

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M-2014-R-08
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
MAY 19, 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

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| Raul G. Salinas, | Mayor |
| Mike Garza, | District I |
| Alejandro Perez, Jr., | District III |
| Juan Narvaez, | District IV |
| Roque Vela, Jr., | District V |
| Charlie San Miguel, | District VI |
| 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. Vela, Cm. Liendo, and Cm. San Miguel.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vela joined the meeting at 6:04 pm.

Cm. San Miguel joined the meeting at 6:50 pm.

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of May 5, 2014.

Motion to approve the May 5, 2014 minutes.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Recognitions

- a. Recognizing the Texas Legacy Cheer (TLC) Teams for their 4-Time National and Grand Level Mini 1 Championships.

Mayor Salinas and City Council congratulated Texas Legacy Cheer team members Alexzandra Aguero, Andrea Aguilar, Genavieve Cardenas, Brilynn Conchas, Sophia Dovalina, Sophia Garza, Lexy Hernandez, Abigail Labrada, Karolina Lerma, Alyssa Martinez, Sofia Munoz, Liliana Ramos, Jackie Recio, Emily Salinas, Briseis Saucedo, Vionelli Serna, Chloe Tovar, Nayeli Valles, and Rebekah Valles and presented them with certificates of recognition.

- b. Recognizing the Cigarroa High School Boys Soccer Team on their Regional Quarterfinals Tournament.

Mayor Salinas and City Council congratulated Cigarroa High School Boys Soccer Team members Jose Medina, Jesus Cruz, Oscar Guerrero, Carlos Rangel, Horacio Alvarado, Ronaldo Espinoza, Andres Padron, Jose Rosales, Jorge Villarreal, Alberto Villarreal, Jesse Muniz, Ivan Soto, Martin Gonzalez, Miguel Castro, Christian Soto, Juan Cruz, Saul Dominguez, and Victor Gomez as well as Head Coach Jose Castillo, Assistant Coach Antonio Vela, Assistant Coach Martin Siklo and Manager Alexis Garcia and presented them with certificates of recognition.

- c. Recognizing the Nixon High School Boys Soccer Team on their Regional Quarterfinals Tournament.

Mayor Salinas and City Council congratulated Nixon High School Boys Soccer Team members Yosimar Huerta, Abraham Aguilar, Patricio Carrasco, Eliud Fraga, Gerardo Cantu, Alberto Garcia, Jonathan Gallegos, Javier Gonzalez, Moises Ramirez, Gregorio Garcia, Jose Trujillo, Rogelio Chapa, Jairo Arroyo, Adan Ramos, Sergio Garza, Gustavo Cantu, Rodolfo Garcia, Edgar Guzman, Mario Flores, Christian Rada, David Sanchez, Roberto

Escamilla, Juan Calzada, and Ronaldo Meza as well as coaches Julian Rodriguez, Jr., Noe Esquinca, Pablo de la Garza and Carlos Juarez and presented them with certificates of recognition.

Citizen comments

Janie Rodriguez of 1410 Vidaurri expressed her concerns about Vidaurri Street, especially the unpaved portions of the 1400-1500 blocks. She stated that there were excuses such as that the street was too wide or that it was owned by the railroad company. She went on to say that she felt that they were being left out. She concluded that sewage and lighting were also problems in the area.

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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

Motion to table.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Perez
Second: Cm. Garza
For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances Chapter 33, Environmental Protection, Article VIII, Plastic Checkout Bag Reduction, by changing name to checkout bag reduction, adding single-use paper bag to definitions, reducing reusable bag thickness from 4 mils to 2 mils, changing the effective date to April 30, 2015, amending Sec. 33-457 by providing a surcharge of \$1.00 per transaction for checkout bags, creating an environmental improvement fund, and providing exemptions to further clarify exemptions that are listed under definitions.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Vera
For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Gigi Ramos, founder of Volunteers Serving the Need, said that they serve 500 clients per month with 90 pounds of groceries at no cost to them. She explained that they receive weekly approximately 600-900 pounds each week per pallet of produce, which had to be repacked into bags so that the client could pick them up right away. She added that the outdoor mercado thrift store made up sixty percent of their profit and stated that it would create a tremendous hardship on them to have this ban; therefore, she asked for an exemption.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal replied that non-profit agencies were already exempt.

Diana Rueweler, Chairperson of the Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee, reported that they had a meeting where they voted on the amendments but they were not approved. They felt that the \$1 would help. She concluded that they were trying to actually ban the plastic bags.

Jacqueline Verastigui stated that she was against the proposed amendments and explained that she was against transaction fees and also against the change in the start date.

Daniel Monahan reported that he opposed the amendments to the plastic bag ordinance and agreed with the Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee. He added that he specifically opposed the reduction from 4 mils to 2 mils.

C.Y. Benavides III and Tricia Cortez stated that their board of directors voted unanimously to take meaningful action to see the end of environmental hazards in their community. They added that this evolution might cost the city because a progression-style of banning does not work.

Ken Beckman, general manager of Mall del Norte, encouraged Council to pass the strongest ordinance that they could. He added that Mall del Norte spends \$150,000 per year to maintain the parking lot.

Cm. Vela said that he still liked the April 30th deadline because they still needed to educate the public and also buy some time, but that he wanted to strike all the amendments except the paper bag one. He wanted to change it to not requiring paper bags to be provided.

Environmental Services Director Riazul Mia said that the motion was made for single-use paper bags, but reusable paper bags were not banned. 30 pounds or less were banned. He added that the language that the store

owner did not have to provide the bag was already included.

Motion to go back to the original ordinance with the original requirements and ban all paper bags with an amendment so that no reusable plastic bags are allowed either and to keep the start date as April 30, 2015.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

2. First public hearing for the voluntary annexation of one (1) tract of land; and motion to amend the annexation schedule by rescheduling the second public hearing of the annexation to a Special Meeting.

Voluntary annexation:

Tract 1: N. D. Hachar Tract – 3,500.07 acres, more or less. Petitioner: N.D. Hachar Trusts, et al; for a total of 3,500.07 acres, more or less, as described in the attached tract summary, as required by Section 43.063 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vera

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

3. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending sections of the City of Laredo Land Development Code pertaining to manufactured housing, specifically Chapter 24, Section 24.62.2 Zoning District Purpose; Chapter 24, Section 24.65.7, R-3 Mixed Residential District; and Chapter 24, Section

24.63 Permitted Uses Residential; to remove manufactured homes from R-3 districts except as provided for under Chapter 24, Section 24.63.3 Non-Conforming Uses or Buildings; providing for publication and effective date. (Tabled by Operations Committee; Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

4. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending Chapter 24 Section 24.78 of the City of Laredo Land Development Code, entitled Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements, specifically Chapter 24, Section 24-78.3 Parking Space Formulas by the addition of types of uses and revised formulas; providing for publication and effective date. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 1A and 1B, Block 1, North Star Square Subdivision, located at 6910 and 6950 McPherson Road, from B-1 (Limited Commercial District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing

for publication and effective date.

Staff is in support of the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change. District V

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Perez was not present.

Felipe Esparza said that they were in favor of the zoning change. He added that B-3 zoning was a good fit both for the landowners and the surrounding area.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Vela

6. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 11, Block 4, San Isidro Northeast Subdivision, Phase 7, located at 119 Simon Bolivar Boulevard, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change. District VI

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. San Miguel

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. San Miguel

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Perez and Cm. Vela were not present.

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. San Miguel

7. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 48, Block 2, San Isidro Northeast Subdivision, Phase 11, located at 11101 International Boulevard, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change. District VI

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. San Miguel

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vela and Cm. Perez were not present.

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. San Miguel

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. San Miguel

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 all of Block 4, Rancho Viejo Subdivision, Unit 1, located at 605 Rancho Viejo Drive; providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the Conditional Use Permit. District VII

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

consecutive ten (10) year renewal options by giving LESSOR written notice ninety (90) days prior to June 30, 2025 and June 30, 2035 of its intent to exercise the renewal options and (2) to amend the amount of monthly Rent Abatement from \$6,000.00 to \$8,000.00 for the first five (5) years of the lease term, all other terms of the lease agreement remain in effect. (AS AMENDED)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

11. Authorizing the City Manager to approve a sublease of the leased premises approved by Ordinance No. 2001-O-278 dated November 26, 2001 between the City of Laredo as LESSOR and ASA Group, LTD., as amended by Ordinance No. 2010-O-0081 dated June 21, 2010, assign L.A. Ventures Terminal, LTD., as LESSEE, for the premises described as Warehouse Suite C2, which consists of approximately 12,850 sq. ft. located at 5802 Bob Bullock Loop, Suite C2 to Conn Appliances, Inc., a Texas Corporation 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: City Council

12. Authorizing the City Manager to approve a sublease of the leased premises approved by Ordinance No. 2001-O-278 dated November 26, 2001 between the City of Laredo as LESSOR and ASA Group, LTD., as amended by Ordinance No. 2010-O-081 dated June 21, 2010, assign L.A. Ventures Terminal, LTD., as LESSEE, for the premises described as Warehouse Suite C3, which consists of approximately 12,850 sq. ft., (consisting of 950 sq. ft. of offices and 11,900 sq. ft. of warehouse) located at 5802 Bob Bullock Loop, Suite C3 to PGW Auto Glass, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company 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: City Council

13. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to convey the "surface only", of a property described as a 7,716.73 sq. ft. tract of land, more or less, out of the south one half section of the former Jarvis Ave. between Santa Barbara and Napoleon Streets situated in the Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas to Daniel Garcia, at its established market value of \$39,000.00. Said property being described on attached Exhibit "A"; and providing for an effective date. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

14. Amending Chapter 32, Vehicle For Hire, Article II, Taxicabs, Division 1. Generally, Section 32-18, Definitions, and Division 2, Operating Authority, Section 32-20, Transfer of Operating Authority and Section 32-22, Initial Application for Annual Permit, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo, to prohibit the transferring, assigning, and selling of Taxicab permits providing for severability, publication and effective date. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Norma Nelly Vielma, representing taxicab drivers, stated that the proposed amendment would cause irreparable harm and injury to holders of taxicab permits. She said that the ordinance as it stands should remain unchanged.

Arnulfo Valdez stated that the respect for the rights of the taxi drivers was the solution. He added that they found it strange that the traffic committee wished to cause them issues with their permits. He concluded that it was their means to support their families.

Motion to deny.

Moved: Cm. San Miguel

Second: Cm. Perez

This motion was overridden by motion to table.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 4

Cm. Garza

Cm. Perez

Cm. Narvaez

Cm. Vera

Against: 1

Cm. San Miguel

Abstain: 0

15. Amending ordinance 89-0-96, paragraph 1(c) to modify the City of Laredo's reversionary interest in 70.53 acres located between Laredo International Airport and Lake Casa Blanca requiring the acreage to revert to the city if not used as a Webb county park so as to allow Webb county to construct and operate a central fire station there. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive the final readings of Ordinances 2014-O-061, 2014-O-062 and 2014-O-063.

Moved: Cm. Vera

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

16. 2014-O-061 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.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-O-061.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2014-O-062 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.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-O-062.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2014-O-063 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

\$75,800.00 for design and preparation of plans and specifications for the McDonald Street Improvements and Assessments Project pursuant to Texas Transportation Code, Ch. 313. Design work is to be done on a fast track basis. Funding is available in the Water 2012 Revenue Bond and Sewer 2013 Revenue Bond.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Perez was not present.

20. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Sullivan Public Affairs, Austin, Texas, in the total amount of \$60,000.00 for the period beginning May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015 for consulting and government relation services, specifically, transportation related programs, including but not limited to, State Loop 20, Interstate 69, Regional Mobility Authorities (RMAs), and Transportation Reinvestment Zones (TRZs). Funding is available in General Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Perez was not present.

21. Authorizing the Laredo Convention and Visitors Bureau Department to place temporary promotional banners for the XII Laredo International Sister Cities Festival scheduled for July 18-20, 2014. The banners will be installed at the intersections of Springfield and Hillside Roads; Calton and Yeary Roads; Del Mar Blvd. and McPherson Ave. and other locations in South Laredo from June 23, 2014 or sooner if installation is feasible, through the end of the Festival on July 20, 2014. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Perez was not present.

22. Authorizing the City Manager to sign an interlocal agreement with the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) to install and maintain a stand-alone solar powered Flood Warning Station at the World Trade Bridge, Laredo, Texas for better flood warning and emergency response for the City of Laredo at no cost to the City. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Perez was not present.

23. Consideration to reject all submittals received from Request For Proposal (RFP) FY14-050 for removal and installation of carpet and vinyl for the City of Laredo Main Public Library. Contract agreement could not be negotiated with the lowest bidders and other remaining bidders' pricing increased considerably. Approval is requested to re-solicit this RFP in an effort to obtain additional services as well as a larger pool of qualified vendors. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Perez was not present.

24. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts to be adjusted for the month of April 2014, represent a decrease of \$61,713.37. These adjustments are determined by the Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Perez was not present.

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XII (a) RESOLUTIONS

25. 2014-R-50 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in an estimated amount of \$90,982.00 to the Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for funding the 2014 JAG or Justice Assistance Grant for the period of October 01, 2014 through September 30, 2018. This funding will be used for support staff, equipment and supplies for police operations. The Bureau of Justice Assistance mandates that this grant be divided equally between the City of Laredo and Webb County.
26. 2014-R-51 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a loan application to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) in the amount of \$10,000,000.00 to fund the construction of the Sombreretillo Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. By securing this loan through TWDB, the City of Laredo will save approximately \$119,915.00 per year over 30 years, for a total savings of \$3,597,450.00.
27. 2014-R-55 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$400,000.00 per year for four (4) years to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Minority AIDS Initiative Continuum of Care Pilot. The project will integrate HIV Prevention and Medical Care into Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment services for Behavioral Health Disorders and HIV and will help improve comprehensive HIV services in the City of Laredo.

XII (b) MOTIONS

28. Consideration to authorize the purchase of twenty-four (24) tactical vests for the Police Department in the estimated amount of \$61,620.00 from G.T. Distributors, Inc., Austin, Texas through the Buyboard Cooperative Purchasing Program's contract pricing. Funding is available in the 2013 PFFCO.

29. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with PoliceReports.US, L.L.C., Mooresville, North Carolina to provide an online police report distribution system. This system allows police reports to be secured via the internet. The fee for service will be obtained through the fees collected during the distribution process and paid by the end users or purchasers of reports. PoliceReports.US will retain \$3.00 (Yr 1) and \$4.00 (Yrs 2 & 3) for each report distributed through their system. The Police Department would receive \$5.00 for each police report secured from the online system.
30. Consideration to authorize a purchase contract to Exerplay, Inc., Cedar Crest, New Mexico for the purchase of a playscape and drinking fountain for Ponderosa Park in the amount of \$74,113.58. This purchase is through the Buy Board Cooperative Purchasing Program Pricing. Funding is available in the Community Development Block Grant 39th Action Year.
31. Consideration to authorize a purchase contract to Miracle Recreations Equipment Company-C/O Park Place Recreations Designs, San Antonio, Texas for the purchase of a playscape and spring riders for Maryland Toddler Park in the amount of \$87,731.00 and for the purchase of spring riders for Ponderosa Park in the amount of \$34,309.00 for a total of \$122,040.00. This purchase is through the Buy Board Cooperative Purchasing Program Pricing. Funding is available in the Community Development Block Grant 39th Action Year.
32. Authorizing the City Manager to amend the 2012 Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) contract with Catholic Social Services of Laredo, Inc., by increasing the contract time by an additional two (2) months, from June 1, 2014 to July 31, 2014, to provide Homeless Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing Assistance. The extension is necessary in order to expend all their allocated funds.
33. 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.
34. Consideration to award contract FY14-061 to the sole bidder, Rochester Armored Car Co. Inc., Omaha, Nebraska, in an amount up to \$178,721.28 for providing bank courier service for City operations. This is a two (2) year contract subject to continued appropriations in future fiscal years. The new contract pricing is approximately 2% higher than the previous two (2) year contract. Funding is available in the respective departmental budgets.

35. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one (1) striping machine from EZ-Liner Industries, Orange City, Iowa, in the total amount of \$78,906.00 through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments (H-GAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program's contract pricing. The equipment will be assigned to Airport Department. Funding is available in the Airport Department Fund.
36. Consideration to award contract FY14-059 to the sole bidder, TYMCO Inc., Waco, Texas in the amount of \$198,594.00 for the purchase of one (1) airport runway sweeper for the Airport Department. Funding for this purchase is available in the Airport Department Fund.
37. Consideration to award a contract to Presidio Network Solutions, Greenbelt, Maryland, in the amount of \$84,897.89 for the purchase and installation of I-Net network equipment through the State of Texas, Department of Information Resources (DIR) Cooperative Purchase contracts. The City is a member of the State of Texas - Texas Procurement and Support Services (TPASS) Cooperative Purchasing Program which allows the City of Laredo to take advantage of approved State contracts. The network equipment will be centralized at the Utilities Department Administration Building and will provide connectivity to City Hall Annex, Jefferson Water Treatment Plant and the Wastewater Treatment Plants. Funding is available in the Utilities Department budget.
38. Consideration to renew the existing annual contract FY13-039 to ROMO Contractors, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$150,000.00 for concrete repairs of sidewalks, driveways, and curbs as a result of water line break repairs made by the Utilities Department. All work will be performed on an as needed basis required due to utility repairs. Funding is available in the Water and Sewer Fund.
39. Consideration for approval of change order No. 3, in the amount of \$129,185.57 to Pedal Valves, Inc., increasing the contract to \$15,039,323.34 for the installation of approximately 65,000 Automatic Water Meter Reading Devices (AMI/AMR System). This change order allows for additional work and services to install meters. Approximately 31,000 meters have been installed to date. Funding is available in the 2012 Water Revenue Bond.
40. Consideration for approval of Amendment No. 2, an increase of \$137,799.21 to the Construction Engineering Phase Services and Project Management contract with Dannenbaum Engineering Co. - Laredo, L.L.C., increasing the time of the contract from thirty (30) to thirty-four (34) months to match the El Pico Construction Contract for the new 20 MGD El Pico Water Treatment Plant in northwest Laredo. Current total contract amount

with the amendment is \$2,842,126.51. Funding is available in the 2010 Utility Water Bond.

41. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement between the Webb County and the City of Laredo allowing Webb County to construct a central fire station on 7.5 acres of the approximate 70 acres located between the Laredo International Airport and Lake Casa Blanca deeded to the County by the City with the requirement that the property be used as a park. The agreement calls for a modification of the City's reversionary interest so as to allow for the construction of the fire station and to allow Webb County to construct and operate a central fire station there. Webb County has provided all appropriate indemnifications of the City in this or any related regard.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XIII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

42. A. Request by Council Member Charlie San Miguel
 1. Status report on the traffic signal improvements of San Isidro Parkway and International Boulevard intersection.

Robert Pena, Engineering Associate II, reported that this project had been on the C.I.P. for a few years and was warranted for a traffic signal. He added that staff had discussed a roundabout, but a full-sized one did not fit; therefore, they were looking at a mini roundabout.

- B. Request by Council Member Jorge A. Vera
 1. Discussion with possible action on the development and implementation of a strategic marketing plan as a manner of attracting manufacturing companies to establish business operations in the City of Laredo.

Cm. Vera stated that the reason behind this request was that he felt they needed to start inviting the private sector such as the Laredo Development Foundation and the Chamber of Commerce to start promoting Laredo to manufacturing districts. He added that he wanted to direct staff to start contacting banking industries, LCC, TAMIU, and others to have a roundtable because these companies were looking to come back to the United States and he wished for Laredo to be a frontrunner. He concluded that he wished for the City Manager within the next thirty days to come up with key people to invite to the roundtable and come up with a strategic plan and marketing campaign that the Convention and Visitors Bureau could then push forward to

other cities such as New York, California, and Detroit.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Vera
Second: Cm. Garza
For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XIV. STAFF REPORTS

43. Discussion with possible action to release contract balances to the surety company, CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY in the amount of \$66,195.90 in Cause No. 2014CVF000021-D4; CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY v. THE CITY OF LAREDO; in the 341ST District Court, Webb County, Texas.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Vera
Second: Cm. Garza
For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

44. Discussion with possible action to accept Hanover Surety Company's offer to allow the City of Laredo to use remaining contract balances of \$201,978.00 for completion of Modern Construction's work on the Haynes Auxiliary Building in exchange for a release of Hanover's performance bond. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Vera
For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

45. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1)(a) to consult with attorney regarding potential litigation, reference Cause No. 2012CVF000602-D1; LAREDO HOUSING AUTHORITY v. METRO AFFORDABLE HOUSING CORPORATION, and return to open session for possible action.

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1)(a) to consult with attorney regarding potential litigation, reference Cause No. 2012CVF000602-D1; LAREDO HOUSING

AUTHORITY v. METRO AFFORDABLE HOUSING CORPORATION, and return to open session for possible action.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

After Executive Session, Mayor Salinas announced that no formal action was taken.

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

Motion to recess as the Laredo City Council and convene as the Laredo Mass Transit Board.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

46. Consideration to award two (2) year contract FY 14-056 for miscellaneous auto parts to the following multiple vendors:

1. Andy's Auto & Bus Air, Inc., Laredo, Texas;
2. C.C. Battery Co. Inc., Corpus Christi, Texas;
3. Coastal Diesel Injection Service, Corpus Christi, Texas;
4. Full Service Auto Parts, San Antonio, Texas;
5. Gonzalez Auto Parts, Inc. Laredo, Texas;
6. NAPA Auto Parts, Laredo, Texas;
7. Rotex Truck Center, Laredo, Texas;
8. Rush Truck Center Laredo, Laredo, Texas;
9. Teg's Warehouse Supply, Corpus Christi, Texas;
10. Texas Fleet Supply, Laredo, Texas;
11. Vehicle Maintenance Program, Inc., Boca Raton, Florida and
12. Velco, Inc., Laredo, Texas.

This contract is for an estimated amount of \$480,000.00, approximately \$40,000.00 per vendor and is subject to future appropriations with established discount percentage pricing for those miscellaneous auto parts not covered in the general automotive parts contract FY12-032. All items will be purchased on an as needed basis and funding is available in Transit operations budget. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Narvaez
For: 4 + Mayor Against: 0 Abstain: 0

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

Motion to adjourn as the Laredo Mass Transit Board and reconvene as the Laredo City Council and adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Vera
For: 4 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 22 and they are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council meeting held on May 19, 2014.

Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary