

**CITY OF LAREDO CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
M2016-S-08
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1110 HOUSTON
STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
July 18, 2016
5:30 P.M.**

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Request for executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 to deliberate the value of real property pertaining to a potential purchase of real property, namely, the former Mercy Hospital Building located at 1500 Logan, Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

Motion to go into executive session to deliberate the value of real property pertaining to a potential purchase of real property, namely, the former Mercy Hospital Building located at 1500 Logan, Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Following executive session, Mayor Pete Saenz reported that no action was taken.

Lakshmana "Vish" Viswanath noted that even though Council informs the public that no action was taken, they do not inform the public what was discussed. Council should be more transparent. He also noted that most public residents do not want the Mercy Hospital Building to take care of or pay for.

City Attorney Raul Casso clarified that if Council is negotiating for a piece of real estate in open session that could be detrimental to its bargaining position, then the public can be forfeited from the better deal that they may otherwise enjoy if Council deliberates in private. Executive session, while seemingly private and non-transparent, is performed in the best interest of the public.

II. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Perez, and Cm. San Miguel were not present.