CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M-2015-R-06
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
APRIL 20, 2015
5:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Pete Saenz called the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pete Saenz led in the pledge of allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Pete Saenz, Mayor Rudy Gonzalez, District I

Esteban Rangel, Mayor Pro-Tempore, District II

Alejandro Perez, Jr.,
Juan Narvaez,
Charlie San Miguel,
Roberto Balli,
Gustavo Guevara, Jr.

District III
District IV
District VI
District VIII
City Secretary

Jesus Olivares, City Manager
Cynthia Collazo, Deputy City Manager
Horacio De Leon, Assistant City Manager

Raul Casso, City Attorney

Motion to excuse Cm. Vela.

Moved: Cm. Gonzalez

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Perez joined the meeting at 6:20 pm.

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of April 6, 2015.

Motion to approve the April 6, 2015 minutes.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Perez was not present.

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Recognitions

 Recognizing Jessica Ayala, Miss Laredo Latina 2015 and Ms. Fernanda Montoya, Miss Teen Laredo Latina 2015 for their crowning at the Miss Laredo Latina Pageant held at Laredo Civic Center on March 1, 2015.

Mayor and City Council congratulated Jessica Ayala and Fernanda Montoya and presented them with certificates of recognition.

2. Recognizing the United South High School Cheerleaders for being Non - Tumbling Division Cheer Power National Champions.

Mayor and City Council congratulated United South High School Cheerleaders Melissa Garza, Jazmine Mendoza, Deanna Solis, Jasmine Rosales, Jennifer Martinez, Alexa Cortez, Mara Castaño, Denisse Martinez, Kimberly Lozano, Kenia Garcia, Sarah Moya, Lyndsey Garcia, Angelica Morin, Ally Enriquez, Jennifer Ayala, Clarissa Monclivais, Daisy De La Rosa, Angie Landeros, Iran Ramirez, Klarissa Mendez, Abigail Quintana, Darby Bustamante, Jasmine Sandoval, Kimberly Alvarez, Brianna Rubio, Karina Lopez, Brianna Vidaurri, Victoria Mireles, Stephanie Soto, and Jasmine Espinoza and presented them with certificates of recognition.

3. Recognizing the Trautmann Middle School Lassos' Dance Team for being National Champions.

Mayor and City Council congratulated Trautmann Middle School Lassos' Dance Team members Bianca Arce, Faith I. Ballesteros, Faith V. Butler, Lorren Cantu, Elizabeth Rose Cardenas, Gisela Contreras, Amanda Flores, Kayla Rochelle Garcia, Stacy Garcia, Victoria Gomez, Melissa Gonzalez, Samantha Gonzalez, Marcela A. Gutierrez, Abril Alejandra Gracia, Sarahi Guerra, Stacy Lanier, Samantha Leal, Shannon Lewis, Karla Macias, Allison G. Martinez, Dorianne McDonald, Mia Munguia, Patricia Ann Perez, Catherine Portillo, Jasmine Rendon, Monikah Resendez, Jaqueline Reyes, Itzel Rodriguez, Larissa Rodriguez, Kelly Salinas, Valeria Sandoval, Kassandra Santos, and Melanie Soto and presented them with certificates of recognition.

Citizen comments

Ada Aurora Gonzalez explained that she worked downtown with her parents and didn't want to risk the possibility of losing their property which had been in the family for more than three generations. She asked that they dissolve the Municipal Management District.

Julian Rotnofsky stated that as a property owner, downtown rent had been going down. He was in favor of the Municipal Management District. He felt that it would allow them to put a plan together and revitalize the downtown.

Ricardo De Anda reported that he was in favor of the Municipal Management District.

Mario Peña stated that he owned an architectural firm and had appeared to speak in favor of the Municipal Management District.

Sandra Rocha Taylor stated that she traveled to Austin to testify on behalf of two bills coming before the House of Representatives, 613 and 295, to restrict how these entities come to be. She explained that they will require over 50% signed petitions from property owners as opposed to how this one was created. She added that it was very eye-opening for them to hear other Municipal Management District from Houston testifying as to how their money was being frivolously spent and how their recommendations were not taken into account; everyone had the same comment, "taxation without representation." She concluded that the Hawes Hill Calderon firm had a monopoly on these entities and advised that they educate themselves on what these entities do in other cities before they allow it to take root here.

Tomas Izaguirre, Laredo Downtown Pharmacy, stated that his concern was that the Municipal Management District would make it more difficult for businesses to prosper downtown.

Lily Bernal, representing El Meson de San Agustin Restaurant, stated that she was against the Municipal Management District because they were not informed.

Jesus Vasquez and Gustavo Perez of DustyTRON from TAMIU's School of Engineering stated that they would be representing TAMIU competing in this year's NASA robotics competition from May 17-22, 2015 at Cape Canaveral. He added that only three universities from Texas were invited to this competition.

Gilbert Peña reported that they don't want pills, they wanted natural medication that was better for them. He added that in some states, marijuana was decriminalized. He went on to say that this could generate millions of dollars in revenue and that people seeking natural medication were not criminals.

Yuhuan Kou spoke on improving train blocking problems. She went on to state that there were railroads on both sides of their property on Chicago Street, and sometimes they were blocked on both sides at the same time. She added that she was afraid in case of a fire or medical emergency and requested extra help.

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

a. Appointment by Mayor Pro-Tempore Esteban Rangel of Ray Camina to the Convention & Visitors Bureau Advisory Committee.

Motion to approve the nomination of Ray Camina to the Convention and Visitors Bureau Advisory Committee.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

b. Appointment by Council Member Alejandro "Alex" Perez of Juan Avila to the Para-Transit Advisory Committee.

Motion to approve the nomination of Juan Avila to the Para Transit Advisory Committee.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. First public hearing on the voluntary annexation of the Majestic Realty Tract (Tract 1) being 1,992.92 acres, more or less, located east of United Industrial Park.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez Second: Cm. Balli

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez Second: Cm. San Miguel

2. First public hearing on the voluntary annexation of the 4V Holdings Tract (Tract 2) being 83.4979 acres, more or less, located east of Cuatro Vientos Road and south of Wormser Road.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

 First public hearing on the voluntary annexation of the Union Pacific Tract (Tract 4) being 29.435 acres, more or less, located south of United Industrial Park and north of the Missouri Pacific Rail Yard.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

Second: Cm. Balli

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

 First public hearing on the voluntary annexation of the Killam Ranch Properties Ltd., Port Drive R.O. W. Extension Tract (Tract 5) being 7.753 acres, more or less, located south of United Industrial Park and north of the Missouri Pacific Rail Yard.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

Second: Cm. Balli

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

5. First public hearing on the voluntary annexation of the Laredo Town Center Tract (Tract 6) being 9.457 acres, more or less, located east of Loop 20 (Bob Bullock Loop) and north of El Ranchito Road (RR 6078A).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

Second: Cm. Balli

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

6. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept funds in the amount of \$585,772.00 from the South Texas 9-1-1 Regional Administration Division to cost share personnel at the Laredo Police Department Public Safety Answering Point in accordance to Section 771.0751 of the Texas Health and Safety Code and Rule 251.3 Use of Revenue in Certain Counties from the Commission on State Emergency Communications; and amending the FY 2014-2015 General Fund Budget of the City of Laredo by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$585,772.00 for Laredo Police Department Communications Division salaries. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

Second: Cm. Balli

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

7. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit and Drilling Permit for Oil and/or Gas Extraction and Production for Hachar 5H Well on a 2.62 acre pad site out of a 6,132.06 acre tract known as the Hachar Lease, located East of F.M. 1472; providing for publication and effective date.

Staff is in support of the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the proposed Special Use Permit. District VII

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Edgar Gonzalez spoke against the Special Use Permit because he felt that the oil drilling would negatively affect future generations.

Jason Scogin also spoke against the Special Use Permit. He felt that this should be tabled until his representative for District VII were elected.

Motion to table items 7 and 8.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

8. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit and Drilling Permit for Oil and/or Gas Extraction and Production for Hachar 6H Well on a 2.62 acre pad site out of a 6,132.06 acre tract known as the Hachar Lease, located East of F.M. 1472; providing for publication and effective date.

Staff is in support of the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the proposed Special Use Permit. District VII

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

 Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 76, Block 2, Southgate Subdivision, located at 3005 Frio Plaza, from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential 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 II

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Jose Gonzalez stated that he was present to answer any questions from Council and added that it was a duplex that would beautify the neighborhood.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

10. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 7 and 8, Block 817, Eastern Division, located at 1520 Cortez Street, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff does not support the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends denial of the proposed zone change. District III

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

Nick Villarreal stated that he lived across the street and their concern was safety because of the amount of traffic there.

Motion to close the public hearing and deny.

Moved: Cm. Perez Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

11. Authorizing the City Manager to approve a sublease of the leased premises approved by Ordinance No. 95-O-251 dated February 20, 1996 between the City of Laredo as LESSOR and L.A. Ventures Terminal, LTD as LESSEE, for the premises described as Warehouse Suite No. 4A, which consists of approximately 11,348 sq. ft. of warehouse and office space located at 4114 Airpark Drive and within Lot 4, Block 1 of the Laredo International Airport Subdivision Plat to Johnstone Supply as SUB-LESSEE, said lease provides for right to sublease subject to city approval, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Ordinance Introduction:

IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive the final readings of Ordinances 2015-O-048, 2015-O-049, 2015-O-050, 2015-O-051 and 2015-O-052.

Moved: Cm. Perez Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

12. 2015-O-048 Authorizing the City Manager to accept and appropriate the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grant Project No. 3-48-0136-77-2014 Amendment No.1 in the amount of \$678,815.00 and amending the City of Laredo FY2015 Airport Construction Budget for the purpose of Airport improvements. The City's 10% local match for this grant amendment is \$75,424.00. This is part of a multi-year grant totaling \$4,881,196.00; funds are available in the Airport Construction Fund.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-O-048.

Moved: Cm. Perez Second: Cm. Gonzalez

2015-O-049 Authorizing the City Manager to convey an easement and right of way to AEP Texas Central Company located at, and to serve the Max Mandel Golf Course Lift Station off FM 1472, one (1) conveyance over a tract of land containing 2,688 square feet of land, more or less, out of a 270.00 acre tract, situated in Porcion 06, Abstract 38 as described in easement conveyance attached as Exhibit "A"; and providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-O-049.

Moved: Cm. Perez Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2015-O-050 Authorizing the City Manager to approve a sublease of Air Cargo Warehouse space constructed by Air Trade Laredo, LLC, on the leased premises approved by Ordinance No. 2011-O-148 dated November 7, 2011 between the City of Laredo as Lessor and Air Trade Laredo, LLC, as Lessee, for the premises consisting of 27,168 sq. ft., located at 4603 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. The sublease is to RobertShaw Controls Company, a Delaware Corporation.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-O-050.

Moved: Cm. Perez Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2015-O-051 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Trecon Investments Corporation, as lessee, for a tract of land consisting of 83,425.70 sq. ft., and located on Block No. 23, Tract "2B" at the Laredo Airport, Subdivision Plat. Lease term is for twenty (20) years commencing on May 1, 2015 plus, two (2) consecutive ten (10) year renewal options. Initial monthly rent shall be \$2,780.00 and will be adjusted annually according to changes in the Consumer Price Index; and rent adjustments based on appraisals at each ten (10) year anniversary period; providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-O-051.

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2015-O-052 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Lease Agreement with Dauntless, a Texas Sole Proprietorship, for approximately 1,460 square feet of building space located at 1701 E. Hillside, Suite No. 2 at the Laredo International Airport, Block 15, Lot 1. The initial monthly rent shall be \$1,400.00 and will be adjusted annually according to the changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The term shall commence on May 1, 2015 and shall terminate on April 30, 2016, plus two (2) one-year renewal options until April 30, 2017 and April 30, 2018, providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-O-052.

Moved: Cm. Perez Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

X. RESOLUTIONS

13. 2015-R-31

Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$7,000.00 from the Texas Department of Transportation for the Enforcement of Vehicle Occupant Protection during the "Click It or Ticket" Campaign. This grant is for overtime salaries and fringe benefits and is funded 100% by the Texas Department of Transportation. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve Resolution 2015-R-31.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

XI. MOTIONS

14. Authorizing the City Manager to approve Amendment No. 1, an increase of \$50,000.00 to pay for past and future legal services by the Law Firm of Denton, Navarro, Rocha & Bernal in the matter of Crossett Development I, LLC v. City of Laredo, Case No. 5:14-CV-00199, in the United States District Court. Funding is available in Airport Operations Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

15. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts to be adjusted for the month of March 2015, represent a decrease of \$53,840.09. These adjustments are determined by the Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

XII (a) RESOLUTIONS

16. 2015-R-32 Authorizing the City Manager to accept the contract with the Women's Health and Family Planning Association of Texas (WHFPT) in the amount of \$120,312.00 for the continuation of

the City of Laredo Health Department Title X Family Planning Women's Health Program for the term period from April 1, 2015

through March 31, 2016.

Health Department Director Dr. Hector Gonzalez reported that this was their third year under this association. He explained that it was an opportunity for women to come in and receive comprehensive preventative exams and family planning.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

For: 5 Against: 1 Abstain: 0

Cm. Gonzalez Cm. San Miguel

Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

Cm. Perez Cm. Narvaez Cm. Balli 17. 2015-R-33 Accepting the donation of a tract of land, being lot No. one (1), Block No. one hundred ninety-three (193), Western Division of the City of Laredo (802 Washington St.), donated by Ms. Lucille DeWitt.

XII (b) MOTIONS

- 18. Authorizing award of 2014 HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) set-aside funds in the amount of \$102,763.00 to Habitat for Humanity of Laredo, Inc., to assist in part with the construction of approximately four (4) homes in the Los Obispos subdivision; and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents in support of the same.
- 19. Authorizing the City Manager to purchase the surface only of Lots 9 and 10, Block 127, Western Division, City of Laredo, commonly known as 1315 and 1317 Victoria. The Chamberlain and Gallagher families have agreed to the purchase of the (2) two lots for the purchase price of \$293,000.00 as determined by a fair market appraisal and closing costs not to exceed \$3,000.00. These lots will be used for the purpose of providing additional parking for City patrons and employees. Funding is available in the 2007 C.O.
- 20. Consideration to award a contract to sole source provider, Transcore L.P., for the purchase of 5,000 Automatic Vehicle Identification (A.V.I.) sticker tags as part of the Laredo Bridge System Toll Collection System in an amount not to exceed \$62,500.00. Funding is available in the Bridge System Fund.
- 21. Consideration for approval of the South Laredo Library Facility (Plumbing Package) as complete, ratification of change order No. 1, an increase of \$1,500.00, ratification of change order No. 2, an increase of \$1,400.00, ratification of change order No. 3, a decrease of \$980.00 for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$13,692.00 to A Plus Plumbing Contractor, Inc., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$136,920.00. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund and the 2008 C.O. Fund.
- 22. Consideration for approval of the South Laredo Library Facility (Elevator Package) as complete, approval of change order No. 1, a decrease of \$5,399.50 for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$10,259.05 to ThyssenKrupp Elevator Corporation, Frisco, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$102,590.50. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund.

- 23. Consideration for approval to award a professional services contract to Seca Engineering, L.L.C., Laredo, Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$68,750.00 for design and preparation of plans and specifications for Repairs/Reconstruction and/or Replacement of Concrete Slabs and Construction Joints at El Metro Operations and Maintenance Facility 401 Scott Street. Design work is to be done on a fast track basis. Funding is available in the Grant No.TX-05-0055-01.
- 24. Authorizing the City Manager to grant multiple Public Fireworks Display Permits for special events at the Uni-Trade Stadium Lemurs Baseball Games during the 2015 Season. The technician for the display will be Magic in the Sky, LLC.
- 25. Authorizing and advancing additional funding to the Laredo Urban Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization (LUTS MPO) for contract amendment No.3 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$21,500.00, which increases the contract fee from \$56,700.00 to \$78,200.00, for additional services related to the development of the Railroad Quiet Zone Study Update. Said sums are 100% reimbursable from federal funds supplied to the M.P.O. as per the fiscal agreement between the City and the M.P.O. Funding is available in the General Fund Planning MPO Grant.
- 26. Authorizing the City Manager to award a professional engineering services contract in the amount of \$175,115.00 to Premier Civil Engineering, LLC., Laredo, Texas for engineering and surveying services for the Waterline Replacement Project along Laredo Street, San Dario Avenue, Esperanza Drive and Arkansas Avenue to include identification of critical issues and problem areas, general topographic survey, utility coordination, cost estimates, construction documents, bidding and construction management. Funding is available in the 2012 Water Revenue Bond.
- 27. Authorizing the City Manager to award a professional engineering services contract in the amount of \$174,900.00 to Crane Engineering Corp., Laredo, Texas for engineering and surveying services for the Galveston Street Water Main Replacement Project to include utility coordination, preliminary design, topographic survey, develop construction plans and construction phase services. Funding is available in the 2012 Water Revenue Bond.
- 28. Authorizing the City Manager to award a professional engineering services contract in the amount of \$174,600.00 to Mejia Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas for engineering and surveying services for the Waterline Replacement for Lane Street from Stone Avenue to Smith Avenue to include Preliminary Engineering Assessment, Preliminary Engineering Design, Plans and Specifications, Final Engineering Design, Traffic Control Plan, Construction Management, Project Close-out, Survey Control and Right-of-

Way Survey. Funding is available in the 2012 Water Revenue Bond.

- 29. Awarding a construction contract to QROMEX Construction Inc., Granite Shoals, Texas in the amount of \$2,324,219.50 for the 24" EPC Water Main Jefferson WTP to Bridge I. The project consists of approximately 8000 linear feet of 24" PVC water mains, boring & casing 620 linear feet in steel casing with related valves, appurtenances and incidentals. The contract time is two hundred ten (210) working days. Funding is available in the 2014 Water System Revenue Bond.
- 30. Authorizing the City Manager to approve change order No. 5, in the amount of \$61,479.57 to the construction contract with Mountain Cascade of Texas LLC, Mansfield, Texas for the 60 inch Transmission Main Project. This change order is for additional costs associated with sandblasting, priming and painting Pressure Reducing Valve Station and Blow-off piping, additional 21 LF of 42" steel pipe, additional CMU Fence at El Pico Water Treatment Plant, installation of a longer spool piece for the Air Release Valve vent and installation of a bend due to a skew at 16" connection point. The contract time will be increased by one hundred seventeen (117) working days. The new contract amount is \$15,788,596.71. Funding is available in the 2012 Revenue Bond.
- 31. Authorizing the approval of Amendment No. 4 to Black & Veatch Corporation associated with Civil Engineering Consultants Corporation dba Jeff Puig Engineering in the amount of \$58,500.00 for additional services for construction engineering for the 60-Inch Water Transmission Main Project from El Pico Ranch on Mines Road to IH 35. The revised contract amount is \$1,562,550.00. Funding is available in the 2012 Water Revenue Bond and 2013 Water Revenue Bond.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XIII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 32. A. Request by Mayor Pete Saenz
 - 1. Review of less than \$50,000.00 contracts by City Manager, with possible action.

Mayor Saenz stated that he felt they should have a policy in place because, in keeping with transparency, he thought there should be a process where all contracts would come before City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Rangel reported that he had put that on the agenda on February 2nd and that the motion was to have a monthly report in their Friday packets with a 6-for, 2-against vote to allow the City Manager to

approve contracts for less than \$50,000. He wished to go on record to state that if the City Manager were not allowed any leeway, his hands were being tied; as a city, they needed to move forward. He concluded that their staff was very transparent.

- B. Request by Council Member Alejandro "Alex" Perez
- Presentation by Chano Aldrete of Chano's Patio on the Laredo Burger Cook-Off to be held at Slaughter Park on May 30, 2015, with possible action.

Cm. Perez reported that he was in favor of having a Cook-Off at Slaughter Park.

Chano Aldrete stated that Chano's had been around for about a year. He added that they wanted to create the Laredo Burger by having Laredoans voting for it. He felt that this cook-off would bring awareness to this beautiful park and they wished for the city to be part of it. He concluded that 14 different judges would be judging the event.

Motion that the City commits discretionary funds to the Laredo Burger Cook-Off event.

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

XIV. STAFF REPORTS

33. Discussion with possible action for the Mayor to appoint three (3) Council Members to serve on the Board of Directors of the Laredo Development Foundation. Term of service is one (1) year unless otherwise indicated.

Mayor Saenz appointed the future representative for District VII, Cm. Perez and Cm. Vela.

Motion to confirm the appointment of District VII Council Member, Cm. Perez and Cm. Vela.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

34. Discussion with possible action to approve the City Manager's employment contract. At a past City Council Meeting, Council directed staff to prepare an

employment contract for the new City Manager to include a salary identical with that of the former City Manager, including appropriate benefits. Yearly salary set at \$249,202.32 including car and phone allowance as part of salary.

City Attorney Raul Casso reported that they were instructed to prepare a contract identical to the former City Manager; however, this contract was leaner than the previous one so that the increasing incentive severance package was not included. He added that the present City Manager had elected not to include that provision and so the only severance package he would receive would be a one-year package if he were involuntarily terminated for his protection.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

35. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to deliberate the duties and contractual terms of the City Manager and return to open session for possible action regarding the City Manager's employment contract, and any matters related thereto.

This item was discussed together with item 34.

36. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1)(a) to consult with attorney on pending litigation: Cause No. 2015CVQ001077-D3; Laredo Merchants Association v. City of Laredo; in the 341st Judicial District Court, Webb County, Texas; and return to open session for possible action.

City Attorney Raul Casso reported that they had a hearing on the temporary injunction that morning which resulted in a dismissal of the case.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0