

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M-2014-R-07
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
MAY 5, 2014
5:30 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Raul G. Salinas called the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Raul G. Salinas led in the pledge of allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Raul G. Salinas,	Mayor
Mike Garza,	District I
Alejandro Perez, Jr.,	District III
Juan Narvaez,	District IV
Roque Vela, Jr.,	District V
Jorge A. Vera,	District VII
Gustavo Guevara, Jr.	City Secretary
Carlos Villarreal,	City Manager
Cynthia Collazo,	Deputy City Manager
Horacio De Leon,	Assistant City Manager
Jesus Olivares,	Assistant City Manager
Raul Casso,	City Attorney

Motion to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Rangel, Cm. Perez, Cm. San Miguel, and Cm. Liendo.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Perez joined the meeting at 6:18 pm.

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of April 21, 2014.

Motion to approve the April 21, 2014 minutes.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Communiqués

- a. Presentation of the 6th Annual Spring Break Kite Festival.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Vera

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Recognitions

- a. Recognizing Nancy Lizeth Gomez, Miss Laredo Latina 2014 and Marcela Ayala, Miss Teen Laredo Latina 2014 for representing the City of Laredo at Miss Texas Latina 2014 to be held by the Miss U.S. Latina Organization on June 18-22, 2014.

Mayor Salinas and City Council congratulated Nancy Lizeth Gomez and Marcela Ayala and presented them with certificates of recognition.

- b. Recognizing the United South High School Girls Tennis team for winning the District Championship.

Mayor Salinas and City Council congratulated the United South High School Girls Tennis team and presented team members Alonda Camposano, Lesly Espinoza, Edna Mendoza, Jocelyn Serna, Brenda Cozar, Xochitl Mendoza, Jessica Penalosa, and Jennifer Hundsnurher and presented them with certificates of recognition.

Citizen comments

Jesus Segovia, representing the Laredo Veterans Coalition, Catholic War Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of Laredo Association, Laredo Marine Corps League, Korean War Veterans, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Veterans of

Foreign Wars Post 9194, American Legion Post 669, American Legion Post 59 and Veterans Helping Veterans, explained that Laredo needed a veterans museum. He explained that they needed a better location for the military museum. He added that their current museum was too small for the artifacts and would soon be filled up. Finally, he suggested a location next to the newly constructed veterans clinic.

Rolando Herrera with LULAC District 14 stated that, in regards to LISD, there was a truancy problem. He added that the drop-out rate was more than 46%.

Dr. Juan Maldonado, president of Laredo Community College, stated that right now Laredo Community College was holding its bond election on Saturday, May 10th because the bond issue was geared toward the economic development of this region. He added that \$29 million of the \$100 million bond issue would go towards building a state-of-the-art health occupations and nursing facility at the south campus which would include a built-in clinic to provide preventive and wellness services for citizens in south Laredo. He concluded that Laredo stood to be in a very strategic position to develop and benefit from oil and gas ventures and Laredo Community College had been approached by Mexican officials so that it could become an institute for training in these fields; the bond issue would also benefit this program.

Rosendo "Chendo" Carranco stated that the City of Laredo had asked for an RFP FY14-060 for people to donate 100 acres for the Sports Complex. He said that, along with Gary Leyendecker, they were willing to donate 100 acres inside the city limits. He added that the land was annexed, they had \$900,000 worth of sewer, water was 6,000 linear feet away, and electricity was just yards away. He added that they had made a mistake on their proposal which had said that they were requiring them to put two five-lane streets, one from 83 (1,173 ft) and one from Cuatro Vientos; however, it was from Mangana Hein (1,594 ft) instead of Cuatro Vientos. He concluded that this donation worth over \$2.5 million.

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- a. City Council Member nominations with confirmation by the City Council to the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA) Board of Directors.

No action was taken.

- b. City Manager's appointment to the Civil Service Commission.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal stated that they were still looking for those who might be interested but at present there were no viable candidates.

No action was taken.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public hearing providing community residents an opportunity to comment on their housing and community needs and the projects that they wish to see funded for fiscal year 2014-2015, with funds anticipated to be received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and more specifically through the following grants in support of the preparation and submission of the 2014 Consolidated One-Year Action Plan to HUD:

40th Action Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$3,553,204
2014 HOME Investment Partnership Grant (HOME)	\$685,083
2014 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)	\$292,883

We also anticipate to receive \$105,813.00 in CDBG Program Income and Section 108 loan repayment; \$82,296.00 in HOME Program Income, and \$48,000.00 in Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan funds.

Also for discussion and comment is the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012-2013 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) regarding the City's administration of HUD Programs.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept the contract amendment with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and amending the City of Laredo Health Department FY 2013-2014 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Position Listing by creating one (1) Registered Nurse II, R38 position for the Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) program to provide evidence-based nurse home visitation for first-time mothers and their children. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

3. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease renewal with Duty Free Americas Inc., for the approximately 22,500 sq. ft. warehouse located at 5511 Thomas Avenue at the Laredo International Airport. Lease term is for six (6) months commencing on April 9, 2014, and ending on October 8, 2014. Initial rent shall be \$9,000.00 per month; providing for an effective date. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a renewal term of five (5) years to the Ground Lease Agreement by and between the City of Laredo, a Municipal Corporation (Landlord), and New Cingular Texas/Illinois Cellular Limited Partnership, by its General Partner, Southwestern Bell Wireless, Inc., d/b/a New Cingular Wireless PCS, L.L.C., (Tenant), Ordinance No. 99-O-197, from July 19, 2014 through July 18, 2019, Site ID: 10007674, being a portion located at 1301 Farragut St., Laredo, Webb County, Texas. The current annual rental amount of \$19,296.16 will increase hereinafter, in accordance with the terms as defined by the Agreement and/or modified by subsequent amendments. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive the final readings of Ordinances 2014-O-052, 2014-O-053, 2014-O-054, 2014-O-055, 2014-O-056, 2014-O-057, 2014-O-058, 2014-O-059 and 2014-O-060.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

5. 2014-O-052 Amending the City of Laredo Bridge System Construction Fund FY 2013-2014 annual budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$477,493.00 received from Texas Municipal League (TML) for the damages caused by Hurricane Alex to the Bridge of the Americas (Bridge I) outdoor lighting. The City had received an initial payment of \$198,868.50 and has recently accepted a final payment of \$477,492.50 for said damages for a total of \$676,361.00. Funds will be used to repair the outdoor lighting at Bridge I. (AS AMENDED)

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-O-052.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2014-O-053 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 1.84 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", and located at the northwest corner of Aguanieve Drive and Cuatro Vientos Road, from R-1A (Single-family Reduced Area District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-O-053.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2014-O-054 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning the northeast 3.95 acres, of a 7.91 acre tract, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located at 8593 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 2014-O-054.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2014-O-055 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning the southwest 3.95 acres, of a 7.91 acre tract,

as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located at 8593 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 2014-O-055.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2014-O-056 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 26, Laredo Airport Subdivision, located at 1500 Calton Road, from AG (Agricultural District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-O-056.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2014-O-057 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 3 and 4, Block 823, Eastern Division, located at 1414 and 1416 N. Meadow Avenue, from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-O-057.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2014-O-058 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 0.859 acres out of a 2.105 acre tract of land out of Block 80, Calton Gardens Subdivision, located at the southwest corner of the intersection of West Calton Road and Gallagher Avenue, from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-O-058.

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

2014-O-059 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 118, Block 8, Del Mar Hills, Section 1, Area "A", located at 424 East Del Mar Boulevard, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-O (Residential / Office District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-O-059.

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

2014-O-060 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Trecon Investments Corporation, as LESSEE, for a tract of land consisting of 48,442.25 sq. ft., and located on Block No. 9 at the Laredo Airport, Subdivision Plat being the northwest corner. Lease term is for twenty (20) years commencing on June 01, 2014 plus, two (2) consecutive ten (10) year renewal options. Initial monthly rent shall be \$1,271.61 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 2014-O-060.

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

X. RESOLUTIONS

6. 2014-R-45 Amending Resolution No. 2014-R-06 by adding one (1) additional Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) 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 2014-R-45.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

7. 2014-R-48 Supporting the urgent need for the development of a Veterans cemetery.

Motion to approve Resolution 2014-R-48.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XI. MOTIONS

8. Authorization to partner with the Texas National Guard in Operation Crackdown to provide for the demolition of abandoned and neglected structures both privately owned and/or held in public trust and which serve as a drug haven and/or harbor other illegal activity within our community.

Community Development Director Ronnie Acosta reported that they were ready to move forward with Operation Crackdown and had identified nineteen properties for which they had achieved clearance. She added that they had been identified by the Laredo Police Department, Border Patrol and Code Enforcement. She concluded that they could possibly add to that during the next quarter.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

9. Authorizing the City Manager to select AECOM Technical Services, Los Angeles, California and negotiate contract FY14-054 for Laredo Bridge System Toll Collection System Assessment and Upgrades Consulting Services. This Toll Collection System Upgrade Project includes a complete assessment of the bridge toll collections system for upgrade recommendations at all four (4) international bridges for the City of Laredo.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

10. Consideration for approval to advance from Stage 1 (voluntary water conservation stage) of the Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Ordinance to Stage 3 (mandatory water conservation stage) under the current ordinance, which will be Stage 2 (mandatory water conservation stage) under the recently amended ordinance, and to declare it effective immediately for the remainder of the fiscal year to end on September 30, 2014. Stage 3, which will become Stage 2 on June 7, 2014, requires customers to irrigate their lawn using a hose-end sprinkler or automatic sprinkler system only three days per week. Addresses ending in an even number can only water on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and addresses ending in an odd number can only water Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Designated watering hours are before 8 a.m. and after 8 p.m. of the assigned days. This schedule also applies to the irrigation of athletic fields, washing of vehicles, and refilling of swimming pools. In order to allow all water storage tanks to refill, watering on Sundays is strictly prohibited. However, hand-watering or using a drip irrigation system is allowed any day at any time.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XII (a) RESOLUTIONS

11. 2014-R-41 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$66,350.00 to the Office of Justice Program for the purpose of funding the Bullet Proof Vest Grant for FY2015. The funds will be used to replace 100 vests that have exceeded the recommended life expectancy, and provide new officers with vests. The Bullet Proof Vest Program will require a 50% match. Funding is available in the Special Police account.

12. 2014-R-44 Providing for an Economic Development Agreement between the City of Laredo, Texas and Laredo Automotive Properties, LTD., as authorized by Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code and Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code in order to promote economic development within the City of Laredo; Laredo Automotive Properties, LTD., will invest twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000.00) for the construction of two (2) 40,000 square feet newly constructed car dealerships and will retain forty (40) full-time employment positions. Laredo Automotive Properties, LTD., is requesting a Minor Encroachment License on a 4½” bore under Arena Road to connect an internal fiber network to the new facilities and a waiver of the Minor Encroachment License fees and one-time application fee.
13. 2014-R-46 Authorizing the City Manager to accept the contract amendment from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in the amount of \$58,299.00 for a total of \$306,835.00 for the continuation of Local Public Health System, Office of Public Health Practices (OPHP) grant to continue to provide prevention services, disease control, early detection, patient care and health promotion activities through August 31, 2014.
14. 2014-R-47 Authorizing the City Manager to accept the contract with the Women’s Health and Family Planning Association of Texas (WHFPT) in the amount of \$100,260.00 for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department Title X Family Planning program for the term period from April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015.

XII (b) MOTIONS

15. Consideration for approval of the Canal Street Drainage Improvements Phase II as complete, approval of change order No. 4, a decrease of \$60,970.70 for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place and to add seventy-nine (79) working days to the construction contract time, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$292,168.57 to Surety Hanover Insurance Company, San Diego, California. Final construction contract amount is \$2,971,726.59. Funding is available in the Environmental Services Fund - HMGP-Canal Grant (Hazard Mitigation Grant Program), and 2008 C.O. Bond.
16. Consideration for approval of amendment No. 6, an increase of \$35,110.00 to the professional services contract with Arcadis, Laredo, Texas, for the West Laredo Corridor – Calton Road Railroad Grade Separation for design

revisions to the Calton/Santa Maria intersection as required by TxDot, due to a new State design requirements, revised December 2013. Current engineering contract amount including this amendment No. 6 is \$1,893,367.14. Funding is available in the Capital Grants Fund.

17. Consideration to award a contract to Holt Caterpillar, San Antonio, Texas in the amount of \$217,842.00 for the purchase of one (1) front end wheel loader for use by the Solid Waste Services Department utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Contract. Funding is available from the Solid Waste Services Department Fund.
18. Consideration to renew the existing twelve-month (12) supply contract FY12-078 for the purchase of automotive parts for the Fleet Department to the following vendors:
 1. Gonzalez Auto Parts, Laredo, Texas, for an amount up to \$200,000.00; and
 2. Vehicle Maintenance Programs, Boca Raton, Florida, for an amount up to \$20,000.00; and
 3. ROK Brothers, Inc., Millersville, Maryland, for an amount up to \$10,000.00; and
 4. O'Reilly Auto Parts, Springfield, Missouri, for an amount up to \$10,000.00; and
 5. Full Service Auto Parts, San Antonio, Texas, for an amount up to \$10,000.00; and
 6. Varsity Ford, Ann Arbor, Michigan, for an amount up to \$10,000.00. 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. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.
19. Consideration to renew the existing annual contracts FY13-060 for the purchase of Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) automotive parts for the City's medium and heavy duty trucks currently awarded to:
 1. Rush Truck Center, New Braunfels, Texas, in an amount up to \$162,500.00; and
 2. Russel & Smith Ford, Houston, Texas, in an amount up to \$10,000.00. All parts will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.

20. Consideration to renew the existing annual contract FY13-036 to LSC Environmental Products, Appalachian, New York in an amount up to \$184,500.00 for the purchase of alternative daily cover material for the City Landfill. The materials are made of fiber and cement mortar used to replace the use of on-site soils for daily cover at the disposal area. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Services Department Fund.
21. Consideration to award supply contract number FY14-055 for the purchase of assorted rebar, wire mesh, keyway, and stakes to the following low bidders:
 1. Beavers Source, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$108,792.50 and
 2. CMC Rebar, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$14,430.00.

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 ninety (90) day supply contract with the opportunity to extend for additional ninety day periods. If the contract pricing does not exceed the current pricing structure, the contract will be automatically renewed for additional ninety days not to exceed a two (2) year period. Funding is available in the respective departmental budgets.

22. Consideration to award a contract for a Tennis Professional in the amount of \$65,400.00 for a twenty-four (24) month period from the date immediately following approval at City Council to twenty-four (24) months following, with Raul Miguel Ramos, individually and D.B.A. Tennis Professional, to provide professional tennis lessons at the Market Street and Haynes Tennis Courts. Funding is available in the Parks and Leisure Services Budget-Recreation Centers Division.
23. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with MTZ Construction, Inc., of Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$1,797,628.50 for the Lift Station, Booster Station and Force mains for the Max Mandel Municipal Golf Course. Construction time is one hundred fifty-two (152) working days for final completion. Funding is available in the 2012 Sewer Revenue Bond.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XIII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

24. A. Request by Council Member Mike Garza

1. Discussion with possible action on the City of Laredo joining as a party with Laredo Housing Authority in its lawsuit against Metro Affordable Housing in reference to the Cardinal Point Project. (Co-Sponsored by Mayor Raul G. Salinas and Council Member Cynthia Liendo)

Cm. Garza stated that he had a conversation with City Attorney Raul Casso about this case and there were some technical aspects of which they needed to be aware. He requested that it be brought back to the next City Council meeting as an executive session item.

2. Discussion with possible action on procedures for handling wild animals that are discovered in our neighborhoods.

Cm. Garza stated that specifically, Century City Boulevard had had cases of javalinas. He was concerned about the infestation of fleas and other disease-carrying pests. He asked what they could do from a public perspective to protect everyone's health.

Health Director Dr. Hector Gonzalez reported that when they receive reports about small wildlife, they inspect and then educate the neighbors not to leave food for their pets outside, especially in areas where they are surrounded by water and vegetation. He added that they partner with Texas Wildlife, the game warden and US Agriculture so that as they encroach on certain areas and wildlife is displaced, they can best handle the nuisance it creates. He stated that what they had done recently was work with Texas Agriculture which whom they had a contract to mitigate the problem, although they had to adhere to the Texas Parks and Wildlife rules and regulations by trapping and releasing animals in other areas.

B. Request by Council Member Jorge A. Vera

1. Discussion with possible action to establish a standard process, which may include a technical review board, for making changes in policy, amending ordinances, modifying specification standards, or any related matter.

Cm. Vera stated that they had noticed that a market of houses that used to be built within the price range of \$90,000 - \$110,000 but was now being neglected due to new ordinances and fees.

Jesus Ruiz on behalf of the Builders Association reported that builders and developers were frustrated at trying to develop lots that were affordable because costs were being added that were really not necessary. One example was setting minimum standards that don't

take into consideration a licensed engineer seal; for instance, in order to build a city street, it must have ten inches of a caliche base or two inches of asphalt no matter what. This meant that in a short period of time, they added 25% more caliche and 33% more asphalt not to mention excavation of more dirt to achieve those quantities. He requested from Council that they set up an advisory, ad hoc exploratory committee that could hear requests from staff and interested citizens for changing or adding new ordinances.

Motion to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to look over the possibilities of introducing a technical review board.

Moved: Cm. Vera

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

City Manager Carlos Villarreal stated that he felt that it was too large of a committee to have an appointee by each Council Member. He felt that recommendations from staff would be needed, and there might be quorum issues with too many committee members.

Cm. Vera said that they already had a review board, but it was made up of city department heads. Perhaps that could be tweaked to have appointees also and expand their possibilities to include requests for ordinance changes and involve the private sector.

2. Discussion with possible action regarding the current once a week trash pick-up with a presentation by Dr. Hector Gonzalez, Health Department Director on dealing with the increase of flies and related environmental issues.

Health Director Dr. Hector Gonzalez stated that they had to do an enhanced education because there would be a natural increase now during the breeding season. Also, people did not dispose of food correctly, and if the can were not both washed and dried, it would breed maggots. He added that three weeks ago they had issued a public safety announcement to give the steps about washing with vinegar and a repellent. He went on to say that also with decaying vegetation in your yard, it would cause the same problem. He concluded that they were educating commercial vendors to dispose of food in a timely manner and close the lid of the can.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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 16 and they are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council meeting held on May 5, 2014.

Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary