# CITY OF LAREDO CITY COUNCIL MEETING M-2013-R-13 CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1110 HOUSTON STREET LAREDO, TEXAS 78040 AUGUST 19, 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 Perez, Jr. District III

Juan Narvaez, Mayor Pro Tempore, District IV

Roque Vela, Jr.,

Charlie San Miguel,

Jorge A. Vera,

Cynthia Liendo,

Gustavo Guevara, Jr.

Carlos Villarreal,

District VI

District VII

City Secretary

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, Cm. Rangel and Cm. Liendo.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Narvaez

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Liendo joined the meeting at 5:46 pm.

Cm. Garza joined the meeting at 5:57 pm.

Cm. Rangel joined the meeting at 6:04 pm.

#### IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of July 30, 2013 & August 5, 2013.

Motion to approve the minutes of July 30, 2013 and August 5, 2013.

Moved: Cm. Vera Second: Cm. Perez

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

## V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

# Communiqués

a. Presentation by MG Builders on naming a street after Laredo Police Department (LPD) Officer Jose L. Reyes, Jr.

Rafael Gonzalez, from MG Builders, announced that they became aware that the Laredo Builders Association was asking developers to name a street after Officer Reyes. He presented a plaque to Officer Reyes on the dedication of the street in his honor. It said, "A special recognition presented to Leo Reyes, Laredo Police Officer. On behalf of MG Builders we would like to express our sincerest gratitude for your performance, dedication and commitment to our community. MG Builders is going to dedicate a street name on phase four of New Vision in your honor. Congratulations."

b. Presentation by Ryan Soriano on raising awareness of the depleting number of the Bobwhite Quail.

Ryan Soriano reported that a few months ago he went to a camp called Texas Brigades where he learned about the quail and its importance to the environment. He added that for the past few decades, the quail population had been declining by ten percent annually. He went on to say that the biggest and most serious problem was the destruction of the quail's habitat through herbicides and replacing key plants for quail with grasses such as Bermuda grass. He concluded that the current drought conditions played a major factor in their depletion.

# **Recognitions**

a. Recognizing the Pony League Softball Team for obtaining 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the 2013 Pony 8U Slow-Pitch Softball World Series in White Settlement, Texas.

Mayor Salinas and City Council recognized Pony League Softball Team members and presented them with certificates of recognition.

b. Recognizing the KuGar Fight Team for competing at the USA Taekwondo National Championship.

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#### **Citizen comments**

None.

## VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public hearing allowing interested persons to comment on the proposed amendment to the City of Laredo's 2012 Consolidated One-Year Action Plan for the purpose of reprogramming Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds totaling \$166,773.00. It is proposed that the funds be utilized to fund the purchase of an ambulance for Fire Station No. 14. It is further proposed that the newly created project will be funded through the use of fund balances from completed projects from the 37<sup>th</sup> Action Year (AY) as listed below:

# CBDG PROJECT FUND BALANCES

Administration	\$58,984.00
Housing Rehabilitation Administration	\$39,562.00
Code Enforcement	\$62,733.00
Graffiti Removal	\$5,494.00
Total 37 <sup>th</sup> AY Fund Balances	\$166,773.00

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Vela

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Vela

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2. Public hearing for the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.637000 per \$100 value for the Tax Year 2013. The tax rate will provide revenue for the general fund and debt service. The rate includes \$0.488257 per \$100 value for Maintenance and Operation and \$0.148743 per \$100 value for Sinking Fund of the Debt Service and is estimated to generate a tax levy of \$69,612,360.00. The City Council is

scheduled to vote on the tax rate on September 10, 2013 at 1:15 p.m. and September 16, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at City Council Chambers located at 1110 Houston.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Vela

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vela Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

3. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for a restaurant selling alcohol on Lots 64 and 65, Block 2, North Creek Subdivision, located at 1010 E. Hillside Road; providing for publication and effective date.

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

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Vela

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Vela Second: Cm. Liendo

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Vela

4. Public hearing and introduction of an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for the storage of flammable and explosive products on Lot 1, Block 1, Con-Way Freight LLA Plat, located at 14710 FM1472 (Mines Road); providing for publication and effective date.

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

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 postpone.

Moved: Cm. Vera Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

5. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning the North 47.5 feet of Lot 8, Block 209, Western Division, located at 1515 Scott Street, from B-3 (Community Business District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff is in support of the application and the Planning & Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change. District VIII

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Liendo

6. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 253 and the South ½ of Lot 254, Block 13, Del Mar Hills, Section 1, Area "A", located 4 Lindenwood Drive, from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to R-O (Residential Office District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff is not in support of the application and the Planning & Zoning Commission recommends in favor of the zone change. District VI

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. San Miguel Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ron Whitehawk, representing property owners Michael Dickerson and Eloy Ramirez, stated that they were seeking that City Council would approve the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. San Miguel Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. San Miguel

7. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Laredo Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18, Section 18-2.2 Letter (A) & (C), Local Permit Fee for Amusement Redemption Machine Premises permit and increasing annual permit fee from \$400.00 to \$550.00 per machine per year; increasing the sealing fee from \$400.00 to \$550.00; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing for severability, publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vela Second: Cm. Garza

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 1

Cm. Narvaez

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Vela Second: Cm. Garza

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 1

Cm. Narvaez

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

8. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending Section 1 of Ordinance 2008-O-180 of the City of Laredo and authorizing an increase in the bridge toll rate schedule for Southbound non-commercial traffic and Southbound commercial traffic as further described in Exhibit "A" and hereby repealing all conflicting sections in all ordinances currently in effect.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vela Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Rangel Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

9. Public hearing and adoption of Resolution No. 2013-R-072 Consideration of the City of Laredo Comprehensive Plan in accordance with Article IX, Section 9.03 of the Charter of the City of Laredo with amendments to the Future Land Use and Long Range Thoroughfare Plan.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Vela

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and approve Resolution 2013-R-072.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

## VII. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive the final reading of Ordinances 2013-O-105, 2013-O-106, 2013-O-107, 2013-O-108 and 2013-O-109.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

10. 2013-O-105 Amending the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances Chapter 33, Environmental Protection, by creating Article VIII, Plastic Checkout Bag Reduction, which will reduce litter from discarded plastic bags and providing for publication and effective date. (AS AMENDED)

Cm. Vela stated that staff was going to come back with recommendations for the fee to be included in this ordinance.

John Porter of Environmental Services reported that in their Friday packet they were given two options, one of which was a per-bag fee or a dollar per transaction, per fifteen bags or whatever Council would decide; and the other which was the percentage that Council had discussed as a retailer fee to cover their costs. He added that the other item would be the millimeter thickness.

Cm. Perez asked if Environmental Services had looked into a price of five cents per bag.

John Porter of Environmental Services replied that the committee had discussed that option but they had not gone that direction.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-O-105 pending the pricing and thickness of the bags.

Moved: Cm. Rangel Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 5 Against: 3 Abstain: 0

Cm. Rangel Cm. Garza
Cm. Perez Cm. Vela
Cm. Narvaez Cm. Liendo

Cm. San Miguel

Cm. Vera

2013-O-106 Amending the FY 2013 9-1-1 Regional Administration Fund by appropriating additional revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$426,540.00 for a total award of \$1,997,185.00 for administrative, equipment and program budgets for Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb and Zapata Counties for the period beginning September 1, 2013 and ending August 31, 2014.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-O-106.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Vela

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2013-O-107 Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute Amendment No. 2 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 \$330,560.00 for a maximum Federal reimbursement of \$2,243,765.00 and State participation of \$402,575.00 and increasing the City's participation by 6.2% (being \$20,495.00) and amending the FY 2012-2013 Capital Grants Fund by appropriating said funds.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-O-107.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Vela

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2013-O-108 Amending Ordinance 2003-O-260 changing traffic flow on the 400 and 500 Block of O'Kane Street from one-way in the Eastbound direction to one-way in Westbound direction and designating the 600 Block of O'Kane Street as a one-way in the Westbound direction to be effective during the peak school hours of 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, during school days providing for the installation of appropriate signage to indicate one-way traffic in the designated direction and providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-O-108.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Vela

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2013-O-109 Designating a street section of Logan Avenue, North Canada Avenue, Chihuahua Street, McPherson Avenue, Callaghan Street, Benavides Street, Green Street, Mercer Street, Palo Blanco Street, Plum Street and Urbahn Avenue as one-way and to be in effect Monday through Friday during their respective peak school periods, school days only, providing for the installation of appropriate signage to indicate one-way traffic and providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-O-109.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Vela

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

#### VIII. MOTIONS

11. Authorizing the City Manager to execute Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the City of Laredo Fire Department and Texas A&M International University Police Department for a one (1) year period and shall automatically be renewed for up to four (4) additional one-year terms. Any Party may withdraw from this agreement by giving a thirty (30) days written notice to the Chief Administrative Officer of the other Party. This contract shall be effective on August 19, 2013. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

12. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts to be adjusted for the month of July 2013 represent a decrease of \$37,125.35. These adjustments are determined by the Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

# IX. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved: Cm. Rangel Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

# IX (a) <u>RESOLUTIONS</u>

13. 2013-R-068 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Mental Health Services Division Tobacco Enforcement Program in the amount of \$4,725.00 to fund the Tobacco Compliance Program. The Tobacco Compliance Program will be funded September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014. This grant pays overtime for Laredo Police Department (LPD)

personnel to execute random unannounced inspections to assure retailers are in compliance with tobacco laws.

14. 2013-R-073 Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute a contract amendment from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in the amount of \$30,000.00 with an in-kind match of \$2,690.00 for a total of \$402,575.00 for supplies and equipment to perform food tests, sentinel flu tests, and BSL III laboratory tests for Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Program for the term period July 31, 2013 through August 31, 2013.

# IX (b) MOTIONS

- 15. Authorizing staff to advertise the sale of "the surface only" of six (6) surplus unimproved single family residential lots owned by the City and located on Shiloh Blvd. in the Highland Park III Subdivision. Said lots are legally described as Lots 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, and 53 of Block 5, Highland Park III, Laredo, Texas, as per Webb County Plat Records. Sale of said lots will be considered individually or collectively based on the current market value of each parcel as determined by a State Certified Appraisal.
- 16. Authorizing the City Manager to award a contract in the amount of \$64,436.77 to Time Warner Cable. The cost is for the installation along 1.4 miles of underground and aerial fiber optic cable to extend from the Airport Terminal in order to improve telecommunication services. Funding is available in the Public Educational & Governmental (PEG) Operating Fund.
- 17. Consideration to award contract No. FY13-051 to the low bidder, Staff Force Inc., Laredo, Texas, for an amount up to \$95,200.00, to provide contract employees for the Laredo International Airport Department. Temporary contract employees have been requested for customer service agent positions. Funding is available in the Airport Fund.
- 18. Consideration to award supply contract No. FY13-061 for the purchase of mechanical joint fittings, brass fittings, copper pipe, repair clamps, and valve boxes for the Utilities Department to the following bidders:
  - 1) Sections I, II, V, and VIII to HD Supply Waterworks, Brownsville, Texas, in the estimated amount up to \$594,169.71; and
  - 2) Section III, IV, VI, and VII to Ferguson Waterworks, Newport News, Virginia, in the estimated amount up to \$768,791.84.

These materials are purchased on an as needed basis by the Utilities Department - Water Operations for construction and repair projects. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Fund.

- 19. Consideration to award contract No. FY13-064 to the low bidder, Philpott Motors, Nederland, Texas, in the amount of \$65,644.80 for the purchase of two (2), 2014 Ford F250 trucks with bi-fuel engines (CNG/gasoline) for the Parks & Leisure Services Department. Funding is available in the 2012 Contractual Obligation Bond proceeds.
- 20. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for the removal of a reversionary interest owned by FASKEN, LTD., and reserved in a Warranty Deed dated June 16, 1998 whereby Fasken conveyed to the City of Laredo a parcel of property located at the World Trade Bridge now subject to conveyance to Government Services Administration pursuant to a lease/conveyance agreement between the City and USA/GSA dated April 10, 2000. The Fasken's willingness to remove the reversionary interest is contingent upon the City's agreeing, with respect to the subject property, to (1) not require Fasken to construct additional water crossings at Loop 20; (2) to maintain sufficient water capacity for Fasken's needs; and (3) that the City require third party who utilize the water capacity to reimburse Fasken for the pro rata share of costs thereby incurred.

#### END OF CONSENT AGENDA

## X. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 21. A. Request by Mayor Raul G. Salinas
  - 1. Discussion with possible action regarding the promotion of performance and visual arts in the Laredo Community.

Mayor Salinas asked how much money was being spent on the arts.

Community Development Director Ronnie Acosta replied that through third party funding, the Laredo Center for the Arts was getting \$150,000; Laredo Philharmonic Orchestra was getting \$23,400; and Laredo Little Theatre was getting \$4,000.

Mayor Salinas stated that the reason he brought this up was that he wanted to do some kind of promotion of local talent to promote the arts. He added that they should get private entities and businesses more involved.

2. Discussion with possible action on the promotion of activities/events by the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) Monterrey office.

Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Blasita Lopez reported that their Monterrey office was now located in San Pedro Garza Garcia which brought them into their target market of shoppers. She explained that they were planning on a big event in the beginning of November to have a grand opening to promote Black Friday shopping. She added that they had done a lot of promotion for the tax-free shopping weekend in Laredo. She concluded that they participated in several booth and exhibit opportunities and always tried to

get with the women in Monterrey to go to charity events, and so this time they had done a tea party. She gave a presentation before Mayor and City Council.

Laredo Convention & Visitors Bureau

Department Overview 2012-2013

Casa Laredo

The MAX – Public Relations Efforts

- Featured in Golf Magazine
- Ranked #40 in Golf Week's Best Municipal Golf Courses

Top 50 List

• One of 4 New Must-Play Golf Courses by Chevrolet

Ambassador & Destination Training Programs

Social Media

We have a total of 5,837 followers in our social media outlets

"Follow" and "Like" us:

- @VisitLaredoTX
- Visit Laredo, Texas

Advertising – U.S. Market

The LCVB domestic ad look takes Laredo's unique position and key offerings combining them in a fresh, sophisticated way and in a variety of media.

Leisure

Meetings & Sports Audiences

Billboards & TV

Advertising – MX Market

The Mexico market posts serious numbers of visitors to Laredo. Outreach and sales activities include a significant focus in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon as a primary feeder market, but efforts extend as far as Mexico City.

Print Ads placed: 88

Billboards, TV & Expos

Collateral

Tradeshows & Events

Conventions in Laredo

Competition & Sports Tournaments

Laredo Tourism Industry Report Card

2012 Economic Impact Visitor Economy

Visitor Spending\* \$605,000,000

Employee Earnings\* \$137,000,000

HOT revenue \$4,500,000 (estimated)

Visitors 992,000

Hotel Occupancy\*\* 70%

Average Daily Rate\*\* \$74.00

\*Statistics from the Office of the Governor Tourism and Economic Development , Dan Runyan study;

\*\* Source Strategies, Hotel Performance Fact Book 2012 Annual

Mayor Salinas said that one of the things he wanted to do was to facilitate innovative ways of getting people to come to Laredo. He felt that it was critical once ground was broken on the outlet mall to get people involved and engaged. He suggested that marquis in Monterrey would be made more colorful and attractive.

- B. Request by Council Member Alejandro "Alex" Perez
- 1. Discussion with possible action on creating a championship soccer field at Slaughter Park.

Cm. Perez stated that he was not aware of any soccer parks at championship level, but he thought that if they would enclose one field and use it as a championship field for high schools and soccer leagues, they could use discretionary funds to get it started.

Motion to get started on creation of a championship soccer field at Slaughter Park using District III discretionary funds and to come back with a cost estimate.

Moved: Cm. Perez Second: Cm. Garza

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

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

2. Discussion with possible action on amending the Building Code of Ordinances to prohibit the installation of mobile homes that are older than ten (10) years.

Cm. Perez reported that they were putting in mobile homes in the middle of the night and that there were seventeen mobile homes not within code.

Building Development Services Engineering Associate Ramon Chavez said they had to have an installation permit and a certificate of occupancy.

Cm. Perez asked that they would look into making sure that all people moving mobile homes had their permit and certificate of occupancy. He asked if it were possible to create a ten-year limit on installation.

Building Development Services Engineering Associate Ramon Chavez replied that he could contact the mobile home movers.

3. Discussion with possible action on amending the Garage Sale Ordinance to allow garage sales twice (2) a year per address.

Building Development Services Engineering Associate Ramon Chavez said that the current ordinance allowed not more than three during twelve months per person per address.

Cm. Perez said that three times per year was too much; it was more like a business than a garage sale. He wanted to change it to twice per year.

Motion to amend the garage sale ordinance to increase the permit fee to \$15.

Moved: Cm. Vela Second: Cm. Garza

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- C. Request by Council Member Jorge A. Vera
- 1. Status report on the following District 7 Projects: Northwest Recreation Center; Farias Boxing Gym Addition; and the Father McNaboe Park Lighting, with possible action.

City Engineer Rogelio Rivera reported that they were at about 62% completion on the Northwest Recreation Center. He added that they were due to complete the project at the end of September, but there had been weather and material delays as materials came from Modern Construction.

He went on to explain that regarding Farias Boxing Gym, they awarded the design contract to Sanchez Architects about a month ago and they were doing the geotech right now.

Parks and Leisure Services Director Osbaldo Guzman stated that regarding the Father McNaboe Park Lighting, they did a walk through that afternoon and the lights were on. He concluded that they would continue to test them for the next seventy-two hours.

2. Discussion with possible action on directing staff to look into a Local Government Corporation (LGC) initiative for use in the delivery of future projects.

Cm. Vera stated that all he was looking at visiting other people who had used it to see how it had benefited their city. He added that it was a new tool that Austin had used and that he wanted to see the pros and cons.

3. Discussion with possible action on the following street/traffic matters: Status report on Las Cruces Drive and Flecha Lane realignment with each other; Calton Road Overpass; and meeting with TxDot regarding Mines Road traffic and the development of dedicated lanes for non-commercial traffic.

Melissa Montemayor, TxDOT District Administrator, said that the environmental clearance was still underway on the Flecha Lane realignment project. She explained that the historical aspects and archaeology were done, but the natural resources and water qualities aspects were not finished. She stated that once that document would be finished, it would be submitted by the City of Laredo to TxDOT for review. Then, they could move on to the right-of-way acquisition phase.

She then reported that as far as the Calton Road Overpass, that environmental clearance had been finished since 2008. She stated that the major work remaining was the right-of-way acquisition which had nine parcels, all of which had been appraised. She concluded that once right-of-way was purchased, it would be a large milestone for the construction of the overpass.

Finally, regarding the Mines Road traffic project, she reported that they good news was that they were able to put a wooden post with a cable to prohibit vehicles from parking on the right-of-way area on 1472 starting at the corner of Loop 20.

Danny McGee, TxDOT Traffic Engineer, explained that regarding the designated truck lane, TxDOT did not have the legal right to tell the truck what lane it could be in. He added that they only time they had that power was on an access-controlled highway with three lanes in each direction. He said that they would put up some signs that would direct trucks to a certain lane, but it was not enforceable.

4. Establishing a Safe City Campaign to promote Laredo's current rank as the 19th safest City in the United States.

Cm. Vera said that perhaps they could take advantage of the information provided by the federal government and get an advertising team to assist in promoting this.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal asked if they could ask the same people already working on "Laredo is safe" advertising to change their strategy and come up with a design to promote this.

Community Development Director Blasita Lopez reported that they currently had an agreement with Lamar Advertising for the "Laredo is Safe" campaign. This was for blank space that was not already contracted out, rotating throughout the state along the I-35 corridor and Victoria region. She concluded that they would now pursue a phase two of this agreement and revisit the program; they were pending a meeting with Lamar Advertising.

## XI. STAFF REPORT

22. Presentation on the Plan of Finance by Noe Hinojosa of Estrada-Hinojosa, Investment Advisors, with possible action.

Noe Hinojosa of Estrada-Hinojosa Investment Advisors presented the proposed 2013 plan of finance. He mentioned publishing a notice of intent to issue certificates of obligation and that three loans were being sold: water and sewer revenue bonds, a certificate of obligation and a public property finance contractural obligation to be approved on September 30<sup>th</sup> and published on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> so that the sale could take place on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Senior Lien WW & SS Rev. Bonds – Utilities	2013	Comments
Water		
Utilities Administration Building	300,000	30-Year/Self-Supporting by WWSS
Automatic Meter Reading	2,275,000	
San Isidro Elevated Tank	400,000	
Water Line Rehabilitation and Contingency Water Breaks	5,455,000	
Subtotal	8,430,000	
Wastewater		
Administration Building at SL WWTP	160,300	
Administration Building at NL WWTP	56,550	
Automatic Meter Reading	2,275,000	
Sewer Rehabilitation & Contingency Sewer	5,680,000	
Breaks		
Master Plan	250,000	
Subtotal	8,421,850	
Total SR Lien WW & SS Rev. Bonds –	<u>16,851,850</u>	
Utilities		
Certificates of Obligation	2013	Comments
Streets – Streets and Paving	10,000,000	12-Year/Self-Supporting by WWSS
<b>Environmental</b> – Building Rehab & Equipment	1,000,000	12-Year/Self-Supporting
Total Certificates of Obligation	11,000,000	
PPF Contractural Obligations		Comments
Mass Transit – Purchase of Replacement	3,440,000	8-Year/Self-Supporting Mass
Buses		Transit
Solid Waste – Replacement of Equipment	3,111,000	8-Year/Self-Supporting Solid Waste
Property Tax – Equipment	4,500,000	8-Year/Property Tax
TOTAL PPFCOs	11,051,000	
GRAND TOTAL	38,902,850	

Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2013 Comb. Tax & Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2013 Public Property Finance Contractural Obligations, Series 2013

## Timetable of Events

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August 19, 2013	Monday	City Council approves Plan of Finance
August 22, 2013	Thursday	Mail first draft of the POS to working group
August 26, 2013	Monday	Receive comments on first draft of the POS from working
		group
August 30, 2013	Friday	Mail second draft of the POS to working group, Rating
		Agencies, and Bond Insurance Companies
September 3, 2013	Tuesday	City Council adopts Resolution authorizing the publication

		of the notice of intent to issue Certificates of Obligation
September 4, 2013	Wednesday	Publish 1 <sup>st</sup> notice of intent to issue certificates
Week of September 9		Meeting/call with Rating and Insurance Companies
September 9, 2013	Monday	Receive comments on second draft of the POS from
		working group
September 11, 2013	Wednesday	Publish 2 <sup>nd</sup> notice of Intent to issue certificates
September 13, 2013	Friday	Mail third draft of the POS to working group
September 16, 2013	Monday	First reading of the ordinances
September 18, 2013	Wednesday	Receive comments on third draft of the POS from working
	-	group
September 24, 2013	Tuesday	Print and distribute POS
September 26, 2013	Thursday	Receive ratings and premiums for bond insurance
October 3, 2013	Thursday	Price the obligations
October 7, 2013	Monday	Second reading of the ordinances. City Council approves
	-	the sale of the obligations.
October 30, 2013	Wednesday	Closing

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Vera

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

## XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

23. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code §§551.071(1)(a) and 551.071(2) to consult with City Attorney on contemplated litigation regarding the Non-exclusive Commercial Container Refuse Gathering and Disposing Franchise Agreement granted by the City of Laredo, Texas to Laredo Clean Sweep, Inc., d/b/a Southern Sanitation Services on or about May 6, 1996 and return to open session for possible action.

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code §§551.071(1)(a) and 551.071(2) to consult with City Attorney on contemplated litigation regarding the Non-exclusive Commercial Container Refuse Gathering and Disposing Franchise Agreement granted by the City of Laredo, Texas to Laredo Clean Sweep, Inc., d/b/a Southern Sanitation Services on or about May 6, 1996 and return to open session for possible action.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

After Executive Session, Mayor Salinas announced that no formal action was taken.

Motion to instruct staff to enforce the contract for the solid waste collection and dumping.

Moved: Cm. Vera Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

# XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 5 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 19 and they are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council meeting held on August 19, 2013.

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Gustavo Guevara, Jr. City Secretary