

**CITY OF LAREDO  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
M-2013-R-05  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1110 HOUSTON STREET  
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040  
APRIL 1, 2013  
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,	District II
Alejandro Pérez, Jr.	District III
Juan Narvaez,	Mayor Pro Tempore, District IV
Roque Vela, Jr.,	District V
Charlie San Miguel,	District VI
Jorge A. Vera,	District VII
Cynthia Liendo,	District VIII
Amy J. Sanchez,	Deputy City Secretary IV
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 Cm. Garza and Cm. Liendo.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Garza arrived at 5:40 pm.

Cm. Liendo arrived at 5:49 pm.

**IV. MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes of March 18, 2013.

Motion to approve the March 18, 2013 minutes.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

### Recognitions

- a. Recognizing Dr. Jose G. Garcia for over 53 years of medical mental health care in Laredo providing critical care for patients and their families.

Mayor Salinas and City Council recognized Dr. Jose G. Garcia and presented him with a certificate of recognition.

- b. Recognizing Mr. Francisco “Paco” Diaz on his 25 years as a journalist and most recently as a reporter for El Mañana newspaper.

Mayor Salinas and City Council recognized Francisco “Paco” Diaz and presented him with a certificate of recognition.

- c. Recognizing Yessenia Carrera, Cigarroa High School Senior, on accomplishing her goal of becoming the three time defending State Champion in power lifting.

Mayor Salinas and City Council recognized Yessenia Carrera and presented her with a certificate of recognition.

### Communiqués

- a. Presentation by Ms. Dora Ramirez, SCAN Program Director, regarding the naming of City Parks after Laredo Police Officers and Firefighters who have fallen within the line of duty.

Dora Ramirez stated that SCAN was requesting City Council to consider naming ten city parks after the following fallen Laredo police officers and firefighters: Officer Juan Escamilla, Assistant City Marshall A. A. Johnson, Officer Pedro Ayala, Officer Juan Novoa, Officer Eugenio Luna, Officer Susano Castillo, Officer Pablo Albidrez Jr., Officer Victor Pablo Serna, Firefighter Gregorio Lerma and Firefighter Armando Peña.

### Citizen comments

Rogelio Treviño of Workforce Solutions of South Texas asked for City Council’s support to get the word out about hiring events. He mentioned that Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> there would be a job fair by Lewis Energy from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Workforce Center. He added that on May 29<sup>th</sup> there would be a job fair at the Civic Center.

Armando Cisneros reminded City Council that they should reduce rates on recreation center admission for families. He explained his idea for the city to provide transportation

on weekends to South Laredo Library. He also stated that the Charter requires roll call voting on nonprocedural items and felt that Council should abide by it.

Veronica Orduño and Gabby Ramirez asked everyone to wear blue on April 2<sup>nd</sup> in honor of Autism World Day.

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

- a. Appointment by Mayor Raul G. Salinas of Ms. Becky Morales to the Blue Ribbon Committee for People with Disabilities.

Motion to approve the nomination of Becky Morales to the Blue Ribbon Committee for People with Disabilities.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- b. Appointment by Mayor Raul G. Salinas of Mr. Jaime Garza to the Blue Ribbon Committee for People with Disabilities.

Motion to approve the nomination of Jaime Garza to the Blue Ribbon Committee for People with Disabilities.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- c. Appointment by Mayor Raul G. Salinas of Ms. Cordelia Cantu to the Blue Ribbon Committee for People with Disabilities.

Motion to approve the nomination of Janette Ramos to the Blue Ribbon Committee for People with Disabilities.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- d. Appoinment by Council Member Alejandro “Alex” Perez to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- e. Appoinment by Council Member Alejandro “Alex” Perez to the Third Party Funding Advisory Committee.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Vela  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- f. Appointment by Council Member Cynthia Liendo to the Transportation & Traffic Safety Advisory Committee.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Vela  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the FY 2012-2013 9-1-1 Regional Administration budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$199,114.00 for administrative, equipment and program budgets for Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb, and Zapata Counties for the period beginning September 1, 2012 and ending August 31, 2013. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Liendo  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Vela  
Second: Cm. Vera  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

2. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept funds in the amount of \$511,533.00 from the South Texas 9-1-1 Regional Administration Division to cost share personnel at the Laredo Police Department Public Safety Answering Point in accordance to Section 771.0751 of the Texas Health and Safety Code and Rule 251.3. Use of Revenue in Certain Counties from the Commission on State Emergency Communications; and amending the FY 2012-2013 General Fund Budget of the City of Laredo by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$511,533.00 for Laredo Police Department Communications Division salaries. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Liendo  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Vela  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

3. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 5 & 6, Block 1087, Eastern Division, located at 1920 Chihuahua Street; from R-O (Residential/ Office District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff does not support the application and Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the Zone Change. District III

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Liendo  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Planning Director Nathan Bratton explained that B-3 zoning provides for many different uses. Therefore, staff was more comfortable with a Conditional Use Permit for this car wash business because there were residences nearby. He added that the zone change was inconsistent with the future land use plan. He concluded that one was in favor of the change and none opposed.

Oscar Castillo spoke in favor of the zone change. He stated that the street was the continuation of Highways 83 and 359. He felt that the change was appropriate.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Garza  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Perez

## **VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES**

4. Ratifying the conveyance to AEP Texas Central Company, a Texas Corporation, of a 15 foot wide easement containing 5.05 acres more or less, situated in Porcion 13,

Abstract 51, Jose Miguel Garcia, Original Grantee being out of two (2) tracts of and as conveyed to the City of Laredo on deeds recorded in Volume 3014, Pages 199-210 and Volume 3162, Page 834-855, Official Public Records of Webb County Texas. Said tract of land being more particularly described by metes and bounds and boundary survey in attached Exhibit A. Said easement tract is needed for the installation of electrical service lines to serve the El Pico Water Treatment Plant. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease renewal with Securitas Security Services USA, Inc., for approximately 120 square feet of office space and an exclusive office entry lane of approximately 1,020 square feet at Bridge II.
  1. Lease term is for one (1) year commencing April 1, 2013 and ending on March 31, 2014.
  2. Monthly rent will be \$3,090.00 for approximately 120 square feet of office space and an exclusive office entry lane of approximately 1,020 square feet at Bridge II.
  3. The lease may be terminated by either party with a thirty (30) day written notice. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

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

Motion to waive the final reading of Ordinances 2013-O-034, 2013-O-035, 2013-O-036, 2013-O-037, 2013-O-038, 2013-O-039, 2013-O-040, 2013-O-041, 2013-O-042, 2013-O-043, and 2013-O-044.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Liendo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. 2013-O-034 Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute a contract amendment from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and amending the City of Laredo Health Department FY 2012-2013 annual budget in the amount of \$294,638.00 for equipment, supplies and contractual services with an in-kind match of \$29,477.00 for a total of \$324,115.00 for the continuation of public health emergency preparedness and response program for the term period of February 01, 2013 through August 31, 2013.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-O-034.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2013-O-035 Amending the City of Laredo FY 2012-2013 annual budget by appropriating expenditures in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 in the Laredo Police Department Trust Fund. Funding will be used to purchase operational materials, supplies, training and capital outlay equipment. Items include equipment that will be installed in the new patrol units (radios, light bars, MDT's, etc.) and other needed items. Funding is available in the Police Trust Fund.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-O-035.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Rangel  
For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

2013-O-036 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a child daycare center on Lots 5 and 6, Block 2026, Eastern Division, located at 3220 Ligarde Street; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-O-036.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Rangel  
For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

2013-O-037 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 6, Las Flores Subdivision Phase I, located at 101 Floral Boulevard; from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-O-037.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Rangel  
For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

2013-O-038 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 4 and the north 116.36 feet of Lot 3, Block 1, San Isidro Multi-Family Plat, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located at 10714 International Boulevard, from AG (Agricultural District) and R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-O-038.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Rangel  
For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

2013-O-039 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 3, Block 1, on Junction Park at Loop 20 Subdivision Phase I, located at 3511 Jaime Zapata Memorial Highway; from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-O-039.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Rangel  
For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

2013-O-040 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 3, Block 3, on Alexander Commercial Phase II, located at 7609 Rocio Drive; from B-3 (Community Business District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-O-040.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Rangel  
For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

2013-O-041 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for an Amusement Redemption Machine Establishment, on Lot 5, Block 1, Trautmann M & I Subdivision, located at 8601 McPherson Road; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-O-041.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Rangel  
For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

2013-O-042 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for used clothing wholesale on Lots 5 & 7, Block 191, Western Division, located at 1114 and 1118 San Eduardo Avenue; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-O-042.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Rangel  
For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

2013-O-043 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the lease agreement between the City of Laredo, as LESSOR and Ronny Salamon D/B/A Avionics Services, as LESSEE; approved on





8. Consideration for approval of the selection of consultant Terracon Consultants, Inc., Laredo, Texas, and San Antonio, Texas, in association with Omni Environmental Laboratory, Austin, Texas, Environmental Hazards Services, L.L.C., (EHS), Richmond Virginia, and Steve Moody, Inc., Micro Services, Farmers Branch, Texas, for the Asbestos Containing Building Materials Investigations FY 2013 – FY 2015 and authorization to negotiate a professional services contract for each respective project assigned. Funding is to be available from each project account. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## **XII. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion to approve the consent agenda except items 10-13.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

### **XII (a) RESOLUTIONS**

9. 2013-R-027 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a contract amendment from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in the amount of \$58,299.00 for a total of \$306,835.00 for the continuation of Local Public Health System, Office of Public Health Practices (OPHP) Grant to continue to provide prevention services, disease control, early detection, patient care and health promotion activities through August 31, 2013.

### **XII (b) MOTIONS**

10. Consideration for approval to negotiate competitive sealed proposal construction contracts for the bids received for the concrete package, the roofing package, the electrical package, and the plumbing package; reject the bids for the site work and the site utilities package and the combined bid package due to the bids being too high; reject the bid for the structural steel package due to an incomplete bid; and approval to advertise for bids for the packages rejected in the first advertisement for bids and to add other trades to the second advertisement for bids for the completion of the South Laredo Library Facility.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

11. Consideration to award contract FY13-014 to Nick Benavides, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated total amount of \$69,600.00 to provide mowing and maintenance of the Zacate Creek area. This company has been deemed as providing the best value to the City. The term of the contract is for a twelve (12) month period with three (3), one (1) year extensions. Funding is available in the Environmental Services Department budget.

Jerome Rosales of J. R. Landscaping Enterprises said that he had been the low bidder the last time that bids were received for this project. He added that he did not win the bid this time and felt that Nick Benavides received the contract because his relative-by-marriage was serving on the committee that decided the award; he was not the low bidder. He concluded that he and other companies were penalized because they rented their equipment.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6

Against: 2

Abstain: 0

Cm. Garza

Cm. Rangel

Cm. Perez

Cm. Vera

Mayor Pro Tem Narvaez

Cm. Vela

Cm. San Miguel

Cm. Liendo

12. Consideration to award contract FY13-015 to Nick Benavides, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated total amount of \$57,000.00 to provide mowing and maintenance of the Manadas North Creek area. This company has been deemed as providing the best value to the City. The term of the contract is for a twelve (12) month period with three (3), one (1) year extensions. Funding is available in the Environmental Services Department budget.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6

Against: 2

Abstain: 0

Cm. Garza

Cm. Rangel

Cm. Perez

Cm. Vera

Mayor Pro Tem Narvaez

Cm. Vela

Cm. San Miguel

Cm. Liendo

13. Consideration to award contract FY13-017 to Nick Benavides, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated total amount of \$77,250.00 to provide mowing and maintenance of the Manadas Creek area. This company has been deemed as providing the best value to the City. The term of the contract is for a twelve (12) month period with

three (3), one (1) year extensions. Funding is available in the Environmental Services Department budget.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6

Cm. Garza

Cm. Perez

Mayor Pro Tem Narvaez

Cm. Vela

Cm. San Miguel

Cm. Liendo

Against: 2

Cm. Rangel

Cm. Vera

Abstain: 0

14. Consideration to renew contract FY10-041 awarded to Schindler Elevator, San Antonio, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$98,472.60 for a three (3) year elevator and escalator maintenance service contract. This contract will provide for monthly maintenance on the elevators and escalators at the following municipal buildings: Airport Terminal, Bridge III and IV, City Hall, Police Department, Public Library, El Mercado building, and the Parking Division building. Funding is available in the respective departmental budgets.
15. Consideration for approval of amendments to existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Agreements between the City of Laredo Health Department and the following agencies to conduct diagnostic procedures as part of the Cancer Prevention Institute of Texas (CPRIT) project:
  1. Laredo Medical Center (LMC) Cancer Institute for an additional \$40,000.00 for a total of \$140,000.00.
  2. Medical Imaging Diagnostic Associates (MIDA) for an additional \$10,000.00 for a total of \$59,900.00.Funding is available in the Health Department budget through the CPRIT Grant.
16. Authorizing the City Manager to allow the single space parking meter trial agreement with Duncan Parking Technologies to terminate without extension and to solicit requests for proposals for a new parking meter Pilot Project. Funds are available in the Parking Meter Fund.
17. Consideration to award a contract and authorizing the City Manager to execute the construction contract to the lowest bidder, Mountain Cascade of Texas, L.L.C., Mansfield, Texas, in the amount of \$15,478,113.00 for the construction of the 60-inch Transmission Main Project. Construction time is two hundred fifty five (255) working days for final completion. Funding is available in the 2012 Utility Bond.
18. Consideration for approval of change order no. 9, a credit in the amount of \$1,357.55 for a total final contract amount of \$36,913,734.03 and an extension of time of sixty two (62) calendar days, and acceptance of project and release of

retainage in the amount \$1,845,686.70 to Pepper-Lawson Construction L.P. in Katy, Texas, for the Jefferson Street Water Treatment Plant 65-mgd Process and Electrical Upgrade. Funding is available in the 2007, 2008 & 2011 Water Bond - Jefferson WTP and is subject to Texas Water Development Board approval.

19. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for annual contract FY11-016 to Mo-Vac Environmental, McAllen, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$460,000.00 for furnishing vacuum truck services to transport domestic sewage, sewage sludge, and/or sludge for the Utilities Department. Funding is available in the Utilities Department – Wastewater Collection and Water and Transmission and Distribution Divisions.
20. Consideration to renew contract FY12-048 awarded to La Flecha Material, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$56,000.00 for providing red top soil and fill dirt for maintenance and capital improvement projects being constructed by the Parks and Leisure Services Department and Utilities Department. This will be the first and last extension of the bid. Funding is available in the respective departmental budgets.
21. Consideration to renew contract number FY12-050 to the low bidder J.R. Landscaping, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$80,000.00 for lawn and landscaping repairs caused by utility repairs. This contract is based on fixed hourly rates for a two man crew and when needed a licensed irrigator; plus any landscaping materials. Funding is available in the Water and Sewer Fund.
22. Consideration to award a contract to Holt Caterpillar, San Antonio, Texas, in the amount of \$273,338.00 for the purchase of one (1) asphalt paver for the Public Works Department utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Contract Pricing. Funding is available in the 2009 Utilities Contractual Obligation bond proceeds.
23. Consideration to authorize a contract (no. 346-10) with Park Place Recreation Designs, Inc. from San Antonio, Texas, through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Agreement Program's contract pricing, in the total amount of \$66,849.00 for the purchase and installation of a Playscape at Freddy Benavides Sports Complex. Funding is available in the 2009 C. O. Bond.
24. Consideration for approval of the ADA Sidewalks and Ramps Project no. 48 (12 Blocks-District III) (Re-Bid) as complete, and includes liquidated damages in the amount of \$1,400.00 (seven (7) working days @ \$200.00/ day) for late completion, the release of retainage and a net final payment in the amount of \$5,465.50 to DEH Construction, L.L.C., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$68,655.00. Funding is available in the 2010 C.O. Issue. (Previously approved by Operations & Finance Committees contingent upon completeness of pending improvements)

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

25. A. Request by Mayor Raul G. Salinas

1. Report by Robert L. Harris, Commander CBP South Texas, on the impact of sequestration on Border Patrol in the City of Laredo and its environs.

Robert Harris, Commander CBP South Texas, advised Mayor and Council that they had received an official statement that previously planned furloughs were being reevaluated and postponed. The possible impact of sequestration was continuing to be assessed. He added that this was welcome news, since the proposed changes had included a 35% pay reduction. He concluded that Laredo had set the tone for the national response to this issue.

B. Request by Council Member Esteban Rangel

1. Status report on South Laredo Library, with possible action.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Narvaez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Liendo was not present.

2. Discussion with possible action to consider that a portion of the revenues from the Parks & Leisure Services events (tournaments, bike races, etc.) be set aside utilizing a non-profit mechanism to assist persons of low income and Veterans for their participation in the Department's sponsored events. The individuals would have to fill out an application to determine eligibility based on need.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Liendo was not present.

C. Request by Council Member Alejandro "Alex" Perez

1. Status report on the Kansas City Southern (KCS) train crossings, with possible action. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Esteban Rangel)

Public Works Director John Orfila stated that Kansas City Southern was approved for 750 linear feet of planks to improve the train crossings in Laredo. He advised that there was, as yet, no date set for the work to be done.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal said that they could have their consultant go to the Federal Rail authority and find out what is the recourse for cities to take if the railroad companies do not fix train crossing problems.

Motion to instruct city lobbyists to make contact with someone in Washington and provide Council with an update as soon as possible.

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Garza and Cm. Liendo were not present.

2. Discussion with possible action to resurface Market Street Tennis Court parking lot and Three Points Park parking lot using District III discretionary funds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Garza and Cm. Liendo were not present.

D. Request by Council Member Charlie San Miguel

1. Presentation to recognize all sponsors and participants of the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Break Kite Festival.

Cm. San Miguel showed a video of the Kite Festival and thanked all sponsors and participants of the festival. He presented the sponsors and participants with certificates of recognition.

E. Request by Council Member Jorge A. Vera

1. Status report on the City of Laredo Standards Specification Technical Manual, with possible action. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Mike Garza and Council Member Roque Vela, Jr.)

Building Development Services Civil Engineer Ramon Chavez reported that the technical section of the manual is complete and on the agenda for tomorrow's Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. He added that several architects, contractors and consultants from the private sector had participated in the revisions.

2. Status report on the review and update of the Land Development Code Book, with possible action.

Planning Director Nathan Bratton informed Mayor and Council of updates to the Land Development Code Book such as the ordinance to regulate sexually oriented businesses, fees, sidewalk cafes for the Arts and Entertainment district, updated definitions of restaurants and bars, Special Use Permits for restaurants serving alcohol, definitions of trauma and minor emergency clinics,

outdoor advertising section standing on its own, the stormwater management ordinance, the historic district ordinance, policies and procedures for the Planning and Zoning Commission and a Special Use Permit structure for town homes and condominiums.

Motion to involve the private sector in the revision process.

Moved: Cm. Vera

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Garza and Liendo were not present.

3. Presentation by Ms. Lisa Hinojosa in supporting the Autism Awareness and Education Foundation and their upcoming event "Autism in Action" to be held at the Laredo Energy Arena on Saturday, April 13, 2013, with possible action.

Janet Rodriguez invited all present to the Autism in Action event and thanked the sponsors.

F. Request by Council Member Cynthia Liendo

1. Status report regarding the Utilities Department projects to include the elevated water tank, the Jefferson Administration Building and the San Francisco water line replacement, with possible action.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Narvaez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Liendo and Cm. Garza were not present.

#### **XIV. STAFF REPORTS**

26. Discussion with possible action on the proposed sale of the Laredo Civic Center to the Laredo Independent School District.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal stated that they had met with Dr. Nelson and would have the item ready for the next meeting to discuss conditions for an agreement to sell the pool and pool parking lot, meeting rooms, auditorium, ballroom, veterans field and parking lot for \$16 million. He added that there was a possibility of constructing a water tank on facility. He concluded that they would be honoring previously arranged commitments for the Civic Center.

Motion to proceed with the sale of the Laredo Civic Center to the Laredo Independent School District.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Liendo was not present.

#### **XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**



None.

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

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

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Garza, Cm. Rangel and Cm. Liendo were not present.

27. Consideration to extend contract (FY12-031) awarded to the lowest bidder, Gonzalez Auto Parts in the estimated annual amount of \$68,382.50 to provide inventory automotive batteries for El Metro buses, vans and support vehicles. This will be the first of two (2) one (1) year extension periods. If the contract pricing does not exceed the current pricing structure, the contract will be automatically renewed for the last additional extension period. All batteries will be purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the El Metro Operations Fund. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Garza, Cm. Rangel and Cm. Liendo were not present.

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

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

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Garza, Cm. Rangel and Cm. Liendo were not present.

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 17 and they are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council meeting held on April 1, 2013.

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Gustavo Guevara, Jr.  
City Secretary