

**CITY OF LAREDO  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
M-2014-R-18  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1110 HOUSTON STREET  
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040  
NOVEMBER 3, 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
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

There was no motion to excuse the absences of Cm. Perez and Cm. Liendo.

Cm. San Miguel arrived at 5:58 pm.

Cm. Vera arrived at 6:35 pm.

**IV. MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes of October 20, 2014 & October 27, 2014.

Motion to approve the minutes of October 20, 2014 and October 27, 2014.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## **V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

### **Communiqués**

- a. Invitation on the "Annual Feast of Sharing" sponsored by H.E.B. to be held on Saturday, November 8, 2014 at the Laredo Energy Arena (LEA).

Jason Aur invited Mayor Salinas, City Council and the public to the Feast of Sharing on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 3 pm and explained that it was a free community event that included live music and entertainment for the whole family. He added that El Metro's designated route for this was route #11 and El Aguila would provide transportation from rural areas including Rio Bravo and El Cenizo.

### **Citizen comments**

Reverend Emigido Lugo, representing all the Baptist churches in Laredo, stated that six months ago he had gone to a hospital in Bandera, Texas and had seen synthetic drugs. He added that they were working against drug use and it cost \$25,000 to rehabilitate one person.

## **VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

- a. Appointment by Council Member Jorge A. Vera of Alfredo Lopez to the Civil Service Commission.

Motion to approve the nomination of Alfredo Lopez to the Civil Service Commission.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## **VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending Section 24.93.6 of the Land Development Code by deleting Electronic Displays From Section 24.93.6 and replacing it with Special Use Permits Requirements for Smoking Establishments and Drug and Tobacco Paraphernalia Shops in a B-3, B-4, M-1 and M-2 Zoning Districts and Tobacco Shop requiring a Special Use Permit in a B-3; and

Amending Appendix A, Definitions by adding Definitions for “Smoking Establishment and “Drug and Tobacco Paraphernalia Shop (A/K/A Head Shop)” and “Tobacco Shop”; and

Amending Section 24.63.2 Land Use Charts by adding Smoking Establishment and Drug Paraphernalia Shop requiring a Special Use Permit In B-3, B-4, M-1, M-2 Zoning Districts and Tobacco Shop requiring a Special Use Permit In a B-3 and by right in B-4, M-1 and M-2; and providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Craig Lawrence stated that he was in favor of this ordinance but felt that there were some problems with the technicalities. His problem was with section IV of this ordinance. He explained that it proposed an 800-foot limit from any residential-zoned district, church, public or private elementary school or high school; however, there were very few commercially zoned areas where they could get more than 800 feet away from a residential structure.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal stated that they could meet with Mr. Lawrence prior to the second reading to come up with an option.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

2. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Bridge System FY 2014-2015 Bridge annual budget by appropriating \$1,128,186.00 from the Bridge System Construction Fund opening balance to be used for Bridge related projects such as Bridge I lighting project and other Bridge related improvements such as the erosion control and repairs of the expansion joints. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

## **VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES**

3. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the renewal of a lease agreement with Webb County for its Head Start Program for the rental of a parcel of land legally described as Lots 5 and 6, Block 113, Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Located at 2802 McDonnell Avenue, for a term of five (5) years at a rate of \$550.00 per month; and providing for an effective date. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

## **IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

Motion to waive the final readings of Ordinances 2014-O-132, 2014-O-133, 2014-O-134, 2014-O-135, 2014-O-136, 2014-O-137, 2014-O-138, 2014-O-139, 2014-O-140, 2014-O-141, 2014-O-142, 2014-O-143, 2014-O-144, 2014-O-145, 2014-O-146, 2014-O-147, 2014-O-148, 2014-O-149, 2014-O-150, 2014-O-151, and 2014-O-152.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

4. 2014-O-132 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.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-O-132.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Narvaez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2014-O-133 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)

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-O-133.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2014-O-134 Authorizing the issuance of City of Laredo, Texas Sports Venue Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2014 in the estimated amount of \$21,160,000.00 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 adopt Ordinance 2014-O-134.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2014-O-135 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 adopt Ordinance 2014-O-135.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2014-O-136 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 adopt Ordinance 2014-O-136.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2014-O-137 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.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-O-137.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2014-O-138 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.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-O-138.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel  
For: 6                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

2014-O-139 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.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-O-139.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel  
For: 6                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

2014-O-140 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.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-O-140.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel  
For: 6                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

2014-O-141 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.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-O-141.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel  
For: 6                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

2014-O-142 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. (AS AMENDED)

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-O-142.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel  
For: 6                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

2014-O-143 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.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-O-143.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel  
For: 6                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 1  
Cm. Narvaez

2014-O-144 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.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-O-144.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel  
For: 6                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

2014-O-145 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 an additional three (3) years.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-O-145.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2014-O-146 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.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-O-146.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2014-O-147 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.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-O-147.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel  
For: 6                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

2014-O-148 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.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-O-148.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel  
For: 6                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

2014-O-149 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.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-O-149.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel  
For: 6                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

2014-O-150 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.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-O-150.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel  
For: 6                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

2014-O-151 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.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-O-151.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel  
For: 6                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

2014-O-152 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.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-O-152.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel  
For: 6                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

**X. RESOLUTIONS**

- 5. 2014-R-104 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Special Agent in Charge (SAC), San Antonio, Texas, for the purpose of reimbursement of costs incurred by the Laredo Police Department in providing resources to joint operations/task forces.

Motion to approve Resolution 2014-R-104.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 6. 2014-R-106 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a contract with the South Texas Development Council (STDC) through funding from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) as follows:

- 1. Ryan White Service Delivery \$378,321.00

- 2. HIV State Services \$133,700.00

These contracts with a total amount of \$512,021.00 allow for the continuation of City of Laredo Health Department Ryan White Program and HIV/Health & Social Services to provide medical care, treatment, case management, testing and supportive care for the term period from September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to approve Resolution 2014-R-106.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**XI. MOTIONS**

- 7. Authorizing the City Manager to ratify the payment of \$18,165.59 for past legal invoices and approving the final invoice of \$41,301.93 for legal services totaling \$59,467.52 by the firm of Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C., as it relates to the 2014 negotiations for the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Laredo Fire Fighters Association Local 872. Funding is available in General Fund. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Vela  
For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

8. Consideration for approval of the El Eden Recreational Facility Park Project as complete, release of retainage and other completed work and approval of final payment in the amount of \$60,129.30 to Leyendecker Construction, Inc., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$4,031,171.11. Funding is available in the 2006 C.O. Bond and 2007 C.O. Bond. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Vela  
For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

9. Consideration to renew service contract number FY12-101 with Eye-View Investigations and Security, Laredo, Texas, in an annual amount up to \$548,964.00 to provide security guard services at various municipal operations. The term of this contract shall be for a period of two (2) years beginning as of the date of its execution and subject to future budget appropriations. Funding is available in the respective departmental budgets. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Vela  
For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

10. Consideration to award contract FY14-083 to sole bidder, Consolidated Electrical Distributors, (CED) Laredo, Texas in the amount of \$551,972.00 for electrical fixtures and supplies for electrical repairs to damages at International Bridge I, Gateway to the Americas, caused by the flooding of the Rio Grande River during Hurricane "Alex". Funding is available in the Bridge System Construction Fund. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Vela  
For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

11. Consideration to authorize the use of the State of Texas - Procurement and Support Services (TPASS) Division's Cooperative Purchasing Program of library materials. Approximately \$840,885.00 in library materials is purchased on an annual basis. This contract will supplement the Library's ability to purchase books and audio visual materials. Funding is available in the Public Library Budget. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

12. Consideration to authorize the purchase of two-thousand nine hundred and forty (2,940) garbage/refuse carts from Toter Inc., Statesville, North Carolina, through the H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Contract GC01-13 in the total amount of \$170,905.20. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Services Budget. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

13. Consideration to award annual supply contract FY14-096 to the sole bidder, Neuhaus & Company, Weslaco, Texas in an amount up to \$50,000.00, for the purchase of John Deere and Toro Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) repair parts for the City's lawn maintenance equipment. All parts will be purchased on an as needed basis. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. If the pricing remains the same or price adjustment has mutual agreement from both parties and the City agrees to extend the contract, the contract shall automatically renew for another one (1) year period. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

14. Consideration to renew the existing annual service contract FY14-007 for the purchase of Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) parts/service for the City's Caterpillar heavy equipment currently awarded to Holt CAT, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$325,000.00. The term of this contract shall be for

a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. All parts will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

15. Consideration to renew annual contract FY14-016 for the repair and replacement of hydraulic cylinders for the City's heavy equipment fleet to the following vendors:

1. Laredo Mechanical, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$65,000.00, and

2. Cervantes Truck Center, Laredo, Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00.

All repair services will be secured on an as needed basis. All parts will be purchased on an as needed basis. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

16. Consideration to renew annual supply contract FY14-008 for the purchase of Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) parts for the City's fleet vehicle repairs to the following vendors:

1. Paul Young Auto, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$50,000.00, and

2. Laredo Dodge Chrysler Jeep, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$35,500.00, and

3. Freedom Chevrolet & Dodge, Dallas, Texas in an amount up to \$20,000.00

The primary contract vendors are the local General Motors and Dodge Chrysler dealerships for these OEM parts contracts. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution.

All parts will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

17. Consideration to award supply contract FY15-001 to the sole bidder, Century Asphalt, Houston, Texas in an amount up to \$135,000.00 for the purchase of prime emulsified asphalt oil used for street paving projects. All materials are purchased on an as needed basis utilizing the construction project budgets. Funding is available in the Public Works and Utilities Departments construction projects budgets. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## **XII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

18. A. Request by Council Member Roque Vela, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action regarding the recent amendments to the parking ordinance.

Cm. Vela stated that they had just made a change on their parking ordinance and they had some issues with being too overbearing; he wanted for them to have a side-by-side particularly with the multifamily to see what other cities were doing and come back and take it from there.

2. Status report on the flooding conditions within the San Jose Subdivision.

Alma Slown stated that the soil is being moved already and hoped that everything that was said here would be attended to so that the Laredo citizens could be safe.

Richard Smith stated that on Highway 59 in front of Casa Blanca ballroom, people had been flooded at one point in time. He added that an inch of rain would flood them.

Cm. Vela replied that the problem had a different origin and that he had spoken to TxDOT so that they could work their way back from Highway



59. He added that they were supposed to have received an update by the end of the month, but it was not finished.

B. Request by Council Member Jorge A. Vera

1. Discussion with possible action to install speed cushions on Cerralvo Drive under the Special Provision of the Speed Hump Installation Policy using District VII Discretionary funds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Vera

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Discussion with possible action for recall procedures to go before an oversight committee to validate claims.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Vera

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion withdrawn by Cm. Vera.

George Altgelt stated that the removal of a City Council Member was under way. He referred to the allegations of drug possession and lying to a police officer.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal stated that the Ethics Commission that this was discussed and they had requested for the issue to be tabled.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Vera

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

### **XIII. STAFF REPORTS**

19. Presentation by Andrea McWilliams, McWilliams Governmental Affairs, regarding the 84th Legislative Session of the State of Texas.

Andrea McWilliams gave a presentation before Mayor Salinas and City Council.

The McWilliams Team:

Andrea McWilliams, Dan Mays, Ryan Pope, Jennifer Morris and Jeff Wolverton

Bringing Over 50 years of combined legislative experience.

Changes to Texas Politics on Election Day: November 4, 2014

Statewide Elected Officials Changing Power: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, Agriculture Commissioner, General Land Office.

- Texas Senate party split. Current: 19 Republican, 12 Democrat. 8 New Republican State Senators; Largest freshman class since 1993.
- Texas House party split. Current: 97 Republican, 54 Democrat. Anticipated to be nearly the same, with possibly 2 seats picked up for Republicans. 9 Chairs not returning.

83rd Session Bill Totals:

- Total House & Senate Bills Filed: 5,868
- Total House & Senate Bills Passed: 1,437
- (1/4 of filed bills)
- House & Senate Bills Vetoed: 28
- Prefiling of bills for the 84th Legislature begins on Monday, November 10th.

The Budget Forecast

- New Chairman for Senate Finance and House Appropriations.
- New Comptroller of Public Accounts & Biennial Revenue Estimate in January predicted to reflect increased revenues. Current biennial budget total: \$200 billion
- Rainy Day Fund balance estimated to be \$8.4 billion when session begins. (Assumes passage of Constitutional Transportation amendment).
- Budget Pressures: Infrastructure needs, growth in public school enrollment, growth in Medicaid enrollment, ending dedicated account diversions.
- For the FY 2014-2015 current budget, Human Services and Education combined for 75% of all articles in the budget.

Legislative Priorities

- Transportation: Legislature will visit ending Highway Fund 6 diversions potentially revisiting HB 1747 funding; new \$2 billion in funding from November constitutional amendment.

- Border Security: Laboratory Regional Network (LRN) certification for combating Bioterrorism; Renewed Commitment on surge funding requested by Lt. Governor; Funding for Radio Communications and Interoperability.
- Tire Remediation: The City of Laredo is proactively working with State Senator Jose Rodriguez (D - El Paso) on legislation that would try to address the problem of illegal tire dumping along the border and throughout Texas.
- Natural Gas Incentives: Expand on HB 2148 with potential legislation to include exempting political subdivisions from the fuel tax on compressed natural gas.
- Designation of a Texas-Mexico Border Public Health Region.

#### LAREDO DELEGATION

TEXAS SENATE: The Honorable Judith Zaffirini  
 Chair: Government Organization  
 Senate Finance Committee Member  
 Seniority Rank: 2nd

TEXAS HOUSE: The Honorable Richard Raymond  
 Chair: Human Services Committee  
 Seniority Rank: 18th

The Honorable Tracy King  
 Chair: Agriculture Committee  
 Seniority Rank: 23rd

Laredo Days at the Capitol 2015: Tentatively set for January 26th – January 29th

#### 83rd Session agency meetings:

- Texas Health and Human Services Commission
- Texas Department of State Health Services
- Texas Department of Public Safety (Homeland Security)
- Texas Environmental Quality Commission
- Texas Secretary of State
- Texas Department of Transportation
- Office of the Comptroller
- Office of the Governor
- Office of the Lt. Governor
- Attorney General's Office
- General Land Office

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20. Staff report on the extent to which City of Laredo may permit, regulate, police, or ban circuses from using animals as part of their entertainment programs while in Laredo's corporate city limits.

Destiny Lerma stated that she is in support of Laredo Amigos Liberating Animals and banning the use of animals at the circus. She added that out of 14,000 people that attended, the circus only donated \$800 to the Shriners Hospital. She explained that Laredo Amigos Liberating Animals' plan was making an annual fundraiser in which 100% of the proceeds would go to the Shriners' Children's Hospital. She went on to say that in less than one week, they had already collected \$1,000 and donated it to the Shriners' Hospital in Galveston, Texas.

Christine Guajardo stated that she had a letter from a former Shriner in Billings, Montana directed to Russell J. Stoddard. He had resigned from the Shriners based on their involvement in circuses.

City Attorney Raul Casso reported that under state and federal government law, circuses were legal forms of entertainment. He explained that the Federal Animal Welfare Act was passed in the 1960's and the Shriners were regulated under that act. Congress found that these activities substantially affected interstate commerce and so were preempted. He went on to state that if they were to pass a ban that would go further than state or federal law, then they would be in conflict with those laws. Therefore, they could not ban a circus; it was beyond their scope; however, they could police them by enforcing the ordinances already on the books. He mentioned the permit that cost \$200 and the inspections through the health department.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal recommended that they table this item.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

#### **XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

#### **XV. 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: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

21. Consideration to authorize the purchase and installation of a Video Surveillance Security System for the Laredo Transit Center Facility to replace the current analog and outdated surveillance system which includes exterior and interior IP surveillance cameras from Knight Security Systems, Austin, Texas through the State of Texas DIR Cooperative Purchase Contract SDD-1725 in the amount of \$217,976.92. Funding is available in the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant No. TX-34-0005 Bus and Bus Facilities Program. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Vela  
For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**XVI. 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. Vela  
For: 6

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 21 and they are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council meeting held on November 3, 2014.

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Gustavo Guevara, Jr.  
City Secretary