

**CITY OF LAREDO
WORKSHOP
M-2014-W-02
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
AUGUST 12, 2014
3:10 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. ROLL CALL

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

Motion to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Rangel and Cm. Vera.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 ANNUAL BUDGET:

A. INTRODUCTION OF THE BUDGET BY CITY MANAGER, CARLOS

VILLARREAL

City Manager Carlos Villarreal reported that the consolidated budget of \$593,291,236 was an increase of \$36.8 million or 6% of the total budget. He added that the property tax rate would remain the same for the past eleven years, 0.637000 per \$100 valuation; also, they were including a 2% cost of living increase for city employees although that was a subject that they might discuss.

Motion to go with a 3% cost of living increase for city employees as amended to reflect that the increase be no less than 3% and to leave leeway for recommendations by staff.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Garza asked if they could afford a higher increase for individuals at the lower levels or pay grades, perhaps as much as 4% or 5%.

B. PLAN OF FINANCE

Presentation by Noe Hinojosa of Estrada-Hinojosa Investment Bankers as it relates to a proposed sale for various bond issues with possible action.

Noe Hinojosa gave a presentation before Mayor and City Council.

	City of Laredo, Texas 2014 Debt Portfolio (Principal Only)			Current Ratings		
	Outstanding Bonds As Of			Moody's	S&P	Fitch
	9/30/2012	9/30/2013	9/15/2014			
Total Net Property Tax or GO Debt	\$154,508,849	\$149,176,285	\$142,908,953	Aa2 Stable	AA Stable	AA Stable
Self-Supporting G.O. Debt by Enterprise ⁽¹⁾						
Waterworks System	\$ 74,323,952	\$ 70,210,905	\$74,930,471			
Sewer System	37,367,110	33,424,927	29,774,737			
Solid Waste Mass	12,408,052	24,869,861	24,917,155			
Transit	7,732,163	6,696,984	8,849,217			
Airport	5,720,000	5,500,000	5,270,000			
Parking	1,932,497	1,711,898	1,482,018			
Bridge CIF Environmen	5,567,290	5,042,947	4,707,599			

tal Services	397,088	337,273	1,114,946			
Storm Water	21,320,000	20,267,919	19,669,903			
Police Trust	1,318,000	666,000	-			
Total Self-Supporting [Enterprise Systems]						
	168,086,151	168,728,715	170,716,047			
Total GO Debt						
	\$322,595,000	\$317,905,000	\$313,625,000			
Waterworks & Sewer System Revenue						
Senior Lien	\$144,615,000	\$180,520,000	\$193,600,000	A1 Stable	AA- Stable	AA- Stable
Junior Lien	57,024,000	55,198,000	53,250,000			
Total Waterworks & Sewer System Debt						
	\$201,639,000	\$235,718,000	\$246,850,000			
Int'l Bridge System Revenue						
Senior Lien	\$ 55,345,000	\$ 50,955,000	\$ 45,935,000	A2	A+	A+
Junior Lien	19,636,806	18,744,207	17,365,000	A3	A	NR
	\$ 74,981,806	\$ 69,699,207	\$ 63,300,000	Stable	Stable	Stable
Sales Tax Revenue Debt				A1 Stable	A+ Stable	AA- Stable
	\$ 38,260,000	\$ 36,250,000	\$ 34,145,000			
TOTAL						
	\$637,475,806	\$659,572,207	\$657,920,000			

Supported by user-fee net revenues of the various City Enterprise Systems
i.e: Water, Sewer, Landfill, Mass Transit, Airport, Parking, Bridge CIF, Environmental Services, NPDES, Police Trust.

**City of Laredo, Texas
PROPOSED 2014 FINANCINGS**

1) WW & SS Rev. Bonds (Utilities)	2014	COMMENTS
<i>Water</i>		
Water Line Rehabilitation and Contingency	\$ 3,955,000	Open Market Transaction
Water Breaks		Open Market Transaction
16" Transmission Main - Bartlett Extension	1,500,000	Open Market Transaction
Subtotal	\$ 5,455,000	
<i>Wastewater</i>		
Sewer Rehabilitation & Contingency Sewer Breaks	\$ 5,180,000	Open Market Transaction
12" WW Line - Bartlett Extension	500,000	Open Market Transaction
Subtotal	\$ 5,680,000	
Total WW & SS Rev. Bonds (Utilities)	\$ 11,135,000	
2) Certificates of Obligation		
Property Tax -- Fires Station and Bartlett Street Improvements	\$ 5,150,000	20-Year / Property Tax
3) PFCO's		
Police & Fire -- Equipment	3,000,000	8-Year / Property Tax
Solid Waste -- Equipment	2,954,000	8-Year / Self-Supporting

Total PFFCO's	\$ 5,954,000	
4) Int'l Toll Bridge System Rev. - Sr.		
Toll System Upgrades	\$ 10,000,000	15-Year / Self-Supporting Bridge Rev.
Open Market Debt Subtotal	\$ 32,239,000	
5) WW & SS REV. BONDS -- TWDB Loans		
Sombrettillo Creek WWTP - 3 MGD - TWDB	\$ 10,000,000	TWDB Loan / Junior Lien (Fall 2014)
San Isidro Elevated Tank - TWDB Loan	5,500,000	TWDB Loan / Junior Lien (Winter 2014)
24" Waterline west side of Loop 20 (Casa Verde Rd.)	4,600,000	TWDB Loan / Junior Lien (Spring 2015)
South Laredo WWTP 12.0 to 18 MGD Expansion - TWDB	22,000,000	TWDB Loan / Junior Lien (Spring 2015)
Total TWDB Loans	\$ 42,100,000	
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 74,339,000	

City of Laredo, Texas
Waterworks System and Sewer System Debt Service Requirements
Post-2014 WWSS Issues

Fiscal Year Ended 9/30	Par Amount: \$ 12,185,000		Coverage		Combined Par Amount: \$42,100,000		Total Junior Lien Revenue Debt
	Senior Lien Revenue Debt	2014 Senior Lien Revenue Bonds ⁽³⁾	Total Senior Lien Revenue Debt	Ratio ⁽¹⁾	Junior Lien Revenue Debt	2014 TWDB Junior Lien Revenue Bonds ⁽⁴⁾	
2014	\$ 13,728,848	\$ -	\$ 13,728,848	2.43x	\$ 2,663,510	\$ -	\$ 2,663,510
2015	13,454,684	749,812	14,204,496	2.35x	2,663,481	907,313	3,570,794
2016	13,478,471	748,480	14,226,951	2.35x	2,663,142	1,883,435	4,546,577
2017	13,965,953	749,973	14,715,925	2.27x	2,659,364	1,883,435	4,542,799
2018	13,966,840	750,567	14,717,407	2.27x	2,659,137	1,883,435	4,542,572
2019	13,951,849	750,129	14,701,979	2.27x	2,661,684	1,883,065	4,544,749
2020	13,956,365	748,636	14,705,001	2.27x	2,662,062	1,880,886	4,542,948
2021	13,961,765	751,114	14,712,879	2.27x	2,661,257	1,875,541	4,536,798
2022	13,965,226	747,631	14,712,857	2.27x	2,660,148	1,876,867	4,537,015
2023	13,974,783	748,234	14,723,018	2.27x	2,660,132	1,870,342	4,530,474
2024	13,953,946	747,913	14,701,859	2.27x	2,658,195	1,881,390	4,539,585
2025	13,374,318	751,687	14,126,004	2.36x	2,538,449	1,875,358	4,413,807
2026	12,915,702	749,620	13,665,322	2.44x	2,537,424	1,877,512	4,414,936
2027	11,881,811	751,701	12,633,513	2.64x	2,535,585	1,877,971	4,413,555
2028	10,540,349	747,879	11,288,228	2.96x	2,536,984	1,876,904	4,413,887
2029	10,530,764	748,177	11,278,942	2.96x	2,468,713	1,879,335	4,348,048
2030	10,536,779	747,569	11,284,348	2.96x	2,086,860	1,875,294	3,962,154
2031	10,537,446	750,753	11,288,199	2.96x	2,088,484	1,879,760	3,968,243
2032	10,533,701	747,726	11,281,428	2.96x	2,088,586	1,882,639	3,971,225
2033	10,532,494	748,679	11,281,173	2.96x	2,087,217	1,874,064	3,961,281
2034	10,533,813	748,257	11,282,070	2.96x	2,089,295	1,879,041	3,968,335
2035	10,534,619	751,413	11,286,032	2.96x	2,089,646	1,877,504	3,967,150
2036	10,539,638	748,464	11,288,102	2.96x	2,088,231	1,879,491	3,967,722
2037	10,544,319	749,412	11,293,731	2.96x	2,085,191	1,879,966	3,965,157
2038	10,539,534	749,136	11,288,671	2.96x	2,085,814	1,874,015	3,959,828
2039	10,537,778	751,800	11,289,578	2.96x	2,085,311	1,876,629	3,961,940
2040	10,538,981	752,258	11,291,239	2.96x	2,088,713	1,877,798	3,966,511
2041	5,199,503	751,200	5,950,703	5.61x	2,086,012	1,877,632	3,963,644
2042	3,348,250	748,628	4,096,878	8.15x	2,087,199	1,881,226	3,968,425
2043	1,161,956	749,414	1,911,370	17.47x	-	1,873,714	1,873,714
2044	-	748,433	748,433	-	-	1,870,149	1,870,149
2045	-	-	-	-	-	1,184,049	1,184,049
		\$ 69,025,821					

Combined Senior & Plus: Grand Fiscal

Junior Lien Revenue Debt	Coverage Ratio ⁽¹⁾	Total Self-Supporting Debt ⁽²⁾	Total Debt Service	Coverage Ratio ⁽¹⁾	Year Ended 9/30
\$ 16,392,359	2.04x	\$ 12,873,290	\$ 29,265,649	1.14x	2014
17,775,290	1.88x	9,402,712	27,178,002	1.23x	2015
18,773,529	1.78x	9,405,842	28,179,371	1.18x	2016
19,258,724	1.73x	9,412,747	28,671,471	1.16x	2017
19,259,979	1.73x	8,990,888	28,250,867	1.18x	2018
19,246,728	1.73x	8,464,863	27,711,591	1.20x	2019
19,247,949	1.73x	8,154,310	27,402,259	1.22x	2020
19,249,677	1.73x	7,782,613	27,032,290	1.24x	2021
19,249,872	1.73x	7,779,910	27,029,782	1.24x	2022
19,253,491	1.73x	7,507,166	26,760,657	1.25x	2023
19,241,443	1.74x	7,225,080	26,466,524	1.26x	2024
18,539,811	1.80x	7,222,307	25,762,118	1.30x	2025
18,080,258	1.85x	6,237,963	24,318,221	1.37x	2026
17,047,068	1.96x	6,233,905	23,280,973	1.43x	2027
15,702,115	2.13x	6,236,824	21,938,939	1.52x	2028
15,626,989	2.14x	6,230,446	21,857,435	1.53x	2029
15,246,502	2.19x	6,228,248	21,474,750	1.55x	2030
15,256,443	2.19x	6,220,656	21,477,099	1.55x	2031
15,252,653	2.19x	6,222,075	21,474,728	1.55x	2032
15,242,454	2.19x	6,216,907	21,459,361	1.56x	2033
15,250,405	2.19x	3,045,916	18,296,321	1.82x	2034
15,253,182	2.19x	3,042,631	18,295,814	1.82x	2035
15,255,823	2.19x	3,034,691	18,290,515	1.83x	2036
15,258,888	2.19x	3,031,875	18,290,762	1.83x	2037
15,248,499	2.19x	3,028,849	18,277,348	1.83x	2038
15,251,518	2.19x	3,020,503	18,272,021	1.83x	2039
15,257,749	2.19x	-	15,257,749	2.19x	2040
9,914,347	3.37x	-	9,914,347	3.37x	2041
8,065,302	4.14x	-	8,065,302	4.14x	2042
3,785,084	8.82x	-	3,785,084	8.82x	2043
2,618,582	12.75x	-	2,618,582	12.75x	2044
1,184,049	28.20x	-	1,184,049		2045

\$ 485,286,760	\$172,253,218	\$ 657,539,978
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- (1) Coverage Ratio Calculation based on Net Revenue Available for Debt Service [FYE 2013] figure of \$33,386,502.
(2) Represents amount of general obligation debt that is paid for through the revenues of the WW & Sewer System.
(3) Shown at a rate of 4.69% for purpose of illustration. [Current Market plus 60 BPS]
(4) Represents four different TWDB Loans issues as follows: [\$10mm / Oct. 2014 / 2.08%], [\$5.5mm / Dec. 2014 / 2.09%], [\$22mm / March 2015 / 2.03%], [\$4.6mm / March 2015 / 1.98%]

City of Laredo, Texas
Intrnl Toll Bridge System Revenue Debt Service Requirements
Pre-2014 New Money

Fiscal Year Ended	Senior Lien Revenue Debt	Senior Lien Coverage ⁽¹⁾	Junior Lien Revenue Debt	Total Outstanding Debt	All-In Coverage ⁽¹⁾	Fiscal Year Ended
9/30						9/30
2014	\$ 6,926,658	5.20x	\$ 1,697,708	\$ 8,624,366	4.18x	2014
2015	6,539,496	5.51x	1,502,368	8,041,864	4.48x	2015
2016	6,736,974	5.35x	1,499,750	8,236,724	4.37x	2016
2017	6,560,269	5.49x	1,499,175	8,059,444	4.47x	2017
2018	6,567,685	5.48x	1,502,775	8,070,460	4.46x	2018
2019	6,573,348	5.48x	1,500,850	8,074,198	4.46x	2019
2020	4,163,376	8.65x	1,693,225	5,856,601	6.15x	2020
2021	3,508,201	10.27x	1,693,475	5,201,676	6.92x	2021
2022	3,508,822	10.26x	1,695,600	5,204,422	6.92x	2022
2023	3,508,815	10.26x	1,694,475	5,203,290	6.92x	2023
2024	2,591,862	13.90x	1,694,975	4,286,837	8.40x	2024
2025	2,583,306	13.94x	1,696,850	4,280,156	8.41x	2025
2026	2,088,171	17.25x	1,694,975	3,783,146	9.52x	2026
2027	236,141	152.52x	1,694,438	1,930,578	18.66x	2027
2028	236,014	152.60x	1,694,138	1,930,152	18.66x	2028
2029	235,417	152.99x	-	235,417	152.99x	2029
2030						2030
2031						2031
2032						2032
2033						2033
2034						2034
2035						2035
2036						2036

<u>\$ 62,564,552</u>	<u>\$ 24,454,776</u>	<u>\$ 87,019,327</u>
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⁽¹⁾ Coverage calculated based on \$36,015,823 of net revenue available for debt service as of FYE 2013.

Cm. Garza suggested that if you looked at certificates of obligation, they were at \$5.1 million and if they got better than expected rates and so could cover within the budgeted payment of \$850,000, they could go to \$6 million.

Motion to increase to \$6 million from \$5.1 million.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

C. PROPOSED GENERAL FUND HIGHLIGHTS

Martin Aleman, Budget Manager

Budget Director Martin Aleman gave a presentation before Mayor Salinas and City Council.

Consolidated Operating Revenues \$593,291,236

General Fund	\$143,328,683	24.7%
Sewer	\$96,734,963	16.7%
Water	\$74,208,810	12.8%
Debt Service	\$70,028,564	12.1%
Bridge	\$45,003,667	7.8%
Health & Benefits	\$20,442,886	3.5%
Transit System	\$19,189,756	3.3%
Solid Waste	\$16,655,639	2.9%
Health Department	\$14,261,128	2.5%
Fleet	\$11,488,877	2.0%
Sports & Community Venue	\$11,248,614	1.9%
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$9,057,494	1.6%
Community Development	\$7,534,763	1.3%
Other Funds	\$7,043,459	1.2%
Environmental Services	\$6,724,834	1.2%
Airport	\$6,431,328	1.1%
Risk	\$6,000,010	1.0%
Special Police Programs	\$5,290,123	0.9%
Hotel Motel	\$4,388,617	0.8%
Drawdown	\$4,201,696	0.7%
TOTAL	\$579,263,911	100.0%

Consolidated Operating Expenditures \$593,291,236

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Full Time Equivalent Positions History (All Funds)

	Actual FY 11-12	Actual FY 12-13	Amended FY 13-14 *	Proposed FY 14-15 *
Transit System	180.10	180.10	180.10	180.10
All Other	1,220.38	1,225.38	1,233.00	1,237.00
General Fund	1,414.22	1,443.49	1,515.29	1,546.81

General Fund Revenues

Taxes	\$90,613,305	53.6%
Charges for Service	\$44,896,809	26.6%
Licenses & Permits	\$8,246,633	4.9%
Other Financing Sources	\$10,599,149	6.3%
Franchise Fees	\$7,562,583	4.5%
Fines & Forfeits	\$3,257,336	1.9%
Fees & Collections	\$1,176,438	0.7%
Rents & Royalties	\$1,088,846	0.6%
Intergovernmental	\$1,071,500	0.6%
Reimbursements & Miscellaneous	\$555,534	0.3%
TOTAL	<u>\$169,068,133</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

General Fund Major Revenues

	Actual 09-10	Actual 10-11	Actual 11-12	Actual 12-13	Estimate 13-14	Proposed 14-15
Property Taxes (M & O)	51,794,478	52,306,926	51,972,730	51,444,596	52,091,212	54,168,305
General Sales & Use Tax	23,471,292	26,935,219	29,985,452	31,937,374	32,113,527	32,755,799
Bridge Transfer	21,410,067	21,819,101	22,233,981	22,791,401	26,799,434	27,616,184
Electric System						
Franchise Fees	4,633,716	4,950,629	4,972,593	4,867,143	5,144,547	5,247,438
Ambulance Service Fees	2,454,259	2,114,560	3,696,391	4,023,103	3,936,000	4,054,080
Municipal Court Fees	3,230,566	3,248,911	3,085,225	2,741,190	3,252,263	3,257,336

Tax Rate History

	FY 11-12	FY 12-13	Estimate FY 13-14*	Proposed FY 14-15*
O & M	0.512326	0.498866	0.488257	0.492162
Debt	0.124674	0.138134	0.148743	0.144838

Valuations

FY 11-12	FY 12-13	Budget FY 13-14	Proposed FY 14-15 *
\$10,495,358,870	\$10,615,543,956	\$10,994,209,251	\$11,412,449,141
-0.2%	1.1%	4.7%	3.8%

Sales Tax History

	FY 11-12	FY 12-13	Estimate FY 13-14 *	Proposed FY 14-15*
Sales Tax Revenue Trends				
City's Allocation	\$ 29,985,452	\$ 31,937,374	\$ 32,113,527	\$ 32,755,799
Arena's Allocation	\$ 7,496,363	\$ 7,984,343	\$ 8,174,063	\$ 8,255,805
Transit's Allocation	\$ 7,082,464	\$ 7,666,150	\$ 7,747,275	\$ 7,824,748

Total Tax Collection Distribution

	FY10-11	FY11-12	FY12-13	FY13-14*	FY14-15*
M&O	53,758,158	53,177,816	52,780,157	53,423,417	55,562,067
Debt	13,108,222	12,959,996	14,593,325	16,134,646	16,284,196

General Fund Expenditures by Activity

Public Safety-Police/Fire	\$104,858,344	62%
Traffic	\$4,639,358	3%
General Government	\$19,464,075	12%
Cultural & Recreational	\$19,004,399	11%
Other Financing Uses	\$14,547,182	9%
Public Works	\$6,113,285	4%
Health & Welfare	\$490,062	0%
TOTAL	\$169,116,705	100.0%

General Fund Expenditures by Category

Personnel	127,443,122	75.36%
Contractual Services	21,024,376	12.43%
Materials & Supplies	9,139,678	5.40%
Intergovernmental Transfer	5,308,780	3.14%
Other Charges	5,548,728	3.28%
Capital Outlay	240,186	0.14%
Debt Service	411,835	0.24%
Total	169,116,705	100.00%

Personnel Cost by Activity

	FY11-12	FY12-13	FY13-14*	FY14-15*
Public Works	3,208,768	3,139,328	3,229,831	3,792,480
Cultural and Recreational	7,999,095	8,714,274	9,536,046	11,610,845
General Government	13,146,515	13,634,971	13,632,288	15,460,485
Public Safety	86,163,242	89,622,585	93,945,624	96,466,307

General Fund Revenues, Expenditures and Fund Balance

Fiscal Year	Revenues	Expenditures	Increase / (Decrease)
			In Fund Balance
2005-06	114,779,697	108,012,014	6,767,683
2006-07	120,312,348	118,254,648	2,057,700
2007-08	129,668,710	126,195,019	3,473,691
2008-09	140,191,205	136,119,387	4,071,818
2009-10	153,960,286	149,706,377	4,253,909
2010-11	151,731,549	151,157,440	574,109
2011-12	159,710,813	158,366,214	1,344,599
2012-13	167,982,337	163,275,925	4,706,412
2013-14*	162,653,757	161,582,330	1,071,427
2014-15*	169,068,133	169,116,705	(48,572)

D. BRIDGE

Mario Maldonado, Bridge Manager

Laredo is #3 in Customs District's Trade in the U.S. with \$253 billion in trade, surpassed only by Los Angeles and New York.

Toll Revenues

Actual FY12-13	Estimated FY13-14	Proposed FY14-15
\$45,582,802	\$53,598,863	\$55,232,378
	+\$8,016,061	+\$1,633,515

+2.5% increase from prior year	+17.6% increase from prior year	+3.0% increase above estimated for FY13-14
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Bridge Traffic Comparisons
Commercial Traffic

FY10-11	FY11-12	FY12-13	Estimated FY13-14	Proposed FY14-15
1,725,335	1,784,104	1,835,110	1,924,347	1,992,310
	+58,769	+51,006	+89,237	+67,963
	+3.4%	+2.9%	+4.9%	+3.5%

Border City Southbound Commercial Traffic FY2014
As of June 30, 2014

	Sales
Brownsville	164107
Eagle Pass	95142
Hidalgo/McAllen	20663
Hidalgo/Anzalduas	2180
Pharr	381130
Laredo	1430473
Del Rio	46870
Progreso	21328
Roma	5432

Border City Northbound Commercial Traffic FY2014
As of May 31, 2014

	Sales
Brownsville	138682
Eagle Pass	85926
Pharr	349281
Laredo	1268499
Del Rio	44914
Rio Grande	21560
Progreso	26625
Roma	5196

Non-Commercial Traffic

FY10-11	FY11-12	FY12-13	Estimated FY13-14	Proposed FY14-15
4,401,849	4,418,558	4,551,845	4,848,043	4,992,703
	+16,709	+133,287	+296,198	+144,660
	+.38%	+3%	+6.5%	+3%

Border City Southbound Non-Commercial Traffic FY2014
As of June 30, 2014

	Column1
Brownsville	2,136,667
Eagle Pass	1,709,132
Hidalgo/McAllen	2,149,293
Hidalgo/Anzalduas	700,868
Pharr	657,269
Laredo	3,595,744
Del Rio	1,016,741
Progreso	368,594
Roma	382,081
Donna	374,077

Pedestrian Traffic

FY10-11	FY11-12	FY12-13	Estimated FY13-14	Proposed FY14-15
3,161,627	2,946,244	3,025,614	3,006,851	3,021,885
-15.6%	-215,383	+79,370	-18,763	+15,034
	-6.8%	+2.7%	-0.62%	+0.50%

Border City Southbound Pedestrian Traffic FY2014
As of June 30, 2014

	Traffic
Brownsville	1,417,060
Eagle Pass	566,398
Hidalgo/McAllen	1,122,488
Laredo	2,268,713
Del Rio	48,842
Progreso	592,860
Roma	166,440
Donna	194

Upcoming Bridge Project Electronic Toll Collection System Upgrade

- Upgrade Electronic Toll Collection System
- Upgrade Weigh in Motion at Bridges III & IV
- Upgrade/Integrate Pedestrian Turnstile System

Bridge I Port of Entry Expansion & Modernization

Juarez-Lincoln Port of Entry Automobile & Bus Inspection Facility

E. POLICE

Raymond Garner, Police Chief

FY2014-2015

Laredo Police Annual Budget Report

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Laredo Police Department to enhance the quality of life in Laredo by establishing a partnership with the community in an effort to preserve life, protect property and enforce the law.

Our Mission is Guided by our Core Values

Service to Our Community, Reverence for the Law, Commitment to Leadership, Integrity in All we Say and Do, Respect for People

As the City of Laredo grows, so too will the Laredo Police Department in order to meet all public safety needs within our community

11 New Patrol Officer/Cadets were hired in 2014

New Academy with 15 projected new hires for Fall 2014.

441 total sworn officers at present

General Fund Police Department Budget Overview

Funding	FY 11-12 Actual	FY 12-13 Actual	FY 13-14 Original Budget	FY 14-15 Proposed Budget	Variance
General Fund	\$53,657,681	\$55,220,840	\$57,686,371	\$60,459,534	\$2,773,163

Explanation of major variance, increase is mainly attributed to:

Personnel (Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA), changes in benefits

-FY 2015 Contract Increases

-Overtime with Benefits (Previously Funded by Police Trust Fund)

-Add (1) Administrative Assistant II

-Fund (1) Administrative Assistant II previously unfunded

-Fund (1) Clerk III Previously unfunded

-Fund (4) Police Cadets previously unfunded

-Increases in Motor Fuel, Vehicle Maintenance, I-net Charges, Radio Charges, and Water.

2014 Laredo Police Grants

2014 State Grants: \$ 1,436,514

2014 Federal Grants: \$ 1,108,757

Total Grants (16 Grants): \$ 2,616,759

Pending:

2014 Operation Stone Garden \$ 942,975

2014 Bullet Proof Vest Grant	\$ 33,175
2014 Justice Assistance Grant (Awarded)	\$ 90,982
2014 COPS Grant	\$ 750,000
2014 OJJDP Anti-gang Strategies and Programs	\$ 200,000
2015 Auto Theft Grant (Awarded)	\$ 433,514
2015 TXDOT CMV (Awarded)	\$ 52,499
2015 TXDOT STEP Comprehensive (Awarded)	\$ 94,000

New Assets

5 K-9 Trucks & 22 Fully Equipped Marked Patrol Cars

8 Victory Motorcycles

Upgrade of PD Gym

**LAREDO AUTO THEFTS DROP FOR A FOURTH YEAR IN A ROW
FALLING TO #96**

Auto Theft in Laredo Metro Area	Year	Auto Thefts	Auto Theft Ranking
	2013	605	96
	2012	709	74
	2011	849	53
	2010	1241	11
	2009	1792	1

**Laredo Police Department
3 Year Uniform Crime Report (UCR) statistics and incidence change.**

Crimes Against Persons Crime Type	2011	2012	2013	YTD Efficiency/Clearance Rate
Homicide	12	9	3	100%
Aggravated Sexual Offense	76	81	75	61%
Robbery	225	182	207	59%
Aggravated Assault	817	764	743	86%
Simple Assault	3,982	3,963	4,012	
Totals	5,112	4,999	5,040	

Crimes Against Property

Crime Type	2011	2012	2013	YTD Efficiency/Clearance Rate
Burglary (w/force)	1285	1201	953	21%
Burglary (no force)	426	431	392	26%
Theft	8,104	8,246	8,685	29%
Motor-Vehicle Theft	486	381	373	23%
Vandalism	2,259	2,406	2,046	
Totals	12,560	12,665	12,449	

Crime total =
Persons Arrested

Year	2011	2012	2013
# of Persons	6,635	8,629	9,313

Overall arrests total = 30% increase

7.9% increase

PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES

Osbaldo Guzman, Parks Director

Parks and Leisure Services Department 231.09

Administration			
Recreation Centers	Grounds Maintenance	Construction	Aquatics
Cemetery		El Mercado	

Parks Maintenance & Operations

- 74 Parks and 4 Plazas
- 54 Little League/Softball/Baseball Fields
- 22 Soccer Fields
- 8 City Trail Systems
- 8 Swimming Pools / 10 Splash Parks
- 9 Recreation Centers
- 2 Senior Centers
- City Cemetery
- El Mercado

FY 2012

Parks and Leisure Services

179.97 FTE's

FY 2013

Parks and Leisure Services

183.24 FTE's Plus Temp Maint. Staff 30

FY 2014
Parks and Leisure Services
211.09 FTE's Plus Temp Maint. Staff 42

FY 2015
Parks and Leisure Services Department
229.11 FTE's Plus Temp Maint. and Aquatics Staff 22

Personnel included in the proposed budget
Recreation Centers
Rec. Specialists (3.78)
Custodian (.13)

Cemetery
Groundskeeper (.5)

Maintenance
Crew Leader (3)
Groundskeeper (6)

Aquatics
Pool Supervisor (1)
Pool Supervisor Seasonal (.32)
Lifeguard (2)
Lifeguard Seasonal (2.02)
Lifeguard P/T (5)
Clerk I Seasonal (.23)
Clerk I P/T (.5)
Groundskeeper (1.52)

Expenditures	FY2014	FY2015
FY2013		
\$11,220,533	\$13,346,853	\$14,012,710

Capital Outlay included in the Proposed budget

- Maintenance
Two (2) new pickup trucks long bed crew cab
Two (2) new John Deere Z track 997 Diesel Series riding mowers
- Construction
Two (2) pick-up truck extended cab, long bed $\frac{3}{4}$ ton truck
- Aquatics
One (1) crew cab, short bed, $\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck

Memberships	FY2014
FY2013	

10,201

18,641

Yearly Attendance – Rec. Centers

FY2012	FY2013	FY2014
330,961	376,512	466,400

Summer Program Registrations

FY2012	FY2013	FY2014
2,235	1,613	1,730

Aquatics Participation

	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014
Water Aerobics	2004	1546	1534
Lap Swimming	868	781	678
Learn to Swim	1341	1405	1233

- Recent projects completed
- Fasken Community Center
 - Independence Hills Park Pool
 - North Central Park Pool
 - Slaughter Park Fitness Equipment/Basketball Court
 - Market Splash Park (In-house)
 - Rangel Field Lights
 - Sigifredo Perez Baseball Fields (In-house)
 - East Hachar Walking Track
 - Freddie Benavides Complex (Partial In-house)
 - Sanchez-Ochoa Park
 - Inner City Park (Partial In-house)
 - Al-King Field (In-house)
 - Johnny Rendon Park (Partial In-house)
 - Base Area Fields Improvements (In-house)
 - Northeast Hillside Rec Center Renovation (In-house)
 - Newman Elementary Soft Walking Track
 - NCP Frisbee Golf Course (In-house)
 - Father McNaboe Tennis Courts/Basketball Courts
 - La Ladrillera Park (In-house)
 - Scott Street Upgrades (In-house)

- Projects in-progress
- Independence Hills Amenities (In-house)
 - El Eden Pool
 - Freddie Benavides Complex (In-house)
 - Vista Nueva Park (In-house)
 - Villa Del Sol (In-house)
 - Cheyenne Park (In-house)
 - Concord Hills (In-house)

Dryden Park (Partial In-house)
Canizales Boxing Gym Expansion
Slaughter Sports Complex
Upper Zacate Creek
Magnolia Park (In-house)
Ponderosa Toddler Park (In-house)
Farias Rec Center/Boxing Gym
Seven Flags Park (Partial In-house)

F. LIBRARY

Maria G. Soliz, Library Director

More than just books, We have something for everyone!
Services

- eLibrary (Overdrive, Zinio, eSebcO, Tumblebooks, Digital Audio Books)
- Passport Acceptance Agency
- Internet and Computer Use
- Free WIFI in all Facilities
- Reference Services
- Tax Services – Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program
- School Year and Summer Reading Programs
- Adult Programs (Knitting Club, Jewelry Making Classes, Book Clubs, Computer Classes)
- Teen Advisory Committee and Teen Programming
- Exhibits
- Wall of Tolerance
- Historical Collection

Special Events

- One City One Book
- Laredo Book Festival
- Dia de los Ninos Dia de los Libros
- Holocaust Remembrance Day
- Author Events
- Teen Programs (May the 4th be with You! Batman 75th Anniversary)
- Booky Awards

Collaborations

- TAMIU
- LCC
- LISD
- UISD
- St. Mary's DACA Project

- UTHSC
- SBDC
- AARP
- HEB Read 3 Program
- Rio Grande International Study Center

Accomplishments

- Opening of Fasken Branch Library – March 2014
- VITA – Prepared 1,745 tax returns \$3,386,628 in refunds (saved taxpayers \$174,500 in tax preparation fees)
- Circulation–857,671
- Patron Count – 279,582
- Passports Processed – 805
- Texas Library and Archive Commission Accreditation

New for FY14-15

- Renewed Collaboration with Laredo Community College Adult Education and Literacy
- Family Literacy Programs
- Online Encyclopedia Britannica accessible from Home
- Improved Internet speed on Cybermobile
- Cyber/Book Mobile services
- Sophie Christen McKendrick, Francisco Ochoa, and Fernando A. Salinas Branch Libsary
- McKendrick, Ochoa, Salinas Branch Library
 - 10 Full-Time Staff
 - Hours of Operation: Monday, Thursday-Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - 37 Computers, capacity for 40-50K books, DVDs, CDs, etc.
 - Classroom, Computer Labs with additional 18 computers, Children’s Library, Study Rooms, Teen Area
 - All services currently offered at the Main

G. THIRD PARTY FUNDING

Arturo Garcia, CD Programs Administrator

City Manager Carlos Villarreal stated that there was a growing frustration that the members of the Third Party Funding Advisory Committee put their time and effort in to make recommendations and then their work would come to City Council and procedure would fall by the wayside. He asked why have a committee do anything when the dice would roll at the City Council meeting.

Motion to fund the Laredo Amateur Boxing Club in the amount of \$5,000 as

amended for funds to come from District III discretionary funds with a donation from District V of \$500.

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vela stated that he wanted to give \$500 from his discretionary fund towards the boxing club.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal said that if the funding for the boxing gym was from bond money, it could not be done because it was not capital outlay; if they could take out \$5,000 from some other source they would do it as long as they could interchange it with discretionary monies.

Arturo Garcia from Community Development Department gave a presentation before Mayor and Council.

Third Party Funding Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Overview

- Purpose
 - Address social problems
 - Promote community development
 - Help raise standard of living

- Funding Sources
 - General Fund
 - Hotel Motel Tax Revenue

Third Party Funding Advisory Committee

Purpose: To evaluate all applications for Third Party funding received by the City and to recommend to City Council as to which to fund and at what amount.

Current Members :	
Lucy Quintanilla	Dr. Martha Villarreal
Rey Ayala, Chairperson	Monica Molano
Dr. Peter Haruna, Vice Chair	Maria Arzuaga de Olivarez
Elizabeth Cantu	

Vacancies: Two positions currently vacant

Application Process

- Application training: March 24, 2014
- Code of Ethics training: March 24, 2014
- Application Due Date: April 17, 2014
- Applications Reviewed for Completeness
- Average score of 70 or higher based on the following:
 - Historical Narrative
 - Needs Statement
 - Programs/Services Provided
 - Goal, Objectives and Measures
 - Budget
 - Partnerships

Funding Considerations

GENERAL FUND

- 501 (c) 3 Non-Profit Status
- Support Education
- Promote Economic Development
- Promote Health and Welfare
- Must meet a Municipal Purpose

HOTEL /MOTEL FUNDS

- 501 (c) Non-Profit Status
- Every Expenditure must DIRECTLY Enhance and Promote Tourism AND the Convention and Hotel Industry
- Must meet one of the nine categories:
 1. Improvement/maintenance of a convention center or visitor information center.
 2. Convention registration.
 3. Advertising, and promotion.
 4. Promotion of the arts.
 5. Historical restoration or preservation.
 6. Sporting events (only certain municipalities)
 7. Enhancement of sports facilities (only certain municipalities)
 8. Tourist transportation system.

9. Signage promoting sights and attractions.

ORGANIZATION/AGENCY	Current Amount FY 13-14	Amount Requested FY 14-15	Committee Recommendation 5/27/2014	Amount Increased	Reason for Denial
Area Health Education Center	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -	
B.E.S.T.	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -		Lost its 501 C status
Bethany House of Laredo	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	
Big Brothers Big Sisters of S. TX	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	
Border Area Nutrition Council, Inc.	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	
Boys & Girls Clubs of Laredo	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	
Casa De Misericordia	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	
Children's Advocacy Center of Laredo	\$ 27,825.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 2,175.00	
Habitat for Humanity	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ -		Missing Articles of Incorpor. & Sec. of State ltr
Kidney Foundation of Laredo	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	
Laredo Amateur Boxing Club, Inc.	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -		Lost its 501 C status
Laredo Children's Museum/Imaginarium of South Texas	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -		Missing Partnership page from application
Laredo Crime Stoppers Inc.	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	
Laredo Little Theatre	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,519.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	
Laredo Regional Food Bank, Inc.	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -		Missing Audit, Annual Report and Minutes
Laredo Veterans Coalition	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ -	
Literacy Volunteers of America	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	
Rio Grande International Study Ctr.	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -		Moved to Hotel-Motel
Ruthe B. Cowl Rehabilitation Center	\$ 19,900.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 34,725.00	\$ 14,825.00	
Sacred Heart Children's	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	

Home			15,000.00		
Serving Children and Adolescents in Need, Inc.	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$ -	
South Texas Food Bank	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ -	
Special Olympics Texas, Laredo -	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
TMC SafeHaven	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 318,725.00	\$ 612,019.00	\$ 318,725.00	\$ 38,000.00	

Reflects increase in funding

Reflects no recommendation for funding; did not comply with third party funding guidelines

**Hotel - Motel
Third Party Funding
FY 2014-2015**

ORGANIZATION/AGENCY	Current Amount FY 13-14	Amount Requested FY 14-15	Committee Recommendation 5/27/2014	Amount Increased	Reason for Denial
Border Olympics, Inc.	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ -	
Laredo Area Youth Soccer Association	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	
Laredo Center for the Arts	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -	
Laredo Chamber of Commerce	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 500.00	
Laredo Main Street / Farmers Market	\$ 2,460.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 3,040.00	
Laredo Main Street / Jamboozie Festival	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
Laredo Philharmonic Orchestra	\$ 23,400.00	\$ 35,000.00			Late Application
LULAC # 7	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
Mexican Cultural Institute of Laredo	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 6,460.00	\$ 2,860.00	
Rio Grande International Study Center		\$ 15,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	
Society of Martha Washington	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	
Washington's Birthday Celebration Asso.	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -	
Webb County Heritage Foundation, Inc.	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ (5,000.00)	
	\$ 443,960.00	\$ 515,000.00	\$ 443,960.00	\$ 28,400.00	

Reflects increase in funding

Reflects no recommendation for funding; did not comply with third party funding guidelines

Motion that whatever increase in hotel motel occurred would be translated to hotel motel third party funding.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. San Miguel
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to approve the South Texas Food Bank and Border Nutrition Council contracts.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Vela
For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 2
 Cm. Garza Cm. Narvaez
 Cm. Perez Cm. Liendo
 Cm. Vela
 Cm. San Miguel

Motion to approve all other contracts.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Vela
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to approve the Third Party Funding Hotel Motel contracts.

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

H. PUBLIC WORKS
John Orfila, Public Works Director

Projects Completed	
Sidewalk	16
Projects	
Paving	96
Projects	
Drainage	5
Imp.	

Projects	
Curb & Gutter Projects	6
Valley Gutter Projects	12
Misc. Construction Projects	23
TOTAL	158

Performance Measures

Street Paving Projects 285 Blocks

Storm Drainage Maintenance 255 Inlets

Creek Maintenance 155 Acres

Building Maintenance 1,125 Work Orders

Street Maint.– Pro Patchers 25,185 Pot Holes

Street Cleaning – Sweepers 41,090 Lane / Miles

- San Francisco Ave. Sidewalk Project
- 1600 Tapeyste Ave. Sidewalk Project
- Sidewalk Repairs City Wide
- Corpus Christi St./Malinche Ave. Paving Project
- Sierra Vista Blvd. Paving Project
- Santa Clara St. Paving Project
- Riverview Ave./Oleander St. Drainage Improvements
- Curb & Gutter Repairs City Wide
- Corpus Christi St./Bartlett Ave. Valley Gutter

- Windfall Rd./Windmill Dr. Valley Gutter
- International Blvd./Sweden Lane Valley Gutter
- Maryland Ave./San Pedro St. Valley Gutter
- San Eduardo Ave./Callaghan St. Valley Gutter
- Ejido Ave./St. Luke Blvd. Concrete Intersection
- Columbia Solidarity Bridge Concrete Improvements
- JSJ Estates Concrete Island
- Lomas del Sur Blvd. Concrete Island
- Sierra Vista Blvd. Concrete Island
- San Agustin Ave./Moctezuma St. Parking Lot
- Slaughter Park Concrete Parking Lot
- Upper Zacate Creek Pond Parking Lot
- San Jorge Ave./Coke St. Handicap Ramp
- Meadow Ave./Price St. Handicap Ramp
- Upper Zacate Creek Pond Soccer Fields Complex & Trails
- Magnolia Neighborhood Park Basketball Court
- Concord Hills Park Basketball Court
- Concord Hills Park Walking Trail
- Villa del Sol Park Walking Trail
- Manadas Creek Hike & Bike Trail
- LPD Shooting Range
- Operation Crack Down (23 Homes) 1715 Scott St.
- Loring Ave./Aldama St. Kansas City Southern Rail Road Crossing Improvements
- Corpus Christi St./Marcella Ave. Kansas City Southern Rail Road Crossing Improvements
- Lake Kariba Ct. French Drain Project
- Broadcrest Ct./Candlewood Rd. Storm Drain Repairs
- Aldo Tatangelo Walkway
- Southern Hotel Remodeling
- City Hall Maintenance
- Downtown Sidewalks Pressure Washing
- Creek Maintenance
- Street Maintenance Pot Patchers
- Street Cleaning Sweepers
- West End Washington St. LCC Bridge
- Emergencies Fallen Trees

I. FIRE

Steve Landin, Fire Chief

Annual budget Presentation

FY 14-15

Fire Administration Center

Houses all respective department divisions.

The National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians awarded the EMS Training Program a Letter of Review (LoR). The LoR is the first of a two part application for EMS Accreditation.

LFD is one of ten Fire based programs in the United States who are accredited or has received an LoR. EMS classrooms, library and lab room serve as the core components of the accreditation application.

Major Accomplishment

The City of Laredo successfully met the Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating of 2, previously had a rating of 4. The ISO rating is from a 10 - 1. With "1" being the best.

The Fire Department would like to thank the following departments for achieving this accomplishment:

City of Laredo Utilities Department
911 Dispatch (Police Department)

2014-2016 FIRE ACADEMY

Start: October 1, 2014

Completion: June 2016

Fire Cadets will be trained in the following disciplines:

- Fire Suppression/Rescue
- Hazardous Material Technician (Haz-Mat)
- Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF)
 - National Registry Emergency Medical Technician (NREMT)
 - National Registry Paramedic (NREMT-P)
- Thirty (30) fire cadets from 2012-2014 Fire Academy graduated July 25, 2014.

Fire Training Center

- Laredo Fire Academy
- TEEX Fire Academy
- Live Fire Training
- Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF)

EMS Responses

Actual	Estimated	Proposed
12-13	13-14	14-15
24,465	24,560	25,706

Fire Responses

Actual	Estimated	Proposed
12-13	13-14	14-15
13,174	9,466	9,735

EMS Assist. – Fire Responses

Actual	Estimated	Proposed
12-13	13-14	14-15
7,273	3,288	3,407

Fire Inspections

Actual	Estimated	Proposed
12-13	13-14	14-15
4,763	4,959	5,860

Fire Investigations & Plat Reviews

	Actual	Estimated	Proposed
	12-13	13-14	14-15
Fire Investigation	53	76	64
Plat/Plan Reviews	688	754	788

Fire Personnel

Actual	Estimated	Proposed
12-13	13-14	14-15
356	362	362

Civilian Personnel

Actual	Estimated	Proposed
12-13	13-14	14-15
13	13	13

2013-2014 Assets

EMS

4 Ambulances

3 EMS Supervisor Vehicles

Fire Suppression Command Vehicle

Machinery & Equipment

Thermal Imaging Cameras 3

Scba Air Filling Station 1

Scbas/Facemasks 33

Arff Bunker Gear Sets 9

J. UTILITIES

Tomas Rodriguez, Utilities Director

REDUCED THE NUMBER OF WATER LINE BREAKS FROM AN

AVERAGE OF 5 TO 1 PER DAY BY PERFORMING THE FOLLOWING:

- A. CHANGING THE PUMPING OPERATIONS BY SLOWING DOWN THE PROCESS OF FILLING GROUND STORAGE AND ELEVATED TANKS
 - B. LOWERED THE PRESSURE SETTING AT BOOSTER STATIONS BY 10 PSI IN WINTER AND 5 PSI IN SUMMER
 - C. LOWERED THE PRESSURE FOR THE HI-SERVICE PUMPS AT JEFFERSON WTP BY 10 PSI IN WINTER AND 5 PSI IN SUMMER
 - D. ESTABLISHED SUMMER, WINTER, AND RAINY PUMPING PROCEDURES
- BUDGETED \$5.6 MILLION ANNUALLY TO REPLACE OLD WATER LINES:
 - A. REPLACED AN AVERAGE OF 30,000 FEET PER YEAR OF 2", 4", 6" AND 8" WATER LINES WITH 8" PVC SDR & 14" PVC PIPE
 - B. REPLACED AN AVERAGE OF 10,000 FEET PER YEAR OF 10" AND 12" WATER LINES WITH 10" AND 12" SDR 14 PVC PIPE
 - C. REPLACED 8,000 FEET OF 20" PVC PIPE
- IN 2008, HIRED AN ENGINEER TO PREPARE A 50 YEAR MASTER PLAN FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER FOR THE CITY OF LAREDO. THE PLAN WAS COMPLETED IN LATE 2009 AND APPROVED IN 2010. THE PLAN ANALYZED THE AVERAGE AND PEAK DEMANDS OF OUR WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM AND MADE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:
 - A. CONSUMPTION PER CAPITA
 - B. WATER PLANT EXPANSION REQUIREMENTS
 - C. TRANSMISSION MAINS REQUIRED
 - D. GROUND STORAGE TANKS AND BOOSTER STATION REQUIREMENTS
 - E. PRESENT AND FUTURE ELEVATED TANK REQUIREMENTS
 - F. WATER RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS
 - G. SCHEDULE BY DECADES OF WATER AND WASTEWATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- AS PART OF THE AUTOMATED METER READING PROJECT, WE HAVE REPLACED 43,000 METERS FROM AUGUST 2013 TO THE PRESENT WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY 3,600 METERS PER MONTH AND PLAN TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

- REDUCED THE FIRE HYDRANT METERS FROM 3" TO 2" AND INSTALLED A 1" REDUCING BUSHING TO DECREASE THE AMOUNT OF WATER FLOWING OUT OF THE FIRE HYDRANT AND REDUCING WATER HAMMER
- WE ESTABLISHED A WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM TO PREVENT WASTE BY ISSUING CITATIONS AND PRESENTING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS TO SCHOOLS TO EDUCATE OUR YOUNG STUDENTS ON HOW TO CONSERVE WATER. WE ALSO ESTABLISHED THE WATER SENSE HIGH EFFICIENCY TOILET (HET) REBATE PROGRAM 1.28 GAL/FLUSH
- WE LOWERED THE PERCENTAGE OF WATER LOSSES FROM 28% IN 2007 TO 9% IN 2013 AND REDUCED THE CONSUMPTION PER CAPITA PER DAY FROM 200 GPCD TO 137 GPCD
- WE ARE CONSTRUCTING A DISPENSER AT THE SOUTH LAREDO WWTP TO SELL EFFLUENT
- BUDGETED \$5.6 MILLION ANNUALLY TO REPLACE OLD WASTEWATER LINES
- OUR WASTEWATER COLLECTION DIVISION HAS PERFORMED THE FOLLOWING IN 2013:
 - A. A TOTAL OF 677,641 FEET OF WASTEWATER LINES HAVE BEEN CLEANED
 - B. 172,512 FEET OF EXISTING WASTEWATER LINES HAVE BEEN INSPECTED BY OUR CCTV CAMERAS AS WELL 61,600 FEET FOR NEW PROJECTS
 - C. WE HAVE SERVICED 481 MANHOLES AND HAVE REHABILITATED AND/OR REPLACED 83
 - D. THE INITIAL COST OF REPAIRING A MANHOLE WAS \$80,000 AND WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LOWER THE COST TO \$5,000 BY PERFORMING THE WORK WITH OUR OWN EMPLOYEES
- OUR WATER POLLUTION DIVISION IN THEIR EFFORTS TO INSPECT AND ENFORCE THE FATS, OILS & GREASE ORDINANCE HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN DECREASING THE NUMBER OF SEWER OVERFLOWS FROM 110 IN 2008 TO 17 IN 2013

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- WE WILL BE COMPLETING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE 20

MILLION GALLONS PER DAY WATER TREATMENT PLANT AT EL PICO BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2014. THE RAW WATER INTAKE STRUCTURE, PIPE AND PUMP HOUSE HAS THE CAPACITY FOR 120 MGD

- RECEIVED \$48,750,000 STATE LOAN FROM TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE SOUTH LAREDO WWTP FROM 7.5 MGD TO 12 MGD AND THIS PLANT SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY APRIL 2015

EL PICO WTP
SOUTH LAREDO WTP

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS: (CONT.)

- THE DESIGN PHASE OF THE EXPANSION OF THE SOUTH LAREDO WWTP FROM 12 MGD TO 18 MGD IS 90 % COMPLETE AND SHOULD BE OUT FOR BIDS BY MAY 2015
- PLANS FOR THE 1.75MGD WWTP AT SOMBRERETILLO CREEK ARE COMPLETE AND THE PROJECT IS BEING ADVERTISED FOR BIDS
- WATER AND WASTEWATER MODELING PROJECT IS 95% COMPLETE FOR WATER AND 50% FOR WASTEWATER
- THE JEFFERSON WATER TREATMENT PLANT ADMINISTRATION AND LEARNING CENTER BUILDING SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY JANUARY 31, 2016
- THE 60" WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN FROM MINES RD TO IH 35 MILE MARKER 11 IS TO BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER 1, 2014
- WE AWARDED FOUR (4) ENGINEERING CONTRACTS FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER LINE REPLACEMENT

60" WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN

- AWARDED ONE (1) ENGINEERING CONTRACT FOR THE DESIGN OF A 24" WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN ON CASA VERDE RD
- AWARDED THE DESIGN FOR ONE 3 MG ELEVATED STORAGE TANK AT SAN ISIDRO NORTHEAST (NEXT TO UNITED HIGH

SCHOOL)

- WE AWARDED THE DESIGN OF A 12" AND 24" WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN AND 12" SANITARY SEWER LINE AT SPUR 400 & LOOP 20 (CLARK & LOOP 20)
- WE APPLIED FOR 2 LOANS WITH THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD (TWDB) FOR A TOTAL OF \$15,500,000 TO CONSTRUCT THE 1.75 MGD SOMBRERETILLO CREEK WWTP AS WELL AS A 3 MG ELEVATED STORAGE TANK AT SAN ISIDRO NORTHEAST. BY SECURING THESE LOANS, THE CITY WILL SAVE APPROXIMATELY \$5,500,000 IN INTEREST OVER THE LIFE OF THE LOANS
- WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF SUBMITTING 2 ADDITIONAL LOAN APPLICATIONS TO TWDB FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$26,675,554 TO EXPAND THE SOUTH LAREDO WWTP FROM 12 MGD TO 18 MGD AS WELL AS INSTALL A 24" WATERLINE ALONG LOOP 20 (CASA VERDE RD). BY SECURING THESE LOANS, THE CITY WILL SAVE APPROXIMATELY \$10,735,500 IN INTEREST OVER THE LIFE OF THE LOANS

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Schedule of Completion & Cost of Water & Wastewater Projects

Project Name	Cost	Estimated Completion Date
60" Water Transmission	\$15,643,082	December 2014
El Pico WTP	\$85,657,070	September 2014
16" Waterline from Unitec to Travel Center (Design)	\$ 116,578	December 2014
Water Modeling Design	\$ 407,000	December 2014
Lomas del Sur/Cielito Lindo/Backwoods/SH 359 waterline	\$ 1,773,547	December 2014
Jefferson WTP Admin Bldg and	\$ 4,612,397	January 2016

Learning Center		
Automated Meter Reading	\$15,052,976	September 2015
24" Water line on Loop 20 from Clark Blvd. to Kansas City Railroad	\$ 480,000 Estimated	December 2014
San Isidro NE Elevated Tank	\$5,500,000 Estimated	June 2016
Replacement of water & wastewater lines in Mines Rd. (Design)	\$ 389,000	December 2014
Replacement of water & wastewater lines in Alta Vista (Design)	\$ 297,326	December 2014
Replacement of water & wastewater lines - San Fco Javier & Outlet Mall (Design)	\$ 356,500 Estimated	December 2014
Replacement of water & wastewater lines on Monterrey, Ugarte and Corpus Christi St. (Design)	\$ 300,000 Estimated	December 2014
Manadas WWTP	\$16,000,000 Estimated	December 2016
Sombreretillo WWTP	\$10,000,000 Estimated	July 2016
Zacate Creek Lift Station & Force Main	\$ 4,000,000 Estimated	July 2016
South Laredo WWTP 6 to 12 MGD	\$42,919,248	April 2015

Expansion		
Abandon Zacate Creek WWTP	\$ 350,000 Estimated	December 2016
Wastewater Modeling	\$ 406,750 Estimated	December 2014
12" Wastewater line from Clark Blvd. to Kansas City Railroad	\$ 480,000 Estimated	December 2014
South Laredo WWTP 12 to 18 MGD Expansion	\$22,000,000 Estimated	June 2017
Effluent Line NLWWTP to North Central Park	\$ 175,000 Estimated	June 2015

- K.** Funding and Operations of the departments (including divisions) of the Mayor and City Council, City Manager, City Attorney, City Secretary, Building, Financial Services, Tax, Planning & Zoning, Human Resources, Information Services and Telecommunications, Economic Development, Engineering, Solid Waste, Fleet, Community Development, Traffic, Airport, Environmental Services, Municipal Court, Convention and Visitors Bureau, Health, Transit, and all other related matters.

None.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved:

Second:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

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 35

and they are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council Workshop held on August 12, 2014.

Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary