CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M-2014-R-17
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
OCTOBER 20, 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

Esteban Rangel, Mayor Pro-Tempore, District II

Alejandro Perez, Jr., District III Juan Narvaez, District IV Roque Vela, Jr., District V Charlie San Miguel, District VI Jorge A. Vera, District VII Cynthia Liendo. District VIII 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

Cm. San Miguel joined the meeting at 5:49pm. Cm. Perez joined the meeting at 6:00pm.

#### IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of October 6, 2014.

Motion to approve the October 6, 2014 minutes.

Moved: Cm. Vera Second: Cm. Vela

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

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

#### V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

#### Communiqués

a. Presentation by Fran Hutchins of Bat Conservation International (BCI), A Texas Master Naturalist, Mr. Hutchins is the director of the Bracken Cave Preserve and has provided consultation for developing Laredo's own Chacon Creek Bat Colony at Meadow Avenue Bridge.

Fran Hutchins gave a presentation before Mayor Salinas and City Council.

Chacon Creek Bat Colony
Fran Hutchins
Director Bracken Cave Preserve
Bat Conservation International
fhutchins@batcon.org
www.batcon.org

#### Mexican free-tailed Bat

- Migrating in March to Texas to raise their young then leaving in November to winter in Mexico
- Mexican free-tailed bats prefer bridges because temperature and perfect size crevices to fit in.

#### PEST CONTROL

- Nearly eating their body weight each night these large colonies can consume thousands of pounds of crop destroying insect every night.
- Flying as high as 10,000 feet they can travel long distance averaging a 60 mile radius of their roost.

#### Recognitions

a. Recognizing United South High School Senior student, Rudy Flores for obtaining the World Championship at the International Powerlifting Federation World Sub-Junior Championship in Oroshaza, Hungary on September 6, 2014.

Mayor Salinas and City Council congratulated Rudy Flores and presented him with a certificate of recognition.

b. Recognition of Andrea Roselle Martinez from St. Augustine High School and

Erika Escamilla from United High School as the Scholarship Art Contest Winners by El Metro and Hachar Media Advertising for their award winning art entries to be used to promote public transportation throughout the year in various marketing campaigns.

Mayor Salinas and City Council congratulated Andrea Roselle Martinez and Erika Escamilla and presented them with certificates of recognition.

#### Citizen comments

Andres Sanchez spoke on the shooting of Jose Garza and said that there was much room for improvement within the mental health care system and otherwise. He added that it was important that Police Chief Ray Garner follow suit regarding mentally ill offenders and that allocation of funds be made to train officers in this.

Carlos Rojas stated that the Police Chief Ray Garner stated in an interview that the records they had obtained were inaccurate. However, he felt that this meant that Mr. Garner was admitting that he had provided false information to them.

Jose Valdez spoke on the issue of the shooting of Jose Garza and felt that the Laredo Police Department should allocate money toward training their officers just as the Webb County Sheriff's Office had just done. He also felt that they should consider wearing bodycams as is done in other cities.

Charles Wilkinson of combined law enforcement of Texas representing 19,000 peace officers across the state said that he was honored to stand with the hardworking men and women in blue. He added that it was a dangerous, risky job and that the officers put everything they had on the line.

Police Officer Luis Dovalina, president of the Laredo Police Officers Association, stated that they, the LPOA, supported the officers that were involved in the shooting. He added that once everything would come out, they would see that everything was done right and properly.

Jason Aur from HEB invited Mayor, Council and citizens to attend their 26<sup>th</sup> annual Feast of Sharing at the LEA on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 3pm. He added that for questions they could contact Adriana Haro at 956-712-8463.

Alma Slown stated that it had already been a year since their houses were flooded in subdivision San Jose and that they had not seen anything. She added that no one had done anything about the creek and that they were still waiting for answers.

Gerardo Cuellar spoke on the flooding as mentioned by Alma Slown. He said that the main problem was that the water source would continue to grow.

Juan Avila thanked Chief Garner and the men and women in blue for the fact that they were still ranking #1 at their hotel because the police department had gone after the men who had done the damage there.

John Falk talked about healing as to what happened and that we needed to be more honest; until then, nothing would change.

Veronica Aleman asked that from this point on that they please be honest and be filled with integrity and help people who were coming to them with their problems.

Abraham Lugo stated that he was there to address public trust. He asked that if Cm. Perez were elected, what could he do to ensure that he could be trusted? He also invited Council to take a hair follicle drug test with him.

Michelle Deveze from LAPS stated that they would be celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. She further stated that LAPS did not bring any money or businesses to their community, so they may not be a priority; however, the City of Laredo had never thanked their organization. She concluded by asking city leaders to do something about their stray animals and to become a no-kill city.

#### VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. First public hearing for the voluntary annexation of two (2) tracts of land: Tract 1: Hurd Tract - 80.395 acres, more or less. Petitioner: Hurd Urban Development, Ltd.;

Tract 2: J.M. Aguilar Tract – 1.07 acres, more or less. Petitioner: J.M. Aguilar; for a total of 81.465 acres, more or less, as described in the attached tract summaries, 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: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Garza, Cm. San Miguel and Cm. Liendo were not present.

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2. Public hearing and introductory ordinance adding a section entitled "Illegal

Smoking Materials", to the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances; adding a section entitled "Retailers of Illegal Smoking Materials", of the City of Laredo, Code of Ordinances; providing a savings clause; providing a penalty; providing for publication; and, declaring an effective date. (Please reference item No. 45, C-1, prior to action on this item)

Motion to open the public hearing as amended to include item 45, C-1.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Perez and Cm. Liendo were not present.

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. San Miguel Second: Cm. Garza

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Perez was not present.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending Article II, Chapter 28, Sign Regulations of the Code of Ordinances by amending the following: Section 28-20 Adding new definitions; Section 28-21 Providing clarification as to when a sign permit is required, adding submittal requirements for sign applications, and special use permit requirements for electronic message displays and animated signs located within 1,000 feet of the City limits along the Riverbank between Convent Ave. and Santa Cleotilde Ave.; Section 28-22 Amending permit application requirements and providing for animated sign fee; Section 28-24 Adding provisions for improperly illuminated signs; Section 28-25 Adding provisions that allow for the use and regulation of an animated sign; Section 28-27.2 Adding installation requirements for electronic message displays and animated signs; Section 28-28 Adding size requirements for animated signs; Renumbering all sections accordingly; providing a repealing clause, severability clause, a penalty clause, and providing for publication and effective date. (AS AMENDED) (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Liendo

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mayor Pro Tem Rangel and Cm. Perez were not present.

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of Laredo, Texas Sports Venue Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2014 and ordaining other matters relating to the subject including authorizing a bond purchase agreement, a paying agent/registrar agreement and an official statement, and providing for the security of the bonds and the pledging of a sales tax and authorizing amendment to City's budget to appropriate such proceeds for purposes authorized herein and delegating to the City Manager the authority to approve all final terms of the bonds.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Vela

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Perez and Mayor Pro Tem Rangel were not present.

Adrian Valdez from Estrada-Hinojosa gave a presentation before Mayor Salinas and City Council.

**Refunding Summary** 

Delivered:	12/17/2014
Par Amount of Refunding Bonds:	\$21,160,000
Par Amount of Refunded Bonds:	\$22,545,000
NPV Savings:	\$2,579,679
% Savings of Refunded Bonds:	11.442%
Avg. Annual Savings (FYE 2015-2024)	\$287,800
Avg. Coupon of Refunded Bonds:	5.046%
True Interest Cost (TIC):	2.360%
Current Market Non-BQ Insured Rates as of:	10/6/2014
Negative Arbitrage:	\$126,508

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Vela Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mayor Pro Tem Rangel, Cm. Perez, and Cm. Liendo were not present.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Public hearing and introductory ordinance closing as a public easement, a 17.7 ft. wide alley, dedicated for public use in Block 722, Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, and providing for the reversion of the public's interest in said alley to the abutting landowners, and effective date. This alley is located in the 1300 Block of Market Street; bounded on the North by Rosario Street, on the South by Market Street, on the East by Loring Avenue, and on the West by Stone Avenue. Said alley traverses the middle of said block from East to West through its entire length, and abuts the South side of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 and the North side of Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Vera

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mayor Pro Tem Rangel, Cm. Perez and Cm. Liendo were not present.

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

6. Public hearing and introductory ordinance closing as a public easement, a 17.7 ft. wide alley, dedicated for public use in Block 890, Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, and providing for the reversion of the public's interest in said alley to the abutting landowners, providing for an effective date. This alley is located in the 1600 Block of Guadalupe Street; bounded on the North by Laredo Street, on the South by Guadalupe Street, on the East by Mendiola Avenue, and on the West by Meadow Avenue. Said alley traverses the middle of said block from East to West through its entire length, and abuts the South side of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 and the North side of Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vela Second: Cm. Garza

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mayor Pro Tem Rangel, Cm. Perez and Cm. Liendo were not present.

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Vela

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

7. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a soda fountain and ice cream parlor on Lots 11 and 12, Block 794, Eastern Division, located at 801 and 803 Loring Avenue; providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and Planning and Zoning Commission recomends approval of the Conditional Use Permit. District III

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vela Second: Cm. Garza

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mayor Pro Tem Rangel, Cm. Perez and Cm. Liendo were not present.

Miriam Ramirez stated that she was applying as a self-serve frozen yogurt shop and that they had purchased the establishment last October as an abandoned home.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez Second: Cm. Vera

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Narvaez

8. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a tutoring center on Lots 1 and 2, Block 1950, Eastern Division, located at 3101 Clark Avenue; 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. District IV

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez Second: Cm. Vera

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mayor Pro Tem Rangel, Cm. Perez and Cm. Liendo were not present.

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez Second: Cm. Garza

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Narvaez

9. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for a restaurant selling alcohol on Lots 3 and 10, Block 1, Alexander Commercial Subdivision Phase I, located at 1713 E. Del Mar Blvd., Suite 6; providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the Special Use Permit. District V

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Vela

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mayor Pro Tem Rangel, Cm. Perez and Cm. Liendo were not present.

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Vela

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Vela

10. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 5.78 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located at the northeast corner of Gracie Lane and East Country Drive, from B-1 (Limited Business District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

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

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Vera

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mayor Pro Tem Rangel, Cm. Perez and Cm. Liendo were not present.

Oscar Castillo was present to answer questions.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. San Miguel Second: Cm. Garza

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. San Miguel

11. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for townhouses on approximately 5.78 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located at the northeast corner of Gracie Lane and East Country Drive; providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval of the Special Use Permit. District VI

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. San Miguel Second: Cm. Garza

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mayor Pro Tem Rangel, Cm. Perez and Cm. Liendo were not present.

There was no public input.

Oscar Castillo was present to answer questions.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. San Miguel Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 5 Abstain: 0 Against: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. San Miguel

12. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a bar on the Replat of Lot 1A, Block 1, Rancho Verde Subdivision, located at 9652 McPherson Road, Suite 1; 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. District VI

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. San Miguel

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 5 Abstain: 0 Against: 0

Jorge Gutierrez, owner of Average Joe's, asked that condition #6 respecting outside speakers be addressed.

Cm. San Miguel said that the speakers on the outside did not present a problem at all. He felt that this requirement regarding the speakers be removed. He also felt that there was not a problem with the projector.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce as amended to eliminate condition #6.

Moved: Cm. San Miguel

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Ordinance Introduction: Cm. San Miguel

13. 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 8, Block 480, Western Division, located at 815 Park Street; providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and Planning and Zoning Commission recommends denial of the Conditional Use Permit.

The Applicant has exercised their right to appeal to the City Council. District VIII

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. San Miguel Second: Cm. Garza

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Perez was not present.

Yu-Hsien Huang said that she was seeking approval for the Conditional Use Permit and explained that this address was currently zoned B-3; the owners wished to open an amusement redemption machine facility.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Liendo

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 5 + Mayor Against: 0 Abstain: 1
Cm. Narvaez

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

14. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 1 and 2, Block 88, Eastern Division, located at 103 Guadalupe Street, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) and 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 VIII

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mayor Pro Tem Rangel, Cm. Perez and Cm. Liendo were not present.

Rebecca Geissler stated that she was present to answer questions.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Vera Second: Cm. Vela

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Vera

15. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 8, Block 583, Eastern Division, located at 1018 East Lyon Street, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

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

The Applicant has exercised their right to appeal to the City Council. District IV

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 send this back to Planning and Zoning Commission for recommendation of a Conditional Use Permit.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

16. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into contract with the United States Health and Human Services (HHS) Department Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA); amending the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) FY 2014-2015 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$500,000.00; and amending the FY 2014-2015 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Position Listing by creating one (1) Coordinator (Health Educator Supervisor, R38 position), one (1) Licensed Professional Counselor (Public Health Technician, R36 position), one (1) Medical Case Manager (Caseworker, R34 position), one (1) Health Educator I, R29 position and one (1) Clerk II, R25 position for the CLHD initiative to integrate HIV prevention and medical care with mental health and substance abuse treatment and prevention services for the term from September 30, 2014 through September 29, 2015. Funding is expected to renew for three an additional (3) years. (AS AMENDED) (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Vela

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mayor Pro Tem Rangel, Cm. Perez and Cm. Liendo were not present.

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

#### VII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

17. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Chapter 380 Economic Development Agreement with Plaza Partners for the restoration, operation, and ultimate ownership of the Plaza Theater to be utilized as performing arts, meeting, and reception venue that will create new job opportunities and renewed economic interest in Downtown Laredo. The agreement provides for the initial lease of the Theater at \$1.00 per year followed by the transfer of title to occur at the time Plaza Partners, at its sole cost, has successfully completed renovation of the property in compliance with all applicable local ordinances and state and federal statutes and standards, and the property has become fully operational condition to occur within forty-two (42) months of the date of this agreement. The City will be responsible for payment of utility costs incurred for eighteen (18) months following the date of agreement. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund.

(Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

18. Setting the maximum speed limit on that section of Loop 20 within the city limits of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas approaching Spur 400 (Clark Blvd.) as 45 MPH from Mile Point 18.523 to Mile Point 20.274, as defined in the Texas Department of Transportation Control Section Map 0086-14, to be in effect during the construction of the overpass providing for the installation of appropriate signs to indicate new speed changes in the designated areas and providing for publication and effective date. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

19. Setting the new speed limit on sections of IH 35 within the city limits of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, to 35 Miles Per Hour from Hidalgo St. to approximately 270 feet North of Victoria St., 50 Miles Per Hour from approximately 270 feet North of Victoria St. to approximately 650 feet North of Scott St., and 65 Miles Per Hour Maximum and 50 Miles Per Hour Minimum from approximately 650 feet North of Scott St. to approximately 4,480 feet North of Loop 20, as defined in the Texas Department of Transportation Control Section Map 0018-06, providing for the installation of appropriate signs to indicate new speed changes in the designated areas and providing for publication and effective date. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

20. Amending Chapter 19, Motor Vehicle and Traffic, Article VIII, Stopping, Standing or Parking, of The Code of Ordinances, City of Laredo, Specifically, adding Section 19-364 (13) which establishes the East and West side of Larga Vista Drive, as a "No Parking/Tow Away" Zone, from SH 359 to approximately 200 feet North of SH 359, providing severability and for an effective date and publication. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

21. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease renewal with Duty Free Americas Inc., for approximately 22,500 sq. ft. warehouse located at 5511 Thomas Avenue at the Laredo International Airport. Lease term is for twelve (12) months commencing on October 9, 2014, and ending on October 8, 2015. Initial rent shall be \$9,135.00 per month; providing for an effective date. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

22. Authorizing the City Manager to approve a sublease a portion of the leased premises approved by Ordinance No. 95-O-251 dated February 20, 1996 between the City of Laredo as LESSOR and L.A. Ventures Terminal, LTD., as LESSEE, for the premises described as Warehouse Suite 8B, which consists of approximately 11,267 sq. ft. of warehouse, office and showroom space located at 2822 E. Bustamante, Suite 8B and within Lot 8, Block 1 of the Laredo International Airport Subdivision Plat to Baker Distributing Company, 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

23. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement between the City of Laredo, as LESSEE and Paul Young Properties, LTD., as LESSOR for an approximate 1,250 sq. ft. tract of unimproved land located at the southeast corner of the airport adjoining Paul Young properties. Proposed annual rent shall be \$1,250.00 plus annual CPI rent adjustments and fair market rent appraisals at 10th and 20th anniversaries. Lease term is for thirty (30) years commencing on December 1, 2014 and ending on November 30, 2044; providing for an effective date. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

#### VIII. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive the final reading of Ordinance 2014-O-131.

Moved: Cm. Vela Second: Cm. Garza

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mayor Pro Tem Rangel, Cm. Perez and Cm. Liendo were not present.

24. 2014-O-131 Amending the City of Laredo FY 2015 Airport Construction Fund Budget to accept and appropriate the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program Grant Project No. 3-48-0136-78-2014 in the amount of \$4,000,000.00 for noise mitigation under FAR PART 150 Noise Abatement Program at the Laredo International Airport and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget amendment. The City's required 10% local match for FAA Grant No. 78, in the amount of \$444,444.00, is available in the Airport Construction Fund Budget.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-O-131.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Vela

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mayor Pro Tem Rangel, Cm. Perez and Cm. Liendo were not present.

#### IX. MOTIONS

25. Approving the creation of a Binational Commission between the City of Laredo, Texas and the City of Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas to organize the partnership between the two cities and develop a viable action plan for the progressive future.

Mayor Salinas announced that the members were himself, Honorable Roque Vela, and City Manager Carlos Villarreal.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Vela

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mayor Pro Tem Rangel, Cm. Perez and Cm. Liendo were not present.

26. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract of service with Laredo Main Street in the amount of \$50,000.00 in support of the Laredo Main Street Program. Funding is available from the Hotel-Motel Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Vela

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mayor Pro Tem Rangel, Cm. Perez and Cm. Liendo were not present.

27. Authorizing the City Manager to execute individual contracts with the following Third Party Funding Recipients totalling \$323,725.00 for FY 2014-2015. Funding is available in the General Fund.

Area Health Ed. Ctr.	\$ 9,000.00
BANC	\$25,000.00
Bethany House	\$25,000.00
BigBrother/Sister of So.TX	\$ 4,000.00

TOTAL	\$ 323,725.00
TX Migrant SafeHaven	\$ 7,000.00
Special Olympics	\$10,000.00
So. TX Food Bank	\$35,000.00
SCAN	\$13,500.00
Sacred Heart Children's Home	\$15,000.00
Ruthe B. Cowl	\$34,725.00
Literacy Volunteers	\$ 5,000.00
Laredo Veteran's Coalition	\$35,000.00
Laredo Little Theatre	\$ 6,500.00
Laredo Crime Stoppers	\$ 4,000.00
Laredo Amateur Boxing	\$ 5,000.00
Kidney Foundation	\$20,000.00
Children's Advocacy Ctr	\$30,000.00
Casa de Misericordia	\$20,000.00
Boys' & Girl's Clubs	\$20,000.00

Motion to approve except for Safe Haven.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Vela

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mayor Pro Tem Rangel, Cm. Perez and Cm. Liendo were not present.

28. Authorizing the City Manager to execute individual contracts with the following Hotel/Motel Tax Fund recipients totaling \$467,460.00 for FY 2014-2015. Funding is available in the Hotel-Motel Tax Fund.

### Organization Amount Awarded

Border Olympics	\$ 80,000.00
Chamber of Commerce/Cola Blanca	\$ 25,000.00
Laredo Area Youth Soccer	\$ 20,000.00
Laredo Ctr. For the Arts	\$150,000.00
Laredo Main Street (Farmer's Mkt)	\$ 5,500.00
Laredo Main Street (Jamboozie)	\$ 20,000.00
LULAC 7	\$ 10,000.00
Mexican Cultural Institute	\$ 6,460.00
Rio Grande Intl. Study Ctr.	\$ 12,000.00
Society of Martha Washington	\$ 10,000.00

WBCA	\$ 60,000.00
Webb Co. Heritage Found.	\$ 45,000.00
Laredo Philharmonic Orchestra	\$ 23,500.00
TOTAL	\$467,460.00

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Vela

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mayor Pro Tem Rangel, Cm. Perez and Cm. Liendo were not present.

29. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts to be adjusted for the month of September 2014, represent a decrease of \$17,116.78. These adjustments are determined by the Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Vela

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mayor Pro Tem Rangel, Cm. Perez and Cm. Liendo were not present.

#### X. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Vela

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

#### X (a) RESOLUTIONS

30. 2014-R-102 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a contract from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the City of Laredo Health Department to implement targeted, evidence-based community systems and environmental change strategies that address one or more of the eight (8) Texas Healthy Communities (TXHC) priorities to improve healthier outcomes for chronic diseases for the term period from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

31. 2014-R-103 Authorizing the creation of the Laredo Economic Reinvestment Corporation, a non-profit corporation within Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, approving the Articles of Incorporation, and adopting the By-Laws of the Corporation. The purpose of the Corporation is for the conveyance of real property in furtherance of the Economic Development Performance and Program Grant agreement between the City of Laredo, Texas and El Portal Center, L.L.C. (EPC) and previously approved by City Council.

#### X (b) MOTIONS

- 32. Consideration to award a contract to PST Services, Inc. (McKesson), based on their proposal to develop a cost reimbursement analysis and submit appropriate reports for FY 2014 and 2015 to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program (TASPP) to generate revenue for uncompensated ambulance costs for emergency services. It is estimated that over \$1.2 million will be generated, of which the company will be paid 5.9% of the total reimbursement to the City of Laredo for the term from November 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 and is subject to renewal for another three (3) years contingent on program availability, mutual agreement and future budget appropriation.
- 33. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into Professional Services Contracts with Porras Residential Appraisals and Frank Leal Real Estate and authorizing staff to negotiate for each appraisal assignment, in support of the City of Laredo International Airport Noise Compatibility Program. Appraisers will be selected on a rotation basis to conduct property appraisals and appraisal report reviews. Funding is available under Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Projects (AIP), Grant No. 69 and Grant No. 72.
- 34. Consideration for approval of the Marcos J. Aranda Recreation and Boxing Center as complete, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$35,655.50 to ALC Construction, Inc., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$713,110.00. Funding is available in the CDBG 39th Action Year 2013 Grant. (AS AMENDED)
- 35. Consideration for approval of amendment No. 4, an increase of \$45,000.00 to the professional services contract with Puig Engineering, Laredo, Texas, Laredo Division of Civil Engineering Consultants for proposed utility design to include illumination, water, sewer, and gas adjustments to the West Laredo Corridor - Flecha Lane/Las Cruces Intersection re-alignment. A letter of approval was received from TxDot to proceed with the amendment. Current engineering contract amount with this amendment is \$420,345.00. Funding is

- available in the Capital Improvement Fund-West Laredo Corridor Phase II.
- 36. Consideration to award a construction contract to the lowest bidder, Laredo Concrete Cutting and Sealant, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$283,756.70 (which includes the base bid and alternates no. 1, 2 and 3 resulting with a full concrete parking lot) for the Laredo International Airport, M&M Cargo Parking Lot Rehabilitation with a construction contract time of forty (40) calendar days; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related contract documents contingent upon receipt and approval of insurance and bond documents. Completion date for the project is scheduled for January 2015. Funding is available in the Airport Construction Fund.
- 37. Consideration for approval of change order No. 2, an increase of \$272,272.50 to the construction contract with Reim Construction, Inc., Mission, Texas, for the Laredo International Airport General Aviation Apron Reconstruction Phase 8 and Terminal Apron Rehabilitation to include joint sealing for the terminal apron rehabilitation. Current construction contract with this change order is \$5,182,507.50. Completion date for the project is scheduled for August 2015. Funding is available in the Airport Construction Fund.
- 38. Consideration to award a contract to Nardis Public Safety, San Antonio, Texas for an estimated amount of \$172,000.00 for the purchase of Police Uniforms. This is a BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Contract to purchase approximately 1,000 pants and 2,000 long sleeve and short sleeve shirts of different sizes which will be distributed to sworn police officers in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement Contract. If the contract pricing does not exceed the current pricing structure, the contract will be automatically renewed for two (2) additional one (1) year periods with BuyBoard Contract No. 416-12, subject to future appropriations. Funding is available within the Laredo Police Department's General Fund uniform account.
- 39. Consideration to renew annual supply contract number FY14-006 with Stanbio Laboratory, San Antonio, Texas in an estimated amount up to \$102,200.00, for the purchase of HemoPoint H2 Microcuvettes for the City of Laredo Health Department. These test strips are used to secure accurate hemoglobin blood tests. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. The contract may be extended for three (3), additional one (1) year periods each upon mutual agreement of the parties. This is an annual supply contract that allows for the purchase of microcuvettes on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Health Department Fund.
- 40. Consideration to renew contract FY13-051 to Staff Force, Laredo, Texas, for an amount up to \$95,200.00, to provide contract employees for the Laredo

International Airport Department. Temporary contract employees have been requested for customer service agent positions. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. The contract may be extended for four (4) more, additional one (1) year periods each upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Airport Fund.

- 41. Consideration to award contract FY14-092 to the sole bidder, Fountain People, Inc., San Marcos, Texas in the amount of \$330,204.50 for the purchase of one (1) fountain display system/water feature system including pumps, valves, and specialties (nozzles, pool fittings, etc.) for Slaughter Park. Funding for this purchase is available in the Parks & Leisure Department Fund.
- 42. Consideration to renewal contract FY 14-027 to purchase uniforms in the estimated cost of \$60,000.00 for various City departments as follows:
  - 1. Section I, for Parks and Recreation; GA Advertising, Laredo, Texas in the estimated amount of \$9,799.00.
  - 2. Section II, Solid Waste; GA Advertising, Laredo, Texas in the estimated amount of \$19,836.00.
  - 3. Section III, Public Works Department, Al & Rob Sales, Laredo, Texas in the estimated amount of \$19,602.00.
  - 4. Section IV, Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation, GA Advertising, Laredo, Texas in the estimated amount of \$6,605.62.
  - 5. There is no increase in contract pricing. Funding is available on the respective departmental budgets.
- 43. Consideration to renew supply contract number FY12-092 to Ferguson Waterworks, Newport News, Virginia, in an amount up to \$272,450.00 for the purchase of butterfly valves and mechanical joint iron fittings for the Utilities Department. These materials shall be purchased on an as needed basis by the Utilities Department- Water Operations for construction and repair projects. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. The contract may be extended for one, additional one (1) year period each upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Fund.
- 44. Authorizing the City Manager to approve Amendment No. 1, to Premier Engineering in the amount of \$14,650.00 for the preparation of the Engineering Feasibility Report per Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) funding requirements for the 24-in diameter water transmission main from Loop 20 and Del Mar to East Corridor Booster Station project. The revised contract amount is \$380,616.00. Funding is available in the 2012 Water Revenue Bond.

#### END OF CONSENT AGENDA

#### XI. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 45. A. Request by Council Member Mike Garza
  - 1. Discussion with possible action on Enterovirus 68, the extent of its presence in our community; its symptoms; contagious degree; and, whether and how the City may address this infection.

Health Department Director Dr. Hector Gonzalez reported that there were no confirmed cases of Enterovirus 68. He added that this virus was causing children in the United States to end up in the hospital wheezing and two had died; however, while there were cases in Texas, there were none in Laredo. He added that he recommended vaccinating against flu.

- B. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Esteban Rangel
- 1. Discussion with possible action to consider funding Energy Assistance Team (E.A.T.) non-profit organization that provides food to families in need.

Christobal Rodriguez reported that for starters, the organization was actually named, "Emergency Assistance Team." He further stated that they had started this nonprofit organization and had fed over 125 families last year through donations that they had received. He added that they had a list of families in need which they obtained from schools.

Mayor Pro Tem Rangel pledged \$1,000 from his promotional funds.

Cm. Garza pledged \$500 from his promotional funds.

Cm. Vela pledged \$500 from his personal funds.

Cm. San Miguel pledged \$500 from his discretionary funds.

- C. Request by Council Member Charlie San Miguel
- Discussion with possible action (please reference item No. 2) prohibiting the sale of substances that may be marketed as incense, tea, bath salts, potpourri, and/or other such innocuous substances, but are commonly being used as alternatives to marijuana. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Mike Garza and Council Member Cynthia Liendo)

Cm. San Miguel began by thanking staff and the legal department for doing a great job regarding this issue.

Police Chief Ray Garner reported that the K2 had been a problem for some time.

Police Captain Joe Ortiz reported that K2 was a problem all over the United States because there were legal issues with its enforcement. He added that in most cities, it was enforced through city charters and ordinances. He further stated that these substances were very addictive.

Police Officer Joe Baeza gave statistics as follows: In 2013, they recorded 53 overdose cases of synthetic marijuana. In 2014 from January through September, they recorded 71 cases. He added that they were breaking new ground with their investigations and prosecution of these synthetic drug shops.

City Attorney Raul Casso stated that the chemists had reconfigured the chemical compounds to circumvent state and federal law. He added that they had expanded the definition and use of these chemicals to include any variation so as to minimize the possibility of the ordinance being circumvented and had also included aspects of the health and safety law to prevent mislabeling. This meant that there could be a misdemeanor fine of up to \$2,000.

#### D. Request by Council Member Jorge A. Vera

1. Discussion with possible action to prohibit the use of animals in circuses.

Cm. Vera stated that based on research he had been doing and videos he had seen, the animals were beaten severely and shocked to obey their trainers. He added that some of the animals were on the verge of mental collapse and could kill someone.

Destiny Lerma read her statement as follows: "I have become a part of a wonderful organization known as Laredo Amigos Liberating Animals (LALA). I found out some very disturbing facts about the elephants and other animals kept in captivity for entertainment trained with one principle: fear. The average circus travels for 48 weeks out of the year; during this time, the animals are confined to cages. They are abused, captured as babies to make sure that they grow up with fear. When Pro 8 news interviewed one of the trainers, he said that times had changed on how they trained the animals, and this statement was not true. They all carried bullhooks. We have a video where they were sucking the water off the ground, obviously thirsty. For all six shows, we never saw any water given to them. On Saturday morning, we got there and the trainer started to verbally attack us. He called us very bad names and kept insulting us. My mom told him to please stop because my brothers were there but he used bad words. The man told Mr. Vish to go to the gate and that he

would beat him up. We then took our protesting signs out and just ignored him.

Motion to direct staff to establish an ordinance to ban all animals from circuses.

Moved: Cm. Vera Second: No second

Motion dies.

City Attorney Raul Casso stated that he would like the opportunity to look at this to see how far they could go as a municipality to regulate this so that they could be on solid legal footing.

Cm. Garza asked if there could be an alternate program to substitute because the Shriners were able to help many disadvantaged children by means of their heavy involvement in the circus.

Health Director Dr. Hector Gonzalez stated that they had in place the enhanced ordinance regarding animal cruelty and they did inspect sanitation conditions and did some follow-up. He added that they had not received any reports of mistreatment nor had they noted any during inspections. He concluded that they were given guidance as to feeding and care and ample room to exercise when the permit was issued.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal said that they could make sure that the animals were hydrated, fed, and kept in an area where they did not suffer while they were in this community. He added that they could have spot checking and surprise visits.

#### E. Request by Council Member Cynthia Liendo

1. Discussion with possible action on partnering with the Laredo Heat on the construction of soccer fields. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Roque Vela, Jr.)

Cm. Vela stated that he had met with staff and that they were looking for more fields. He wished to direct staff to meet with the Laredo Heat to find a piece of property that would work.

#### XII. STAFF REPORTS

46. Procedures and guidelines related to the Laredo Police Department's training and continuing education and related matters.

Police Chief Ray Garner gave a presentation before Mayor Salinas and City Council.

Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Academy Training

Law- Code of Criminal Procedures, Traffic Law, Penal Code

Skills- Firearms, Defensive Tactics, Emergency Driving, Force on

Force, Scenario Type (F.A.T.S.)

Procedure Crisis Intervention Training, Use of Force, Patrol Procedures,

Report Writing, Accident Investigations, Ethics

TOTAL ACADEMY HOURS: 760
TOTAL TCOLE ACADEMY MINIMAL HOURS: 643

Laredo Police Department In-Service Training

Department Policy: General Orders and Standard Operation

**Procedures** 

Division Familiarization: CAPERS, K-9, Intel, Office of Public Integrity, ID,

etc.

Specialized Training: Patrol Rifle Certification, Taser Certification, Mobile

**Communication Terminal** 

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Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Peace Officer Training Mandates

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Spanish for LE (2 Special Investigation Topics (8)

Identify Theft (8) Cultural Diversity (8)
Missing and Exploited Children (8) (effective January 2015)

**Basic Peace Certificate** 

Service Years, Education (Associate, Bachelors, Masters, Doctorate)

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#### XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

#### XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Vela Second: Cm. Garza

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

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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 28 and they are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council meeting held on October 20, 2014.

Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary

# **Chacon Creek Bat Colony**

Fran Hutchins
Director Bracken Cave Preserve
Bat Conservation International

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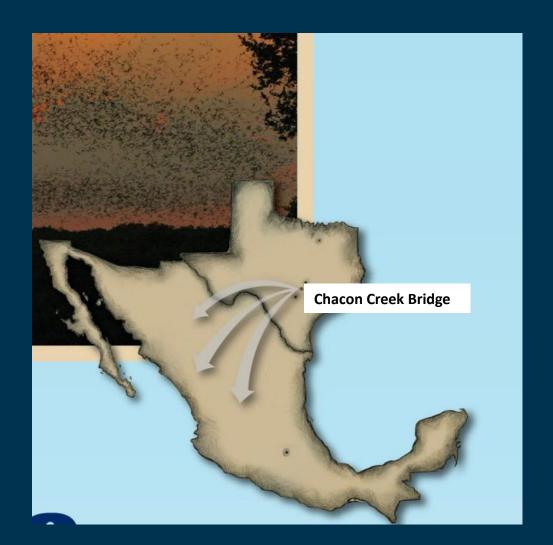




Mexican free-tailed Bat



Migrating in March to Texas to raise their young then leaving in November to winter in Mexico







Mexican free-tailed bats prefer bridges because temperature and perfect size crevices to fit in.







### **PEST CONTROL**

Nearly eating their body weight each night these large colonies can consume thousands of pounds of crop destroying insect every night.



Flying as high as 10,000 feet they can travel long distance averaging a 60 mile radius of their roost.



## **Eco-tourism**



RIVER AUTHORITY

MAP LEGEND



Laredo City Council

The Honorable Councilman Alex Perez,

City Managers' Office

**Environmental Services** 

Engineering

**Public Works** 

Parks

Traffic

Finance

**Building Department** 

**City Secretary** 

Adrian Gause





**Questions?** 







# Training Presentation

By Raymond E. Garner Chief of Police





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## City of Laredo, Texas

Refunding Plan of Finance \$21,160,000 Sports Venue Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2014\*

\* Preliminary par amount, subject to change.



## Sports Venue Sales Tax Debt

Summary of Current Bond Ratings						
_Moodys S&P Fitch						
General Obligation	Aa2	AA	AA			
Waterworks & Sewer System	A1	AA-	AA-			
International Bridge System	A2	A+	A+			
Sports Venue	A1	A+	AA-			

Currer	nt Sales Tax D	ebt Service Re	equirements
FYE	Principal	Interest	Debt Service
2015	\$ 2,205,000	\$ 1,663,817	\$ 3,868,817
2016	2,310,000	1,558,927	3,868,927
2017	2,415,000	1,447,813	3,862,813
2018	2,535,000	1,330,034	3,865,034
2019	2,660,000	1,201,485	3,861,485
2020	2,800,000	1,061,867	3,861,867
2021	2,945,000	917,618	3,862,618
2022	3,095,000	768,713	3,863,713
2023	3,255,000	611,850	3,866,850
2024	3,425,000	446,463	3,871,463
2025	395,000	352,268	747,268
2026	415,000	333,025	748,025
2027	440,000	311,075	751,075
2028	460,000	286,550	746,550
2029	490,000	260,663	750,663
2030	515,000	233,276	748,276
2031	545,000	204,391	749,391
2032	575,000	172,721	747,721
2033	610,000	138,060	748,060
2034	645,000	101,351	746,351
2035	685,000	62,449	747,449
2036	725,000	21,206	746,206
	\$ 34,145,000	\$ 13,485,621	\$ 47,630,621

## **Refunding Summary for Savings**

The City can refund callable, new money portions of its Sports Venue Sales Tax Revenue Improvement & Refunding Bonds, Series 2005 for savings. This plan of finance assumes that the refunded debt will be refinanced on an open market basis at a lower rate. The results of the analysis are summarized below:

Refunding Summary	
Delivered:	12/17/2014
Par Amount of Refunding Bonds:	\$21,160,000
Par Amount of Refunded Bonds:	\$22,545,000
NPV Savings:	\$2,579,679
% Savings of Refunded Bonds:	11.442%
Avg. Annual Savings (FYE 2015-2024):	\$287,800
Avg. Coupon of Refunded Bonds:	5.046%
True Interest Cost (TIC):	2.360%
Current Market Non-BQ Insured Rates as of:	10/6/2014
Negative Arbitrage:	\$126,508

## Eligible Bonds to be Refunded

Eligible Bonds to be Refunded									
	Maturity	Existing		Call	Call	Current	Rate		
Series	Date	Coupon	Par Amount	Date	Price	Rates	Difference		
Sports Venue Sales Tax Revenue Improvement & Refunding Bonds, Series 2005 [New \$]									
	3/15/2016	5.000%	2,030,000	3/15/2015	100%	0.600%	4.400%		
	3/15/2017	5.000%	2,130,000			0.900%	4.100%		
	3/15/2018	5.000%	2,240,000			1.200%	3.800%		
	3/15/2019	5.250%	2,355,000			1.550%	3.700%		
	3/15/2020	5.250%	2,485,000			1.900%	3.350%		
	3/15/2021	5.000%	2,615,000			2.200%	2.800%		
	3/15/2022	5.000%	2,750,000			2.450%	2.550%		
	3/15/2023	5.000%	2,895,000			2.650%	2.350%		
	3/15/2024	5.000%	3,045,000	$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$	2.780%	2.220%		
	\$22,545,000 Total Bonds to be Refunded								

## **Savings Summary**

FYE 9/30	Prior Debt Service	Savings	PV Savings	P	ost Refunding Debt Service
2015	\$ 1,139,350	\$ 232,684	\$ 229,811	\$	906,666
2016	3,118,600	295,150	285,650		2,823,450
2017	3,114,600	292,050	276,572		2,822,550
2018	3,115,350	295,500	273,864		2,819,850
2019	3,112,531	293,381	266,014		2,819,150
2020	3,115,481	294,356	261,259		2,821,125
2021	3,114,875	292,125	253,555		2,822,750
2022	3,115,750	294,500	249,980		2,821,250
2023	3,119,625	296,125	245,819		2,823,500
2024	3,121,125	292,125	237,155		2,829,000
:	\$ 29,187,288	\$ 2,877,996	\$ 2,579,679	\$	26,309,291

Savings Summary	
Net Future Value (FV) Savings from cash flow:	\$ 2,877,996
Net Present Value (PV) Savings from cash flow:	\$ 2,579,679
% Savings of Refunded Bonds:	11.442%
Avg. Annual Savings (FYE 2015-2024):	\$ 287,800

## **Participants**

Issuer <u>CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS</u>

Financial Advisor Estrada Hinojosa & Company, Inc.

Co-Bond Counsel J. Cruz & Associates, LLC McCall, Parkhurst & Horton LLP

Wiccan, Farkituist & Horton Eli

Underwriter [TBD]

Underwriter's Counsel [TBD]

Paying Agent/Escrow Agent Bank of New York Mellon Trust Co., NA

Verification Agent Grant Thornton

### **CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS**

Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2014

#### Timetable of Events

OCTOBER							
S	M	Т	W	Т	F	S	
			1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30	31		

	NOVEMBER										
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23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29					

DECEMBER							
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	29	30	31				

October 13, 2014	(Monday)	First reading of the Ordinance.
October 20, 2014	(Monday)	City Council approves Plan of Finance and approves parameters authority for the sale of the Bonds. Second reading of the Ordinance.
October 21, 2014	(Tuesday)	Mail first draft of the POS to working group.
October 24, 2014	(Friday)	Receive comments on first draft of the POS from working group.
October 28, 2014	(Tuesday)	Mail second draft of the POS to working group, Rating Agencies, and Bond Insurance Companies.
Week of November 3		Meeting/call with Rating and Insurance Companies.
November 6, 2014	(Thursday)	Receive comments on second draft of the POS from working group.
November 10, 2014	(Monday)	Mail third draft of the POS to working group.
November 12, 2014	(Wednesday)	Receive comments on third draft of the POS from working group.
November 14, 2014	(Friday)	Print and distribute POS.
November 14, 2014	(Friday)	Receive Ratings and Premiums for Bond Insurance.
November 19, 2014	(Wednesday)	Price the Obligations.
December 17, 2014	(Wednesday)	Closing.

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## Final Pricing Summary [10/07/14]

- Underwriting Team priced transactions on Tues. 10/07/2014.
- S&P and Moody's affirmed all ratings at current levels with Stable Outlook.

	Moodys	S&P	
GO Rating:	Aa2	AA	Stable Outlook
WW SS Revenue:	A1	AA-	Stable Outlook
Bridge Revenue Rating:	A2	A+	Stable Outlook

- S&P included better adjectives in their reports, especially on the GO report. It appears that S&P is considering an upgrade to G.O. Rating soon.
- Final TIC Rates for financings lower than those shown at 08/12/2014 Plan of Finance presentation.

Transaction	Term	Final TIC	8/12/14 TIC
Comb. Tax & Rev. Certificates of Obligation, Series 2014	20-Year	3.22%	3.82%
Public Prop. Finance Contractual Obligations, Series 2014	8 -Year	1.71%	2.61%
Waterworks & Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2014	30-Year	3.61%	4.69%
International Bridge System Revenue Bonds, Series 2014	15-Year	3.04%	3.85%

- On GO Debt side, we are meeting goal of no I&S tax rate increase after 2014 Issuances.
- On WWSS financing, we are making goal of all-in Coverage ratio of at least 1.15 times.
- On Bridge Financing, we are able to fund \$10mm in projects while maintaining at least 3.90 times coverage.

