

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M-2015-R-11
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
JULY 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,	District II
Alejandro Perez, Jr.,	District III
Roque Vela, Jr.,	District V
Charlie San Miguel,	District VI
George J. Altgelt,	District VII
Roberto Balli,	District VIII
Gustavo Guevara, Jr.	City Secretary
Jesus Olivares,	City Manager
Cynthia Collazo,	Deputy City Manager
Horacio De Leon,	Assistant City Manager
Raul Casso,	City Attorney

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of June 15, 2015.

Motion to approve the June 15, 2015 minutes.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. San Miguel and Mayor Pro-Tempore Narvaez were not present.

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS
Communiqués

- a. Invitation to the 13th annual Laredo International Sister Cities Festival set for July 24-26, 2015 at the Laredo Energy Arena.

Blasita Lopez made a presentation inviting Mayor and Council and the public to the Sister Cities Festival starting on July 24th at the Laredo Energy Arena.

Recognitions

- a. Recognition of Transplace Company for being selected as "Logistics Company of the Year" by Mexico's International Commerce Magazine Estrategia Aduanera.

Mayor Pete Saenz and City Council congratulated Transplace Company for being selected as "Logistics Company of the Year" by Mexico's International Commerce Magazine Estrategia Aduanera and presented them with a certificate of recognition.

- b. Recognizing Amici Bad Boys Karate for their success at the US Open ISKA World Martial Arts Championship held on July 3-4, 2015 at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

Mayor Pete Saenz and City Council congratulated Amici Bad Boys Karate for their success at the US Open ISKA World Martial Arts Championship and presented them with a certificate of recognition.

Citizen comments

Susan Midikane reported that she feels that the US dollar is collapsing. She stated that the United States is not a country, but a corporation and wanted everyone to be aware that the federal government is run by bankers.

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- a. Appointment by Council Member George Altgelt of Dave Akers to the Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee.

Motion to approve the nomination of Council Member George Altgelt of Dave Akers to the Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee.

Moved: Cm. Altgelt
Second: Cm. Perez
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending FY 2015 annual budget by establishing a new Special Revenue Fund, titled Max Mandel Golf Course, by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$761,791.00, of which \$385,000.00 will be transferred from General Fund. (Approved by Operations and Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

2. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the FY2014-2015 Airport Construction Fund by creating two Full Time Equivalent positions for Land Acquisition Negotiators for the purpose of assisting with the implementation of noise mitigation measures including acquisition of avigation easements and fee simple purchases in support of the City of Laredo's Airport Noise Compatibility Program. Funding for the two new positions is available within the Airport Construction Fund. (Approved by Operations and Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the FY 2014-2015 Department of Community Development Budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$46,517.00 in order to appropriate Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan funds received in excess from the estimated budget. (Approved by Operations and Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- Public hearing and introductory ordinance allowing interested persons to comment on the 2015-2019 Five Year Consolidated Plan, and its 2015 Consolidated One Year Action Plan which identifies the projects proposed to be funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The City anticipates receiving \$3,459,923.00 in 41st Action Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, \$810,705.00 through the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and \$316,721.00 through the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). An additional \$2,760.00 is anticipated to be received through CDBG program income, \$96,060.00 in Section 108 Loan Repayment, \$66,000.00 in Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan funds, and \$156,000.00 in HOME program income. The following projects are proposed to be funded:

41st AY Community Development Block Grant

Community Development Administration	\$657,634
Housing Rehabilitation Administration	\$307,989
Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program (\$98,820 PI)	\$444,592
Code Enforcement	\$468,841
Graffiti Removal Program	\$44,470
Section 108 Loan Repayment	\$95,192

Transitional Housing Development	\$250,000
Acquisition of Residential Lots for Homeownership	\$800,000
Purchase and Rehabilitation of Homes for Resale	\$490,025
Total	\$3,558,743
Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Administration	\$9,346
Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program	\$56,654
Total	\$66,000

HOME Investment Partnership Grant

HOME Program Administration	\$76,925
Downpayment Assistance Program (\$156,000 PI)	\$390,048
15% CHDO Set-Aside	\$121,606
Total	\$966,705

Emergency Solutions Grant

ESG Program Administration	\$23,021
Emergency Shelter – Shelter Operations	\$86,000
Emergency Shelter – Essential Operations	\$44,000
Street Outreach	\$14,700
Rapid Re-Housing	\$70,000
Homeless Prevention	\$73,000
Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	\$6,000
Total	\$316,721

(Approved by Operations and Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Carol Sherwood, Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity, stated that there was an extreme need for home ownership, as rental had become extremely expensive. She went on to say that since 2006, \$824,258 had been paid in taxes for low-income families which showed a lot of success.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to

enter into an agreement and accept reimbursement from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection/U.S. Border Patrol and to amend the City of Laredo Special Police FY 14-15 budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$205,378.00. The Treasury Forfeiture Fund will reimburse up to \$154,500.00 in overtime expenses; the City of Laredo required match of \$50,878.00 is available in General Fund as a transfer out to the Special Police Fund. This agreement will end on September 30, 2015. (Approved by Operations and Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. San Miguel

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

6. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to sign and execute the Standard Utility Agreement, the attachment "E" (ROW-U-JUAA), the attachment "H" including the affidavits, Statement Covering Utility Work (ROW-U-48) attached hereto, between the City of Laredo (City) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in the estimated amount of \$1,816,068.36 for the TxDOT Utility Relocations Loop 20 & Clark from Kansas City Railroad to US 59 and to amend the City of Laredo 2014 Water Revenue Bond and 2014 Sewer Revenue Bond Annual Budgets by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the estimated amount of \$1,234,943.27 and \$581,115.02, respectively. The State will make payment to the City, upon completion of the relocation and upon receipt of final billing in the amount of 90% of the eligible costs as shown in the final billing prior to audit and after such audit shall make an additional final payment (10%) totaling the reimbursement amount found eligible to the State. AS AMENDED.(Approved by Operations and Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7

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 rezoning Lot 5, Block 253, Eastern Division, located at 419 Lane Street, from B-1 (Limited Business District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District); providing for publication and effective date. Staff supports the application and Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change. District III

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and table.

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

8. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for an amusement redemption machine establishment on Lot 4A, Block 1, Vista Hermosa Subdivision Unit III, located at 5507 McPherson Road; providing for publication and effective date.

Staff is in support of the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the Conditional Use Permit.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. San Miguel

Manager to approve the amended lease agreement. All other terms of the lease agreement remain in effect; providing for an effective date. (Approved by Operations and Finance Committees)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

Motion to table until the Legal department may review item 13 further.

Moved: Cm. Altgelt

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 3

Cm. Perez

Cm. San Miguel

Cm. Altgelt

Against: 4

Cm. Gonzalez

Cm. Rangel

Cm. Vela

Cm. Balli

Abstain:

Motion fails.

IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive the waive the final readings of Ordinances 2015-O-077, 2015-O-078, 2015-O-079, 2015-O-080, 2015-O-081, 2015-O-082, 2015-O-083, 2015-O-084, 2015-O-085, 2015-O-086, 2015-O-087, 2015-O-088, 2015-O-089, and 2015-O-090.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

14. 2015-O-077 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for a Restaurant Serving Alcohol, on Lot 1A, Block 1126, Buena Vista Subdivision, located at 2115 E. Saunders Street; providing for publication and effective date. District IV

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-O-077.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2015-O-078 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 2 and 3, Block 563, Eastern Division, located at 906 Willow Street, from M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District);

providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-O-078.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. Rangel
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2015-O-079 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning, Blocks 34 and 35, Laredo Airport Subdivision, located at the 1300 block and 1400 block of E. Calton Road, from AG (Agricultural District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-O-079.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. Rangel
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2015-O-080 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 3, Block 99, Western Division, located at 616 Hidalgo Street, from B-1 (Limited Commercial District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-O-079.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. Rangel
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2015-O-081 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 4.92 acres out of Tract 7, Casa Verde Subdivision, as further described by metes and bounds in Exhibit "A", located at 8310 Casa Verde Road, from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-O-081.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. Rangel
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2015-O-082 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning one acre out of Tract 8-E, Casa Verde Acres Subdivision, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located at 8406 Casa Verde Road, from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-O-082.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2015-O-083 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 5 acres out of Tracts 8-F, 8-G, 8-H, and 8-I, Casa Verde Acres Subdivision, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located at 8406 and 8408 Casa Verde Road, from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-O-083.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2015-O-084 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 9.94 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located north of the Laredo International Airport, from B-3 (Community Business District) to R-1 (Single-Family Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-O-084.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2015-O-085 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 17.06 acres as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located north of

the Laredo International Airport, from B-3 (Community Business District) to R-1 (Single-Family Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-O-085.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. Rangel
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2015-O-086 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 17.78 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located north of the Laredo International Airport, from B-3 (Community Business District) to R-1 (Single-Family Residential District).

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-O-086.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. Rangel
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2015-O-087 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 37.49 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located north of the Laredo International Airport, from B-1 (Limited Business District) and B-3 (Community Business District) to R-1 (Single-Family Residential District).

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-O-087.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. Rangel
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2015-O-088 Amending the 2015 HOME Program Budget by appropriating \$175,000.00 in actual and anticipated program income due to early repayment of Down Payment Assistance Loans. The appropriated funds will ensure the budget reflects actual expenses incurred and revenues recorded in the amount of \$129,729.00 during previous and current fiscal years and an additional \$45,271.00 in anticipated income.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-O-088.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. Rangel
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2015-O-089 Amending Article VI [Investment Policy] of Chapter 2 [Administration] of the Code of Ordinance in order to:

1. Clarify Authorized Investment language;
2. Adjust the Broker/Dealer list;
3. Provide for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-O-089.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. Rangel
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2015-O-090 Authorizing the City Manager to convey an easement and right of way to American Electric Power (AEP) Texas Central Company located at, and to serve the Jefferson Water Treatment Plant Administration Building on Anna Ave., one (1) conveyance over a tract of land containing 0.018 acres (773 square feet) of land, more or less, situated in Abstract 239, Lot 1 Block 423, Eastern Division as described in easement conveyance attached as Exhibit "A"; and providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-O-090.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. Rangel
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

X. RESOLUTIONS

15. 2015-R-53 Accepting the conveyance of the following 25 Foot Utility and Utility Access Easement and corresponding Temporary Construction Easement for the Right To Construct, Reconstruct, Repair and Perpetually Maintain Water Line Improvements for the construction of a 24" Diameter Water Transmission Main from Loop 20 and Del Mar Blvd to East Corridor Booster Station from:

JNSM, L.P. By: Antonio Martinez, Jr., General Partner,

Utility Easement as follows:

A strip of land 25' In Width Containing 3,814.94 Square Feet or 0.088 Acres more or less, over, across and upon Lot 7, Block 4 Jacaman Ranch Subdivision, Unit 8. A copy of which Conveyance is attached as Exhibits A & B;

and directing that the said Easement be filed of Record in Official Property Records of Webb County, Texas. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve Resolution 2015-R-53.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. Rangel
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

16. 2015-R-54

Amending resolution #2015-R-09 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. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve Resolution 2015-R-54.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. Rangel
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

17. 2015-R-55

Authorizing the City of Laredo to enter into Inter-Local Cooperative Purchasing Agreements with the following Coop's:

1. Region 16 Education Service Center (TexBuy Vendors)
2. National(IPA)
3. Harris County Department of Education (Choice

Partners)

4. Region 20 Education Service Center (PACE Purchasing Coop)

5. Region 8 Education Service Center (TIPS Purchasing Program)

And authorizing the City Manager to execute the membership agreements. The purpose of these agreements 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. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve Resolution 2015-R-55.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

18. 2015-R-56

Accepting the conveyance of the following 20 Foot Utility and Utility Access Easement and corresponding Temporary Construction Easement for the Right To Construct, Reconstruct, Repair and Perpetually Maintain Water Line Improvements for the construction of a 16" Diameter Waterline for the TxDot Utilities Relocation Loop 20 & Clark Project from:

Killam Ranch Properties, Ltd., By: Killam Ranch Properties I, LLC, David W. Killam, Sole Member, Utility Easement as follows:

A tract of land found to contain 0.0690 acres (3,005 sq. ft) more or less, situated in Porcion 29, Abstract 3086. A copy of which Conveyance is attached as Exhibits A & A-1; and directing that the said Easement be filed of Record in Official Property Records of Webb County, Texas. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve Resolution 2015-R-56.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

19. 2015-R-57

Accepting the conveyance of the following 20 Foot

Utility And Utility Access Easement and corresponding Temporary Construction Easement for the Right To Construct, Reconstruct, Repair and Perpetually Maintain Sanitary Sewer Line Improvements for the construction of a 12" Diameter Sanitary Sewer Line for the TxDot Utilities Relocation Loop 20 & Clark Project from: Killam Ranch Properties, Ltd., By: Killam Ranch Properties I, LLC, David W. Killam, Sole Member, Utility Easement as follows: A Tract of Land found to contain 0.1227 acres (5,345 sq. ft) more or less, situated in Porcion 29, Abstract 3086. A copy of which Conveyance is attached as Exhibits A & A-1; and directing that the said Easement be filed of Record in Official Property Records of Webb County, Texas. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve Resolution 2015-R-57.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. Rangel
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

XI. MOTIONS

- 20. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a Memorandum of Understanding, attached hereto as Exhibit A, between the Laredo Police Officers' Association (LPOA) and the City of Laredo for the purpose of implementing a compressed work week pilot program for the Laredo Police Department Patrol Division (West District). The pilot program will end in six (6) months.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Rangel
Second: Cm. Vela
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 21. Consideration for approval of the selection of consultant for the Neighborhood Recreational Swimming Pool at Bartlett Avenue Soccer Field Complex for design, preparation of plans and specifications, and authorization to negotiate a professional services contract.

Motion to reject bids and direct staff to go out for a Request for Qualifications for just the pool so that they may do as much as they can in-house.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. Rangel
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

22. Consideration to award contract number FY15-037 to provide temporary contract employees to the following bidders:

1. AT Work Personnel Services, Knoxville, TN, as the primary vendor; and
2. Elite Employment Services, Laredo, Texas as the secondary.

Contracts will be awarded to a primary and secondary vendor in order to provide the City of Laredo with a quality labor pool for those departments that might require temporary staff members throughout the fiscal year. All bids were evaluated utilizing a best value evaluation grading system. All services will be secured on an as needed basis and the estimated contract amount for this fiscal year would be approximately \$3,800,000.00. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. Funding is available in the respective departmental budgets.

Motion to approve and switch the primary to the secondary vendor and the secondary vendor to the primary vendor.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. San Miguel
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

23. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute Interlocal Agreements between the City of Laredo and Webb County Sheriff's Office, Jim Hogg County Sheriff's Department, Starr County Sheriff's Office, Zapata County Sheriff's Office, Rio Grande City Police Department, Roma Police Department, Jim Hogg County Appraisal District, Zapata County Appraisal District, and Starr County Planning Department for Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) and Database Maintenance services for the period of September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2017. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Rangel
Second: Cm. Vela
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

24. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts to be adjusted for the month of June 2015, represent a decrease of \$33,969.57. These adjustments are determined by the Webb County Appraisal District and by

court orders.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

25. Referring the City of Laredo Comprehensive Plan to the Planning and Zoning Commission and requiring that a report from the Planning and Zoning Commission with any recommendations be brought back before the City Council before the adoption of the budget; in accordance with Article IX, Section 9.03 of the Charter of the City of Laredo.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

26. Authorizing the City Manager to terminate a lease agreement between Carlaw Properties, LTD. and the City of Laredo dated April 1, 2010 for the property commonly known as the Cigarroa Building, and located on 1502 Logan; and any matters related thereto.

Motion to approve as amended on the condition that they file an insurance claim and restore the building to the condition in which it was given.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XII (a) RESOLUTIONS

27. 2015-R-50 Authorizing the City Manager to apply for a grant in the estimated amount of \$1,289,990.55 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Service (COPS) Program. The City of Laredo will

utilize this funding to hire six (6) new police officers for a period of three years. The 2015 CHP grants provide up to 75 percent funding of the approved entry level salaries and fringe benefits of each newly hired and/or rehired full-time sworn career law enforcement officer over the three-year (36-month) grant period with a minimum 25 percent local cash match requirement and a maximum federal share of \$125,000.00 per officer position. Funding is available under the COPS Hiring Recovery Program created under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009.

28. 2015-R-52 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a water rights sales agreement between the City of Laredo and E & S River Farm LTD., in which the City of Laredo is agreeing to purchase the right to divert and use five-hundred (500) acre feet per annum of Class A irrigation water rights to the Rio Grande River which after conversion from irrigation rights to municipal use right amounts to 250 A/F of municipal use rights per annum at \$3,000.00 per A/F for a total purchase price of \$750,000.00; and further authorizing the City Manager to sign and file the necessary application with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) on behalf of the City requesting that said water rights be severed from Certificate of Adjudication No. 23-599, as amended, of the seller and combined with the Certificate of Adjudication No. 23-3997 as amended, of the City and the point of diversion, purpose and place of use of said water rights be changed as required by the City. Funding is available in the Water Availability fund.

29. 2015-R-58 Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute two (2) contracts from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS); one in the amount of \$331,135.00, with an in-kind match of \$33,114.00 for a total of \$364,249.00 for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) and Response Program for any public health threat , disease outbreak or disaster and the second for \$159,889.00 for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department Healthcare Preparedness Program (HPP), to conduct health care emergency response and preparedness to a healthcare surge, disaster or medical emergency for the term period from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

30. 2015-R-59 Authorizing the Chief of Police to submit a grant application in an estimated amount of \$100,000.00 to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Department, for funding the 2016 JAG or Justice Assistance Grant for the period of October 01, 2015 through September 30, 2016. This funding will provide overtime for the Gang Task Force which will target Criminal Street Gangs by identifying, monitoring, suppressing and documenting criminal gang activities and implementing a database.

XII (b) MOTIONS

31. Consideration to award annual supply contract FY1 5-044 for the purchase of automotive parts for the Fleet Department to the following vendors:
1. Gonzalez Auto Parts, Laredo, TX, for an amount up to \$200,000.00 (Primary Vendor); and
 2. A&A Auto Parts, Allentown, PA, for an amount up to \$15,000.00 (Secondary Vendor); and
 3. Vehicle Maintenance Program, Boca Raton, FL, for an amount up to \$15,000.00 (Secondary Vendor).

The replacement parts will be purchased on an as needed basis for all City fleet vehicles. The contract items include: oil/fuel filters, front end parts, hoses, clamps, belts, lamp/bulbs service lubricants and brakes. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.

32. Consideration to award contract FY1 5-035 to Stericycle Environmental Solutions, Inc., Houston, Texas in an annual estimated amount of \$50,000.00, for Household Hazardous Waste/CESQG Collection Services. This is a two (2) year contract, subject to budget appropriations, with an option to renew an additional two (2) year term upon mutual agreement. Funding is available in the Environmental Services Department's Budget.

Motion to approve.

33. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Park Place Recreation Designs, Inc., for the design and construction of a basketball court shade for Seven Flags Park in the amount of \$268,704.00, This purchase is through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program's contract pricing, contract 423-1 3. Funding is available in the Community Development Block Grant 40th Action Year.

34. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a contract between

Priority Dispatch Corporation and the City of Laredo to allow the 9-1-1 Regional Administration Office to provide the Laredo Police Department with ProQA Dispatch, software for 9-1-1 Telecommunicators through a Memorandum of Sole Source service in the total amount of \$217,314.40. This software is needed in order to provide Police, Fire and Medical Pre-Arrival Instructions during 9-1-1 calls. Funding is available in the 9-1-1 Regional Fund.

35. Consideration to renew existing annual contract number FY1 4-067 to City Ready Mix, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$2,368,000.00, for the purchase of ready mix cement (job site delivered) for various City Departments. There will be no price increase during this extension period. The term of the contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. All materials are purchased on an as needed basis utilizing the Utilities, Parks and Leisure Services and Public Works Departments - construction projects budgets.
36. Consideration to renew annual supply contract number FY1 3-056 to the following vendors:
 1. Century Asphalt, Houston, Texas in an amount up to \$9,455,900.00 for the purchase of the following paving, and construction materials:
 - a. Black base F.O.B., jobsite - \$61 .95/ton
 - b. Asphalt Type D hot mix, F.O.B jobsite - \$61 .95/ton
 - c. Asphalt Type D hot mix, 1 % lime w/RAP F.O.B. vendors plant - \$52.00/ton
 - d. Asphalt Type D hot mix, 1 % lime, F.O.B jobsite - \$63.45/ton
 - e. Asphalt Type D hot mix, 1 % lime, F.O.B. vendors plant - \$56.45/ton
 - f. Asphalt Type D hot mix, 1 % lime, w/RAP F.O.B jobsite - \$59.00/ton;
 2. S.C.C. Pure Materials, Laredo, Texas in amount up to \$249,500.00 for the purchase of the following paving, and construction materials:
 - a. Flexible base Type D – Crushed Concrete, F.O.B. Public Works or Utilities Department Compound Job Site - \$ 18.75/cyd
 - b. Flexible base Type D – Crushed Concrete, F.O.B. Vendors Plant - \$ 1 5.50/cyd

This contract is for the purchase of materials required for all city paving and construction projects. 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. All materials are purchased on an as needed basis utilizing the Public Works Department, Utilities Department, and construction project budgets.

37. Consideration to renew contract FY1 3-024 currently awarded to Industrial Property Brokers, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$546,250.00 for the

purchase and hauling of approximately 125,000 cubic yards of earthen soils to the City's Solid Waste facility. Due to an increase in usage, funding will be depleted prior to the end of the contract term. 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. All earthen soils will be purchased on an as needed basis. The Solid Waste Department will use these soils to cover the landfill cells on a weekly basis in accordance to TCEQ requirements. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Services Department Fund. AS AMENDED.

38. Consideration to renew the existing annual contract FY1 3-055 to HD Supply Waterworks, Atlanta, Georgia, in an amount up to \$276,156.30 for the purchase of fire hydrants and repair kits for the City of Laredo's Utilities Department. There will be a unit price increase of 6.5% during this extension period due to an industry wide adjustment. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Fund.
39. Consideration to renew annual supply contract number FY13-061 Sections III, IV, VI, and VII to Ferguson Waterworks, Newport News, Virginia in an amount up to \$768,791.84 for the purchase of mechanical joint fittings, brass fittings, copper pipe, repair clamps, and valve boxes for the Utilities Department. These materials are purchased on an as needed basis by the Utilities Department- Water Operations for construction and repair projects. 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. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Fund.
40. Consideration for acceptance of project, approval of warranty letter, final payment and release of retainage in the amount of \$63,331.25 to Blastco Texas, Inc., Houston, Texas for the Recoating and repair of existing storage tanks (S Laredo EST and Highland EST). Funding is available in the 2012 Water Revenue Bond and Retainage Account.
41. Consideration to award contract FY1 5-011 to the sole bidder, Transcore LP in the amount not to exceed \$9,985,148.00 for the City of Laredo Bridge System Electronic Toll Collection and Customer Service Center (CSC) Systems Replacement / Upgrade – Phase I. Funding is available in the Bridge System Revenue Bond Series 2014 and Bridge Construction Fund.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XIII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

42. A. Request by Mayor Pete Saenz

1. Discussion of the Municipal Management District (MMD) and Public Improvement District (PID), with possible consensus regarding the restructuring of the downtown business district.

This was discussed together with item 44.

2. Discussion on possible development or demolition of the "Old Mercy Hospital" located at Logan Avenue.

Andrew Carranco, representing the Carranco family, reported that the building was built in 1954 and expanded over the years. He added that the building itself was 300,000 square feet after the final additions. He explained that it was built from reinforced concrete and steel, quite strong. He further stated that he had never seen indication of vagrants living in there. He advised that they had been working on plans for revitalization that had fallen through. He concluded that he would be back in sixty days to present an updated status.

B. Request by Council Member Esteban Rangel

1. Discussion with possible action on creating a marketing model to promote the City and be pro-active on promoting events that are taking place.

Cm. Rangel stated that they wished to keep the public informed and so he was interested in a marketing company that would promote the City of Laredo.

Public Information Officer Xochitl Mora reported that what Cm. Rangel was advertising, for which she did not have a budget; however, she did have a background in marketing. She added that they could effectively utilize social media which was free.

City Manager Jesus Olivares stated that they had a team put together that was working on a promotional video which was just one of the many amenities that they had. He added that this one would highlight the quality of life initiative in Laredo.

Motion to direct the City Manager to create a marketing model to promote the City of Laredo and to be proactive on promoting events that are taking place as amended to reflect seeking a professional company to do this.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. San Miguel
For: 7 Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Discussion with possible action on creating a City of Laredo application that can be downloaded to smart phones with information that is accessible to mirror that of the City Webpage.

Cm. Rangel stated that nowadays everybody has a smartphone, and he wanted to look into having a free downloadable application for Apple and Galaxy.

Information Services and Telecommunications Director Beto Ramirez reported that they had visited Austin, San Antonio and Corpus Christi to see their applications. He advised that the most common applications were for 3-1-1, and he asked for some time to see what they could do within the next thirty to sixty days.

Motion to direct the City Manager to continue working on this.

Moved: Cm. Rangel
Second: Cm. Altgelt
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

3. Discussion with possible action on revisiting Chapter 18-Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations; Article III-Regulation of Garage or Yard Sales of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances.

Building Development Services Director Ramon Chavez reported that this ordinance was created in 2012, and at first they had decided to have no more than three yard sales per year with a \$5 fee; in 2013, the ordinance was amended to reflect no more than two sales per year, and the fee was raised to \$15; and in 2013, they issued 3,017 permits, in 2014, 3016, and currently 1,683 permits.

Cm. Rangel asked that they revise the ordinance to see if it could be tweaked and come back with a recommendation whether or not to add permits per year. He added that the first two sales could have a permit fee of \$15 with fees increased for additional permits so that perhaps four or six sales could be done per year.

Motion to amend the ordinance to potentially add more sales per year with increasing permit fees for applications that exceed two.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

4. Discussion with possible action on the extension of East Clark Street in the Ponderosa Subdivision.

Cm. Rangel asked if we could start the conversation with the landowners so that they could expand Clark Street at least to where Killam Elementary was located.

- C. Request by Council Member Alejandro "Alex" Perez

1. Discussion with possible action on including a growth barrier on new sidewalk construction to prevent weeds/grass growth on gaps within new sidewalks.

Cm. Perez stated that they were having to mow sidewalks, and he felt something basic could be done.

Public Works Director John Orfila replied that they did use a crack sealer but not on residential streets as it was expensive; he added that they had an employee getting his license again for herbicide.

2. Discussion with possible action on solutions to the odor problem at South Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant due to the recent rains.

City Manager Jesus Olivares informed the Council that the rain they had received had set them back because they could not get the waste to their own landfill; however, this had been corrected. He further stated that they had a project scheduled in August that would convert all this sludge to energy.

Utilities Department Acting Assistant Director Gloria Saveedra reported that the tremendous problem was due to the abnormal amount of rainfall and due to this, they produced 125 cubic yards of sludge per day at their wastewater treatment plants. She concluded that they were prepared for a future issue because they had contacted other landfills which had agreed to accept their sludge.

3. Discussion with possible action to amend the guidelines of the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone Program by including labor cost as part of the total project cost to qualify for the program.

Cm. Perez asked City Manager Jesus Olivares to bring a

recommendation to improve the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone guidelines.

City Manager Jesus Olivares stated that the program had been working well and they proposed to put a team together from the private sector to get input from them.

D. Request by Council Member Roque Vela, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action of converting the Federal Courthouse into a Laredo Museum with multiple disciplines. (Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pro-Tempore Juan Narvaez and Council Member Roberto Balli).

Cm. Vela wished to see how much money they had spent there and what ideas there were as to how to use it.

City Manager Jesus Olivares said they could have the opportunity to put Laredo history on display and make it a tourist attraction to add to the development in the downtown area. He further stated that they would put a team together and possibly develop some ideas to put a Request for Qualifications out to get someone who works with museums.

Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Blasita Lopez reported that they currently used 3,000 square feet of office space and would desire their administrative offices on the third floor and to use part of the first floor to put two receptionists and create a gift shop and retail center for Laredo souvenirs.

2. Discussion with possible action on widening the 2600 block of East Del Mar Boulevard to add a turning lane and sidewalk.

City Engineer Rogelio Rivera reported that they would need 20 feet of additional right-of-way and would use part of the easement where the high line is with permission from AEP.

Cm. Vela asked if they could move forward to talk to the landowners and gain the right-of-way and continue aggressively to try to make contact with the owners to the property to the east and come back with a report.

E. Request by Council Member George Altgelt

1. Report on the training received by the Laredo Fire Department related to responding to oil and gas drilling emergencies, with

possible action.

Fire Chief Steve Landin stated that all of their fire personnel were trained on how to deal with natural gas emergencies; however, at the end of this month they would have a specific awareness training for the drilling to be done by Laredo Energy at no cost to the city. He concluded that the fire department was second to none and that they were trained to handle emergencies even involving hydrocarbon fuel.

2. Report on the City-wide evacuation plan in the event of an emergency, with possible action.

Fire Chief Steve Landin reported that the way they handled emergencies was that a crew would get in and do an assessment and that if a railroad were involved, they used the nearest overpass. He added that the commanding officers made those decisions on the scene as to the best and safest way to evacuate. He further stated that the city had a two-binder thick comprehensive emergency management plan which was certified as being at an advanced level in the State of Texas.

3. Report on the Laredo Fire Department's response to radiant heat from oil and gas drilling/flash operating emergencies, with possible action.

This item was discussed together with item E2.

4. Discussion with possible action on conducting a preliminary study to construct a road from La Bota Parkway to the Aquero Subdivision, including a cost estimate.

Cm. Altgelt reported that there was a dialog between citizens in La Bota because a hazmat spill had occurred in a warehouse and they had been told to evacuate; and so they had looked to Mines Road as a route. He added that they visited with Congressman Cuellar and the Border Patrol union, and they had discussed a dual-use homeland security improved road and another route that would benefit those homeowners. He went on to say that he wanted to know what the cost would be.

Motion to direct staff to advise management to go out and do a preliminary study to look at the feasibility of a road from the La Bota Parkway to the Aquero subdivision.

Moved: Cm. Altgelt

XIV. STAFF REPORTS

43. Report on the presentation on Expo Carga 2015 by Mario Maldonado, Bridge Manager.

Bridge Director Mario Maldonado gave a presentation before Mayor Saenz and City Council.

Centro Banamex

- 17,660 attendees
- 279 exhibitors
- 9 conferences
- 20 workshops
- 10 specialized forums throughout event

City of Laredo Delegation

- Jesus Olivares, City Manager
- Mario Maldonado, Bridge Manager
- Timothy Franciscus-Timm, Airport Marketing Manager
- Samuel Jimenez, Casa Laredo – Monterrey

Texas-Mexico Port Booths

Private Sector

- Panther Premium Logistics
- Super Transport International (STI)
- Hano Paniagu Customs Brokers
- SEKO/Xcell Logistics Services
- GONTOR
- DSV
- Uni-Trade
- AXPO Logistics
- Southeastern Freight Lines
- Laredo Freight Dispatch
- ATS Transportation
- Saturn Freight
- CEVA Logistics
- ESL Logistics
- Transplace

Recent Investments

- Mexican Customs (SAT) Pre-Clearance Program
- Refrigerated Inspection Facilities
- AVI/Weigh-In Motion Technology

- World Trade Bridge Expansion
- Hwy 40 Partnership with Sinaloa/Durango

Marketing Efforts

- #1 Port in Latin America
- #1 Inland Port in the United States
- #1 Port of Entry along the U.S. – Mexico Border
- 2nd Largest Port of Entry in the United States
- 3rd Largest U.S. Customs District
- 2014 Trade grew 10.61% compared to 2013
- 50.34% of U.S. – Mexico trade – Laredo Customs District
- 37.3% of U.S. – Mexico trade – Port of Laredo

44. Report on the presentation by Russell Gallahan, MPA, Senior Economic Development Analyst and Regional Representative for South Texas for the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts on economic development tools available to the City.

Russell Gallahan gave a presentation before Mayor Saenz and City Council.

Targeted Tools for Local Economic Development

Municipal Management District

Municipal management districts (MMDs) are political subdivisions of the state created to promote, develop, encourage, and maintain employment, commerce, transportation, tourism, recreation, arts, entertainment, economic development, safety, and the public welfare within a defined area.

How are Municipal Management Districts (MMDs) created?

The most common method is by Special Law of the Texas Legislature. More than 70 MMDs have been created in this manner. Most are located in the Houston area.

Less frequently, cities use Chapter 375 of the Texas Local Government Code which allows property owners to petition the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to create an MMD.

The Texas Legislature created the Central Laredo Municipal Management District with the passage of SB 1601.

SB 1601 added Chapter 3862 to the Special District Local Laws Code. The effective date was June 14, 2013.

Why create an MDD?

MMDs are created to improve a business area of a city by financing needed infrastructure, services and facilities beyond those provided by

other local government entities and the state.

How are municipal management districts financed?

A combination of self-imposed property taxes, special assessments, or impact fees upon those properties that benefit from improvements and services.

The district may not impose assessments for projects and services unless a written petition is filed with the board requesting such services, signed by property owners representing a majority of property value or at least 25 persons who own property in the district.

Is there a limit on the amount of assessments that may be collected by the MMDs?

An assessment based on the taxable value of real property may not exceed 20 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation of taxable property in the district, according to the most recent certified tax appraisal roll for Webb County.

May an MMD use debt instruments to finance improvements in the district?

An MMD may issue debt to fund infrastructure improvements provided that a property tax is imposed for each year that all or part of the bonds are outstanding. This is not city debt and does not impact the city's bond rating.

How are MMDs created by the Legislature managed?

MMDs created by the Legislature are administered by a board of directors consisting of area commercial property owners or their appointed agents appointed initially by the Legislature. Directors serve staggered terms of four years.

Depending on the district's enabling legislation, the district board may also include residential property owners. Directors serve four-year staggered terms. As the terms of the initial board members expire, subsequent board members are appointed by the municipality or county governing body based on recommendations from the remaining board.

What beneficial projects or services may be funded?

Supplemental services for advertising, economic development, business recruitment, promotion of health and sanitation, public safety, traffic control, recreation, and cultural enhancement.

Construction or maintenance of landscaping, lighting, signs, streets, walkways, drainage, solid waste, water, sewer, power facilities, parks, historic areas, works of art, parking facilities, transit systems, and other similar improvements.

Can the MMD coordinate with other units of government?

The MMD is considered a political subdivision of the state.

The MMD may coordinate its efforts through partnerships with any local, state, or federal government agency to accomplish its purposes.

When does the Central Laredo MMD end?

The city of Laredo may dissolve the MMD by ordinance.

The city may not dissolve the district until the district's outstanding debt or contractual obligations that are payable from ad valorem taxes have been repaid or discharged, or the city has affirmatively assumed the obligation to pay the outstanding debt from city revenue.

If the dissolved district has bonds or other obligations outstanding secured by and payable from assessments or other revenue, other than ad valorem taxes, the city shall succeed to the rights and obligations of the district regarding enforcement and collection of the assessments or other revenue.

Bonds issued by Central Laredo MMD may not have maturities of more than 40 years.

Public Improvement District

A Public Improvement District is a special assessment area created at the request of the property owners in the district. These owners pay a supplemental assessment with their taxes, which the PID uses for services above and beyond existing City services. The assessment allows each PID to have its own work program, which may consist of eligible activities such as marketing the area, providing additional security, landscaping and lighting, street cleaning, and cultural or recreational improvements.

How are Public Improvement Districts created?

The governing body or a group of the affected property owners must initiate a petition that calls for a defined area of the city or county to be declared a public improvement district.

Why create a Public Improvement District?

To provide for needed services and improvements in a defined area of a city including: marketing, providing additional security, landscaping and lighting, street cleaning, and cultural or recreational improvements.

Who manages the District?

A board of directors appointed by the city council.

Can the PID coordinate with other units of government?

The PID is considered a political subdivision of the city.

The PID may coordinate its efforts through partnerships with any local, state, or federal government agency to accomplish its purposes.

When does the District end?

The district continues until either property owner submit a petition to the board to dissolve the district; or the city council dissolves the District by order.

Property Tax Incentives

Tax Increment Financing

Chapter 311, Tax Code

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) is a tool that local governments may use to finance infrastructure improvements within a reinvestment zone.

A local government may dedicate all or a portion of the incremental increase in property tax receipts that result from an increase in property value to pay for infrastructure improvements within the zone for a designate period of time.

Other Tax Incentives

Chapter 380/381 Agreements

Chapters 380 & 381, Local Government Code

Home-rule and general law municipalities, and counties are authorized to provide assistance to businesses for economic development.

Texas cities/counties may provide grants of money, loans, city personnel, and services for promotion and encouragement of economic development.

“Sales tax rebate agreements” are authorized under these chapters.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

45. Request for Executive Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1)(A) to consult with City Attorney on pending litigation: *Rio Grande H2O Guardian V. City Of Laredo; Home Mart, Inc.; Robert Muller Family Partnership, Ltd., D/B/A Robert Muller, Ltd., Muller's Rosetta Stone, LLC.; Emerald Riverview Development, Ltd.; Emerald River And Mines Management, L.C., Cause No. 2009CVQ000801-D2, In the 111th District Court, Webb County, Texas;* and return to open session for possible action.

Jack Cruithards with UETA stated that the current was looking for a reduction in rent which would cause the City of Laredo to lose more than \$5 million over the terms of the lease. He did not understand why the City of Laredo would do this. He felt that the City Council should see if there were other interested individuals willing to pay more and pursue whatever legal remedies are available to protect the investment of the City. He concluded that originally the Horizon Group was

Motion to instruct staff to negotiate with the Khaledis for the potential for the City to take the second floor and that staff look at the fair market value of the rental for the first and second floors and consider any possible reductions in the terms of the lease and to include an audit to see what their gross sales were for that time period.

Moved: Cm. Balli
Second: Cm. Perez
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. Balli
For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Rangel and Cm. Perez were not present.

I, Gustavo Guevara, Jr., City Secretary, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes contained in pages 01 to 36 and they are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council meeting held on July 20, 2015.

Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary