

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M-2013-R-07
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
MAY 6, 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

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| Raul G. Salinas, | Mayor |
| Mike Garza, | District I |
| Esteban Rangel, | District II |
| Alejandro Perez, 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 |
| 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 Cm. Perez and Cm. Garza.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Narvaez

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 6

Against: 6

Abstain: 6

Cm. Perez joined the meeting at 5:55pm. Cm. Garza joined the meeting at 6:10pm.

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of April 15, 2013.

Motion to approve the April 15, 2013 minutes.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Narvaez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Liendo was not present.

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Recognitions

- a. Recognizing Stephanie N. Velarde, a 5th grade student from Killam Elementary, as a 9-1-1 Everyday Hero.

Mayor Raul G. Salinas publicly recognized Stephanie N. Velarde and presented her with a certificate of recognition. He commended Ms. Velarde for her composure in a crisis situation and stated that she is a Laredo hero.

- b. Recognizing Ms. Anabelle Ponce for being the first Laredoan to qualify for Cross-fit Open Worldwide Regionals.

Mayor Raul G. Salinas and the Laredo City Council publicly recognized Ms. Ponce and presented her with a certificate of recognition.

- c. Recognizing Whataburger Store #669, for winning the Silver Medal at the Whataburger Games.

Mayor Raul G. Salinas and the Laredo City Council publicly recognized Whataburger Store #669 and presented it with a certificate of recognition.

Communiqués

- a. Presentation by Ms. Maribel Garcia, marathon runner, regarding her experience at the Boston Marathon.

Ms. Maribel Garcia requested that everyone in the Laredo community keep the residents of Boston in their thoughts and prayers. This was Ms. Garcia's 9th Boston marathon. As she took her first step over the finish line, the first bomb detonated. Seconds later, the second bomb detonated. She could only compare the scene to a war zone. This was a very traumatic experience, but Ms. Garcia will continue to run in honor of those who were hurt or died as a result of the attack.

Citizen comments

None.

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- a. Appointment by Mayor Pro-Tempore Juan Narvaez of Dr. Martha Villarreal to the Third Party Funding Advisory Committee.

Motion to confirm the nomination of Dr. Martha Villarreal to the Third Party Funding Advisory Committee.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- b. Appointment by Council Member Cynthia Liendo of Elizabeth Cantu-Riojas to the Third Party Funding Advisory Committee.

Motion to confirm the nomination of Elizabeth Cantu-Riojas to the Third Party Funding Advisory Committee.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- c. Appointment by Council Member Jorge A. Vera of Juan Ramirez, Jr. to the Drug and Alcohol Commission.

Motion to confirm the nomination of Juan Ramirez, Jr. to the Drug and Alcohol Commission.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- d. Appointment by Council Member Jorge A. Vera of Maria Olivares to the Third Party Funding Advisory Committee.

Motion to confirm the nomination of Maria Olivares to the Third Party Funding Advisory Committee.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

No appointee was named.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1. Public hearing providing community residents an opportunity to comment on their housing and community needs and the projects that they wish to see funded through the 39th Action Year (AY) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the 2013 HOME Investment Partnerships Grant (HOME), and the 2013 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) in support of the preparation and submission of the 2013 One-Year Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Also for comment is the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-2012 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) regarding the City’s administration of HUD Programs.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Liendo was not present.

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Vera

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 2. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2003-O-137 in Section 2-3 (d) of Article I of Chapter 2, Administration, of the Code of Ordinances, in order to update the schedule of charges for copies of public information, and providing for publication and effective date. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vera

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

3. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Land Development Code of the City of Laredo, Chapter 24-65 Supplementary Zoning Regulations, specifically Section 24-65.15, M-1 Light Manufacturing District, and Section 24-65.16, M-2 Heavy Manufacturing District by increasing the minimum distance requirement from 1000 feet to 2000 feet from a church; a public or private elementary or secondary school; a boundary of any residential district; a public park; a boundary of any district zoned AG, R-S, R-1, R-1A, R-1-MH, RSM, R-2, R-3, R-O, B-1, B-1R, CBD, B-3, B-4, MXD; and amending Appendix A – Definitions by adding Adult Drive Through (Thru) / Drive In to the definition of Sexually Oriented Business; providing for publication; and providing for effective date. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vera

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 6, Del Mar Village Addition, located at 6919 Springfield Avenue, from B-1 (Limited Commercial District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District).

Staff does not support the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the request. District V

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Garza
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Victor Treviño, Jr. spoke on behalf of Napoli Enterprises and its Urgent Care/Minor Emergency Project. He provided information on the background of the project and detailed the clinical services that will be provided upon approval of the ordinance, which will allow this project to proceed. He requested City Councils support and approval of the proposed zoning change.

Paty Guajardo, spoke on behalf of the residents of the Villiage Del Mar Condominium Association. She stated that she and other residents were requesting clarification on the zoning change and whether they were going to be facing a B4 zone which would be an issue for the members of the Association.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce as amended to B3.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Vela

5. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2013 Waterworks System Fund and 2013 Certificates of Obligation Fund budgets to appropriate revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$4,000,000.00. Waterworks System will advance \$4,000,000.00 to the 2013 Certificates of Obligation for street paving project. Subject to prior approval of Resolution 2013-R-037, item no.19.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Rangel
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Vera
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

6. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2013 Water and Sewer System Fund budgets to appropriate revenues and

expenditures in the amount of \$16,000,000.00. Water and Sewer Operations will advance \$16,000,000.00 to the 2013 Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds for costs associated with improving and extending the City's combined utilities system. Subject to prior approval of Resolution 2013-R-038, item no. 20.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

7. Amending Article III, Section 24-58.2 of Chapter 24 of the Land Development Code entitled, "Standard Technical Specification Manual" Division D by adopting the "Standard Technical Specification Manual 2013 Edition" to replace the current "Standard Technical Specification Manual" establishing standardized procedures and materials for the orderly construction and installation of public improvements thereof; and providing for publication and effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

8. Amending Ordinance no. 97-O-022 Subsection (C) "City Secretary's Office", of Section 2-3, of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo; providing for the deletion of charges for Code of Ordinance Books and Supplements; and providing for publication and an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

9. Authorizing the City Manager to approve an amendment to the lease agreement approved by Ordinance No. 2011-O-148, dated November 7, 2011 between the City of Laredo as LESSOR and Air Trade Laredo, L.L.C., as LESSEE, amending the leased premises to delete an approximate 0.2601 acre tract and to add an approximate 0.2223 acre tract to enable the squaring of the leased premises to maximize its utilization. This exchange of portions of the leased premises is requested by Air Trade Laredo, L.L.C., and Laredo Aero Center, Inc. All other terms and conditions remain the same; providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council except for Cm. San Miguel

10. Authorizing the City Manager to approve an amendment to the lease agreement approved by Ordinance No. 2008-O-031, dated February 25, 2008 between the City of Laredo as LESSOR and Laredo Aero Center, Inc., as LESSEE, amending the leased premises to delete an approximate 0.2223 acre tract and to add an approximate 0.2601 acre tract to enable the squaring of the leased premises to maximize its utilization. This exchange of portions of the leased premises is requested by Laredo Aero Center, Inc., and Air Trade Laredo, L.L.C. All other terms and conditions remain the same; providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

11. Authorizing the City Manager to amend the lease agreement with Carlos Bella D/B/A Villa Laredo Restaurant as LESSEE, approved by Ordinance No. 2008-O-149 dated July 21, 2008 to extend the lease term by an additional two (2) years to June 30, 2015, to include the approximate 550 sq. ft. located at the second (2) floor level of the passenger terminal for use as a bar, refreshments, snacks and food, Lessee's revised rent is effective June 30, 2013 shall be \$3,150.00 plus \$301.67/month for the second level premises; the expenses to furnish and equip the bar shall be LESSOR'S sole cost and expense; to include plumbing, electrical and other improvements; providing for an effective date. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

12. Authorizing the City Manager to amend the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Capital Improvements Fund budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$17,500.00 as payment from developer for improvements not completed in Khaledi Heights Subdivision Phase I, II, and III generated through cashier's checks payments made for pending improvements.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

13. Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute amendment no. 1 for Advanced Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (CSJ 0922-33-133 effective date of February 7, 2012), for the proposed construction of the City street extension of Cielito Lindo Avenue to its intersection with Loop 20 (Cuatro Vientos), by increasing the construction cost estimate by \$862,960.00 for a maximum federal reimbursement of \$1,933,159.00 and State participation of \$333,470.00 and increasing the City's participation by 6.2% (being \$53,502.00) and amending the FY 2012-2013 Capital Grants Fund by appropriating said funds. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

14. Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute amendment no. 1 to an Advanced Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (CSJ 0922-33-135 effective date of February 7, 2012), for the proposed construction of the City street extension of Lomas del Sur Blvd. to its intersection with Loop 20 (Cuatro Vientos), by increasing the construction cost estimate by \$845,205.00 for a maximum federal reimbursement of \$2,069,317.00 and State participation of \$356,957.00 and increasing the City's participation by 6.2% (being \$52,403.00) and amending the FY 2012-2013 Capital Grants Fund by appropriating said funds. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive the final reading of Ordinances 2013-O-051, 2013-O-052, 2013-O-053, 2013-O-054, 2013-O-055, 2013-O-56, 2013-O-57 and 2013-O-058.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Narvaez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Liendo was not present.

15. 2013-O-051 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an advanced funding agreement amendment one (1) with the Texas Department of Transportation for the West Laredo Multimodal Corridor-Phase III for the Calton Grade Separation Project to reflect utility relocation costs and right of way acquisition costs are 100% reimbursable to the City of Laredo.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-O-051.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Narvaez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2013-O-052 Amending the Laredo Land Development Code as follows:

- a. Chapter 24, Article IV, Supplementary Zoning District Regulations Section 24-65.9: R-O Residential Office District, Subsection (2) amending permitted medical or dental outpatient clinics;
- b. Chapter 24, Article IV, Supplementary Zoning District Regulations Section 24-65.11: B-1 Limited Commercial Districts, Subsection (1) describing permitted medical and dental clinics;

- c. Chapter 24, Article IV, Effects of Districting and General Regulations, Section 24.63.2 permitted land uses, by amending land use charts detailing what districts permit medical/dental offices and clinics;
- d. Chapter 24, Appendix A, definitions, by amending the definitions of medical/dental offices and clinics, and adding definitions for emergency treatment center, emergency care clinic and trauma treatment center; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-O-052.

Moved: Cm. Garza
 Second: Mayor Pro Tem Narvaez
 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 2013-O-053 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 1, Raul E. Laurel Subdivision, located at 4151 E. Saunders Street, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-O-053.

Moved: Cm. Garza
 Second: Mayor Pro Tem Narvaez
 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 2013-O-054 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 1, Alexander’s Commonwealth Subdivision, Unit II, located 7601 King Arthur’s Court, from B-3 (Community Business District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-O-054.

Moved: Cm. Garza
 Second: Mayor Pro Tem Narvaez
 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 2013-O-055 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 9.56 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit “A”, located at the southeast corner of Bob Bullock Loop and Crepusculo Drive, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-O-055.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Narvaez
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2013-O-056 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 1, The Chapa Plat, located at 10116 F.M. 1472 from B-1 (Limited Commercial District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-O-056.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Narvaez
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2013-O-057 Authorizing the City Manager to amend the FY 2012-2013, Environmental Services Annual Operating Budget by appropriating \$67,960.00 reimbursement by Killam Development for the Backwoods Drainage Project. The funds will be used for the Backwoods Road-Storm Drainage Improvement.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-O-057.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Narvaez
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2013-O-058 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a second amendment to Ground Lease (Flores Street) by and between the City of Laredo, a Municipal Corporation (Landlord), and New Cingular Wireless PCS, L.L.C., a Delaware Limited Liability Company, as successor-in-interest to Texas/Illinois Cellular Limited Partnership (Tenant), mailing address of 12555 Cingular Way, Suite 1300, Alpharetta, Georgia, 30004, formally known as a successor-in-interest by its general partner, Southwestern Bell Wireless, Inc., certain premises, therein described, as a portion of the property located at 1301 Farragut Street, Laredo, Webb County, Texas, to add equipment:

1. Three (3) - DBXNH-1B6565B-R2M antennas (one (1) per sector)
2. Three (3) - Raycap DC2 surge arrestor (one (1) per sector)
3. Three (3) - RRU (one (1) per sector mounted behind antenna)

4. Three (3) 7/8" fiber and three (3) 1/2" power cables (one (1) each per sector); and to modify the rental amount from the current annual rent of \$17,542.27, increasing it by \$146.16 per month for an annual rate of \$19,296.19. This increased amount will be payable at the next regularly scheduled payment after the effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-O-058.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Narvaez
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

X. RESOLUTIONS

16. 2013-R-034 Supporting the re-designation of a segment of Loop 20 (from its intersection with S.H. 359 South, approximately .2 miles) from Loop 20 to State Spur (SS) 259.

Motion to approve Resolution 2013-R-034.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Vela
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
Cm. Liendo was not present.

17. 2013-R-035 Authorizing the City Manager to execute the renewal of a Clinical Affiliation Agreement between the City of Laredo Fire Department and Laredo Regional Medical Center L.P., D/B/A Doctors Hospital of Laredo. Laredo Fire Department provides its emergency medical technicians and paramedic students with clinical training available at Doctors Hospital.

Motion to approve Resolution 2013-R-035.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Vela
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

18. 2013-R-036 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a contract amendment from the Texas Department of State Health Services in the amount of \$22,074.00 for a total of \$160,460.00 due to a realignment of funds for City of Laredo Health Department Family Planning and Prevention Services (fee for service) and extending the term through May 14, 2013. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to approve Resolution 2013-R-036.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Vela
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

19. 2013-R-037 A resolution expressing official intent to reimburse \$4,000,000.00 to the Utilities Department with tax-exempt obligation proceeds for costs associated with constructing, improving and repairing City streets and sidewalks, together with drainage, traffic and street signalization and lighting improvements.

Motion to approve Resolution 2013-R-037.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Vela
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

20. 2013-R-038 A resolution expressing official intent to reimburse \$16,000,000.00 to the Utilities Department with tax-exempt obligation proceeds for costs associated with improving and extending the City's combined waterworks system and sewer system.

Motion to approve Resolution 2013-R-038.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Vela
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

XI. MOTIONS

21. Consideration to approve a five (5) year professional services contract with First Southwest Asset Management Company to perform the arbitrage rebate compliance services for all of the City's tax-exempt bond issues. The fees are \$950.00 per computation per year. Funding for the contract will be derived from interest earnings of each of the respective bond issues. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Rangel
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

22. Awarding a contract and authorizing the City Manager to execute the construction contract to the sole lowest bidder, Qromex Construction Co., Inc., of Granite Shoals Texas, in the amount of \$737,545.42 for Loop 20 Embarcadero Subdivision Sanitary Sewer Crossing (Bore) Project. Funding is available in the 2010 Revenue Bond. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Rangel
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

23. Award of a contract and authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract in the amount of \$97,973.00 to Time Warner Cable. The cost is for the installation of fiber along 1.35 miles to extend from Mines Road to El Pico Water Plant which is currently under construction in order to provide SCADA and telecommunications. Funding is available in the 2010 Water Revenue Bond. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Rangel
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

24. Consideration to award contract FY13-035 to the sole bidder Rush Truck Centers of Texas, Laredo, Texas in the amount of \$60,320.00 for the purchase of one aluminum frameless end dump trailer for the Utilities Department. This trailer shall be used for the hauling of bio-solids to the Landfill. Funding for the purchase of this equipment is available in the Utilities Department Fund. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Rangel
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

25. Consideration to award contract FY13-036 to the low bidder, LSC Environmental Products, Appalachian, New York in the estimated annual amount of \$184,500.00 for the purchase of alternative daily cover material for the City Landfill. The materials are made of fiber and cement mortar used to replace the use of on-site soils for daily cover at the disposal area. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Services Department Fund. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Rangel
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

26. Consideration to authorize a sixty (60) day extension to contract no. FY12-041 awarded to Anderson Columbia, Laredo, Texas, for the purchase of asphalt type

“D” hot mix with 1% lime, (F.O.B Plant) and asphalt type “D” hot mix with RAP, 1% lime, (F.O.B Plant) and authorizing new bids be solicited for these paving materials. All materials are purchased on an as needed basis utilizing the Public Works Department and construction projects budgets.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Rangel
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

27. Consideration to award contract FY13-010 to Nextgen Parking, Houston, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$242,145.00 for the purchase and installation of a complete operational mag-stripe ticket and card parking access revenue control system for the Airport Department. The vendor shall provide all the labor, equipment, hardware, and software components to make the system fully functional. Nextgen provided the lowest cost for this system and was deemed to provide the best value to the City. Funding for this project is available in the Airport Department Fund. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Rangel
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

28. Authorizing the City Manager to grant a multiple public fireworks display permit for special events at the Uni-Trade Stadium Laredo Lemurs Baseball games during the 2013 season. The technician for the display will be Atlas Enterprises Incorporated.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Rangel
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

29. Motion to ratify payment made on May 1, 2013 in the amount of \$146,041.98 to the Texas Comptroller on behalf of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission pursuant to that Memorandum of Understanding entered into with the County of Webb dated October 17, 2012 for the Health Care Partnership Health Care Transformation and Quality Improvement 1115 Waiver (Medicaid Expansion Program for Indigent Health Care). This payment will allow the City of Laredo to receive additional funding from the State in the amount of \$358,826.00 for indigent health care.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Rangel
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

30. A. Request by Mayor Raul G. Salinas

1. Discussion with possible action on creating a youth job employment challenge in the community and calling on all employers in the public/private sector and faith based organizations to hire youth during the summer months.

Mayor Raul G. Salinas stated that back in April there was a teleconference with the President of the United States promoting the employment of youth in communities across the nation. Local representative from Chick-Fil-A, the Workforce Commission, Whataburger, McDonalds, and the Chamber of Commerce participated in this discussion. Mayor Salinas encouraged businesses across the area to hire community youth, during the summer months, to encourage them to continue with their education and build experience while keeping them off the street and out of trouble.

Mike Marasco representing McDonalds stated that he anticipates the employment of around 100 youth across the 16 McDonalds locations during the summer months. Chick-Fil-A also anticipated hiring between 50 and 75 youth.

2. Status report regarding the City's Ambassador Program, with possible action.

Blasita Lopez, Director of the Laredo Convention and Visitors Bureau, reported that the kick-off for this program was held on February 12, 2013. The CVB has received eleven applications, six of which have completed training, four are under review and one has been unresponsive. A ceremony is being coordinated to induct the first six, official, ambassadors and present them with their certificates and blazers.

Ms. Lopez gave the following presentation:

Laredo Ambassadors Program Update May 6, 2013

Ambassador Milestones

- Kickoff held February 12, 2013
- 11 applicants to date
- 6 individuals have completed process
- 4 applications under review

- ☉ Certificate/ Blazer presentation & ceremony pending

Photo Overview

- ☉ Sandra Cavazos and Miguel Inclan completed their Destination Training on February 28.
- ☉ Jaime Andrade; Miguel Zavala; Maribel Covarrubias; and Tonie Gamboa completed their Destination Training on April 25.

To apply call us at 795-2200 or online at visitlaredo.com!

B. Request by Council Member Mike Garza

1. Discussion with possible action to consider supporting the Boys Scouts in a Soap Box Derby Competition.

Cm. Garza stated that he would like to schedule a meeting with staff to plan for an event to be hosted by the Boy Scouts somewhere around the arena. He will coordinate with the Scouts to make a presentation before Council concerning what they hope to accomplish.

2. Discussion with possible action on interpretation of conflict of interest related to the Ethics Ordinance.

Cm. Garza stated that he would like to work on getting an accurate interpretation on the conflict of interest portion of the ethics committee because, recently, there have been instances where local vendors have not been allowed to do business with city departments because there is a relationship between a city worker and the vendor. For example, there is an employee, a non-supervisory laborer, in the Parks department whose spouse was trying to do business with the city via the correct, legal avenues through Purchasing. The vendor was informed that they could not go any further in the process due to that relationship between the laborer, the city and the vendor. Cm. Garza stated that he does not believe this was the intent of the ordinance so he would like an interpretation.

Motion to get the appropriate language into the Ethics Ordinance that would not include all employees, but only those employees with decision making abilities.

Motion: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

C. Request by Council Member Esteban Rangel

1. Recognizing Ms. Nancy Rodriguez, from the Laredo Bad Boyz Baseball Team for being undefeated for two (2) years in a row and winning first place in the recent competition held in Corpus Christi.

Ms. Nancy Rodriguez reported that this team has been playing together since T-ball and has been undefeated the entire time. The first week of April, the Bad Boyz won first place in a San Antonio tournament. They played in another tournament on Sunday, May 5, 2013, where they placed first again.

Ms. Rodriguez was presented with certificates of recognition for each of the team members.

2. Recognizing Laredo Independent School District (LISD) Cigarroa, Martin and Nixon high schools soccer teams for advancing to the playoffs.

Cm. Rangel congratulated the three teams and presented each player with a certificate of recognition.

3. Recognizing the Nixon High School Basketball team for advancing to the Sweet Sixteen Round State playoffs.

Cm. Rangel stated that he is very proud of the Nixon High School Basketball team and what they have accomplished this year.

4. Status report on the study of Ejido Road proposed for a four (4) lane roadway from Lomas Del Sur (South Gate) to Loop 20, with possible action. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Mike Garza)

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, reported this project would entail acquiring right-of-way to expand the current width of the street; an acquisition of 20 blocks of residential and business properties.

Carlos Villarreal, City Manager, added that this would result in the purchase of approximately 60 dwellings, at an estimated cost of about \$6 million. In reality, if the properties were acquired based on federal requirements, this would become a \$10 million, 5-year project. He felt that the expansion project is cost prohibitive and that providing connecting streets to Quatro Vientos will do more to alleviate traffic issues than taking on this project.

Motion to table.

Motion: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

D. Request by Council Member Alejandro “Alex” Perez

1. Discussion with possible action on entering into an interlocal agreement with Laredo Independent School District (LISD) to open the basketball courts around Ryan Elementary.

Cm. Perez stated that he would like to see the basketball courts opened. He would like to work towards installing lights, a canopy roof, seating and a water fountain.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Discussion with possible action on improvements to Malinche Avenue such as railings and/or increased signage due to recent traffic accidents.

Ray Garner, Laredo Police Chief, stated that the Traffic Division will be carrying out radar enforcement along Malinche.

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Director, reported that traffic accidents are unpredictable and that radar enforcement is really what needs to be done in this area. An additional radar sign could be installed further down Malinche, from the existing sign, if funding is available. He will poll the area between Gustavus and Garfield to determine if the residents would like to have railing installed. This information will be made available on the next council meeting.

3. Discussion with possible action on cleaning up next to the Kansas City Southern (KCS) rail line near Chacon and Three Points due to excessive trash and abandoned tires.

John Orfila, Public Works Director, reported that the City is responsible for the right-of-way twenty-five feet from the center of the rail. He also stated that the area Cm. Perez is discussing has been cleared of debris.

Carlos Villarreal, City Manager, stated that staff will look into keeping this area clean. They will coordinate with Kansas City Southern rail to keep the area maintained and debris free.

E. Request by Council Member Roque Vela, Jr.

1. Status report regarding the first and third base baseball nets at the Uni-Trade Stadium, with possible action.

Cm. Vela stated that he understands that there are residents who are for and against the installation of nets at Uni-Trade Stadium, but that his main concern is for the safety of the public.

Cm. Garza asked Cm. Vela if he would be open to a meeting with season ticket holders as to whether they would cancel their tickets if the nets are installed.

Motion to direct staff to set up a town hall meeting with season ticket holders to discuss the installation of the nets.

Motion: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

F. Request by Council Member Charlie San Miguel

1. Discussion with possible action on the implementation of Buy-Back Program of tires in effort to mitigate the health and environmental concerns posed by dumping of tires.

Cm. San Miguel reported that this may encourage residents to help the city battle the problem of the dumping of used tires.

Carlos Villarreal, City Manager, stated that the city will continue the cleanup of old tires every two and a half months, but that it will not solve the problem. He stated that there is legislation, at the State level, that should assist the city with this issue and remove some of the burden from the city's shoulders.

2. Discussion with possible action to adopt an ordinance that would promote safety for cyclists, joggers, and pedestrians. (Co-sponsored by Council Member Liendo and Council Member Alejandro "Alex" Perez)

Cm. San Miguel stated this ordinance adds a new section to the code of ordinances that provides for the safe passage of vulnerable road users and creates an offense for violation of this ordinance. It also defines what a vulnerable road user is.

Carlos Villarreal, City Manager, pointed out that there would need to be certain areas of the city that would be off limits to cyclists, due to the reduced width of the streets. He also pointed out that the following should be eliminated: skaters, rollerbladers, horses, because of the difficulty of regulating these activities. He suggested that it would be best to bring this item back after further discussion.

G. Request by Council Member Jorge A. Vera

1. Discussion with possible action to direct staff to contact our legislative representatives and prevail upon them to include “spice”, “salvia”, “bath salts”, and “K2”, etc., otherwise known as “synthetic cannabis,” among prohibited substances under the Texas Controlled Substances Act.

Cm. Vera commented that Legislation has already passed a law concerning synthetic cannabis; now it is a matter of enforcement. He stated that the City Attorney has been reviewing ordinances placed in effect by other cities in regards to this matter.

Raul Casso, City Attorney, replied that he has reviewed the legislation passed by the City of Dallas. The legislation at both State and Federal level make the possession and distribution of these substances an arrest offense, as opposed to the city’s designation as a finable offense. The new legislation will lay the groundwork for enforcement on the city level.

2. Status report on general park projects specifically: Northwest Recreation Center and the Max A. Mandel Golf Course

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, reported that he has not received a project completion schedule from the contractor for the Northwest Recreation Center. Per the contract, the contractor should be substantially finished by July; however, due to delayed delivery of supplies, the project is running about 2 months behind schedule. Layendecker is approximately 44% complete and, with the work that Modern has completed, they have a combined completion of 68-70%.

Horacio de Leon, Assistant City Manager, stated that the golf course is open and the club house is under construction. Currently, the completion date is scheduled for June 15, 2013. Staff is working daily with the contractor in the hope of having a Fourth of July opening.

Conrado Hein, representing the Mandel family, reported that the Mandel family is willing to make an additional gift of \$75,000 to the City of Laredo for the construction of a patio at the Max A. Mandel Golf Course clubhouse.

H. Request by Council Member Cynthia Liendo

1. Presentation by Ms. Christina Nazarin, Laredo Main Street Executive Director, regarding the programs and initiatives undertaken by Laredo Main Street, with possible action.

Ms. Nazarin gave the following presentation for the Laredo Main Street program.

All Streets Lead to Historic Downtown!

Laredo Main Street works to preserve the downtown heritage by fostering community pride and involvement, stimulating diverse business and residential development using the Texas Main Street Four Point approach; Organization, Promotion, Economic Restructuring, and Design.

Arts & Entertainment District

- **The district was designated in 2011. This designation will allow for sidewalk cafés, temporary street closures for weekend markets, and outdoor selling.**
- **Popular attractions for younger audiences. ex: restaurants, small theaters, private art galleries, nightclubs and cinemas as anchors of attraction.**
- **Laredo Main Street is working with the city planning and zoning department and the community development departments in development of incentives to entice new business investment into the historic downtown area.**

National Recognition for Laredo Main Street

- **Exposure for our city on a national scale and acknowledgement from National Trust for Historic Preservation's Main Street Center in 2011, 2012, and 2013.**
- **LMS was invited to participate at the Urban Summit at the 2012 National Main Streets Conference.**

Preserve America Designation, 2011

Benefits include:

- **White House recognition**
- **Eligibility to apply for Preserve America Grants**
- **A Preserve America Community road sign**
- **Listing in a Web-based Preserve America Community directory**
- **Inclusion in national and regional press releases**
- **Official notification of designation to state tourism offices and visitors bureaus**

Farmers Market, October 2010

- **Held every third Saturday of the month, shoppers who visit the market often stay and continue shopping in nearby stores.**
- **65 vendors so far (average of 25/30 per market)**
- **Visitors/Shoppers 1,000 to 1,500 monthly**
- **5 small business ventures incubated and supported currently.**
- **Annual Cilantro Festival**

15th Annual Jamboozie

- **Held in downtown for 15 years. This festival started as a small street festival on two blocks and has quickly grown into a 12-block, 7-stage event.**
- **In addition to music, we have various street performers, food vendors, and arts and crafts.**
- **Previous headliners were The Fabulous Thunderbirds, Grupo Fantasma, Tito Puente Jr., Texas Tornados, and Pete Astudillo.**

Façade Improvement Grant

- **Allows for 50% matching funds for storefront, window, awning, and building façade improvements.**
- **Current City fund: \$107,000**
- **9 design renditions prepared by Design Assistance Program of the THC/Texas Main Street**
- **Contributing \$15,000 LMS funds to American Legion Façade Improvements**
- **We are working in conjunction with the Historic/District Landmark Board and the Planning Department on changing the Historic District Design Guidelines into Design Standards.**

ITURBIDE AND SAN AGUSTINE ENHANCEMENT

In 2012 Laredo Main Street worked with property owners and the City of Laredo in creation of a sidewalk ordinance that allows sidewalk seating and planters.

Partners

- **Conventions & Visitors Bureau**
- **City of Laredo Parks & Leisure**
- **City of Laredo Health Dept.**
- **El Metro**
- **HEAL**
- **Keep Laredo Beautiful**
- **RGISC**
- **Laredo Job Corps**
- **New Vision Ministries & Bubble Home Project**
- **County Ag Extension**
- **SBDC**
- **ACCION & SCORE**
- **St. Peter's Neighborhood Association**

CURRENT Projects

- **Working with several Iturbide Street property and business owners in creation of outdoor seating area, including landscaping.**
- **Publication of Laredo Historic House Handbook**
- **Way-finding signage to direct traffic to Historic Downtown Laredo**
- **Support for various community gardens**

- **NEZ creation offering tax abatements**

FUTURE Projects

- **Farmers Market Cookbook featuring healthy recipes**
- **Downtown Bike-rack project**
- **Banners in San Agustin and Jarvis Plaza**
- **Pop-Up Stores Initiative throughout Downtown**
- **Downtown Murals**
- **Block-by-block Clean-up**
- **Adopt a Building School Project**
- **Children’s Downtown Coloring Book**

Hector Garcia reported that Laredo Main Street has accomplished a lot over the past 5 years, but there is so much more to be done. He asked that the City Council continue to support this project.

Carlos Villarreal, City Manager, stated a letter confirming the City’s continued support of this program will be provided if the Council so commits with its vote.

Motion to continue supporting Laredo Main Street program.

Motion: Cm. Liendo

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XIV. 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. Vela

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

31. Consideration to award annual contract FY13-037 to Andy’s Auto Air and Bus Air, Inc., Laredo, Texas, to provide fleet air conditioning services for the Transit System Fleet in the estimated amount of \$60,000.00 per year. The term of this contract will be for a period of two (2) years with an option for two (2) one (1) year period extensions. Funding is available in the Laredo Transit Management Inc. – Operations Budget. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Liendo
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

32. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for the annual automotive parts contract (FY12-032) awarded by the Transit Board on April 16, 2012 to the listed vendors to provide bus and van fleet parts:

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| 1. Andy's Auto & Bus Air, Inc. | \$ 44,670.96 |
| 2. C.C. Battery Co., Inc. | \$ 98,698.56 |
| 3. Coastal Diesel Injection Service, Inc. | \$ 97,929.66 |
| 4. Gonzalez Auto Parts | \$ 17,315.94 |
| 5. Gilling, L.L.C. | \$117,523.34 |
| 6. MCI Service Parts, Inc. | \$ 59,362.14 |
| 7. Muncie Reclamation and Supply | \$125,369.06 |
| 8. Prevost Car U.S., Inc. | \$129,331.20 |
| 9. RDO Equipment Co. | \$108,823.58 |
| 10. Rush Truck Centers of Texas, L.P. | \$ 99,498.12 |
| 11. Texas Fleet Supply | \$ 26,093.40 |
| 12. Velco, Inc. | \$ 5,465.82 |
| 13. Vehicle Maintenance Program, Inc. | \$ 58,322.76 |

Contracts will be awarded by item(s) to the lowest responsible bidder for parts most commonly used for non-warranty repairs. All items will be purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the El Metro Operations Fund. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Liendo
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

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

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Vera
For: 7

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 25 and they are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council Special City Council meeting held on May 06, 2013.

Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary