original specifications' scope of work. Floor tile and black mastic was discovered beneath the ceramic tile (1st and 2nd Floors) at Fire Station No. 1 after removal of the drywall construction walls. The floor tile and mastic was sent to the laboratory and was found to contain asbestos in the black mastic. Funding for this project is available in the 2015 Bonds, Fire Station Repairs.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Balli
Second: Cm. San Miguel
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

48. Consideration for approval of the selection of engineering Consultant based on Request For Qualifications (RFQ) received and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate a contract for the evaluation, study and testing to increase El Pico water Treatment Plant from 20 MGD to 30 MGD. There is no financial impact at this time.

HDR, Inc., 2) Carrollo Engineers, and 3) Dannenbaum Engineering Company, Laredo LLC. The Water Treatment Plan pumps out 25 million gallons. Texas Commission Environmental Quality dictates that if the plant exceeds 75% (15 million gallons) of its capacity, the City must start designing. The City of Laredo average pumping is 60 gallons to 65 gallons. The department extended water services to other subdivisions to alleviate the excess water.

Riazul I. Mia, Utilities Director, requested for Council to select a consultant in order to move forward and follow up with the Texas Commission Environmental Quality, TCEQ.

Motion to select Corrollo Engineers.

Moved: Cm. Altgelt
Second: Cm. Gonzalez
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

49. Consideration for approval of the selection of engineering consulting firm based on Request For Qualifications (RFQ) received and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate a contract for the engineering consulting services of the waterline replacement project along San Dario Avenue from Calle Del Norte Road to Hillside Road. There is no financial impact at this time.

Riazul I. Mia, Utilities Director, requested for Council to select a consultant. 10 entities did a submission to the City of Laredo and ranked as followed: 1) Porras Nance Engineering, 1) Crane Engineering, 3) Howland Engineering and Surveying Co., 4) Civil Engineering Consultants, 5) Premier Engineering Surveying, 6) LNV, Inc., 7) SECA Engineering Surveying, 7) LeFEVRE Engineering and Management Consulting, LLC, 9) SWG Consulting Engineers, and 10) TEC Engineering & Consultants Inc. He urged City Council to consider the fact that the waterlines that will be replace are over 30 years old and they are a major tax generator. Cost will be negotiated.

Motion to select Crane Engineering.

Moved: Cm. Perez
Second: Cm. San Miguel
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

50. Authorizing the City Manager to award a professional engineering consultant services contract in the amount of \$140,000.00 to LNV, Inc. Laredo, Texas for

renewal of wastewater treatment plants (WWTP) permits, namely, South Laredo WWTP, North Laredo, WWTP, and Penitas WWTP, with Texas Commission on Environment Quality (TCEQ). Funding is available in the Sewer Construction fund.

Riazul I. Mia, Utilities Director, requested consideration for renewal of wastewater treatment plants (WWTP) permits. The application must be submitted by March 1, 2017, as the current permit will expired in September of 2017. The permits are for 5 years. He noted that they do not have enough staff to execute this in-house. Also, this procedure is only executed once every five years.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Altgelt

Second: Cm. Balli

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

51. Consideration to ratify the issuance of an emergency purchase order by the City Manager in the amount of \$154,508.08 to Pump Solutions, Hutto, Texas for the labor and parts to repair a Patterson, 24 RHC 2-Stage Raw Water Pump at El Pico Water Treatment Plant for the Utilities Department. The emergency repairs are needed because currently only 1 raw water pump is functional and is critical that a backup pump be installed. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Fund.

Riazul I. Mia, Utilities Director, noted that they have requested estimates and are waiting for quotes. There is only one raw water pump available at this time. If the pump fails to operate appropriately they do not have a substitute. The Construction Management was executed by Dannenbaum Engineering Company. At that time, City Council decided to hire a third party as opposed to having an in-house inspector.

Jesus M. Olivares, City Manager, noted that they have the intent to file a claim with Texas Municipal League as they feel that there is an issue with the workmanship. They would like to recuperate the expenditure. Everything has been documented.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Altgelt

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

None.

XIII. STAFF REPORTS

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

Monica Flores, Human Resources Director, requested a fifth extension of Injury Leave with pay.
Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

53. Presentation by Mr. Al Alonzi, Division Administrator, Texas Division, Federal Highway Administration on the Designing Streets for Pedestrian Safety Workshop to be held December 6th and 7th and the development of a Bike/Pedestrian Plan for the City of Laredo, with possible action.

Nathan Bratton, Planning Director, noted that they had conversations with Federal entities on this item.

Al Alonzi, Division Administrator, Texas Division, Federal Highway Administration, applauded City Administrators and City Council for being proactive on designing streets for pedestrians and better accommodate transportation. He acknowledged the economic impact that the City of Laredo has in the United States. Laredo experienced a 43% growth rate with approximately 3 million pedestrians and over 4 million commercial vehicles. 52% of trade with Mexico passes through Laredo, but these economic opportunities can bring safety concerns. In Texas, the leading cause of death for children ages 1 year to 14 years of age is vehicle crashes. In the United States, vehicle crashes are the third leading cause of death. Therefore, it is essential to tackle these concerns at the early stages of planning. Attending this workshop will give attendees the necessary resources for adequate planning.

David Morris thanked City Council for giving them the opportunity to present this workshop. This program is not open to the public but rather to public entities. They would like to provide a third party collaboration with the City to make it a safe environment.

Mayor Saenz thanked them for their interest in the City of Laredo and noted that the City of Laredo is currently working on a Master Comprehensive Plan and their assistance might be needed.

No action was taken.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

54. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1)(a) to consult with city attorney on pending and/or contemplated litigation in Cause No. 2016CVF002049 D4; Arianna Torres vs. Marcus Holliman, et al; 406th District Court, District Clerk, Webb County, Texas and return to open session for possible action.

Motion to go into Executive Session to consult with the City Attorney on pending and/or contemplated litigation in Cause No. 2016CVF002049 D4; Arianna Torres vs.

Marcus Holliman, et al; 406th District Court, District Clerk, Webb County, Texas.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Following Executive Session, Mayor Pete Saenz reported no action was taken.

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

None.

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

None.

GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

55.

A. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Juan Narvaez

1. Status update of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances to prohibit the operation of hand-held wireless communication devices while operating a motor vehicle.

Cm. Narvaez explained that the reason this item was brought before Council is because Senator Judith Zaffirini is attempting to bring a similar item to the agenda. He noted that citizens have forgotten that there is an existing ordinance prohibiting the use of hand-held wireless communication devices while operating a motor vehicle. He encouraged Police Chief to enforce this ordinance.

Raymond E. Garner, Police Chief, reported that from November 2015 to February 2016 a total of 64 warnings were issued for hand-held wireless communication devices while operating a motor vehicle. From February 2016 to date, the Police Department issued 1,236 citations. He explained individuals must be held accountable for their actions. However, there are not many things that they can do as it is hard to prove that the driver was on the phone. Only in few instances have they subpoenaed phone records to prove their claim.

No action was taken.

B. Request by Council Member George Altgelt

1. Discussion with possible action to install two (2) speed cushions on Candlewood Drive., between Del Mar Blvd. and Bennington Drive, under the

