CITY OF LAREDO CITY COUNCIL MEETING M-2013-R-14 CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1110 HOUSTON STREET LAREDO, TEXAS 78040 SEPTEMBER 3, 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 Roque Vela, Jr., District V Charlie San Miguel, District VI Cynthia Liendo, District VIII Gustavo Guevara, Jr. City Secretary Carlos Villarreal, City Manager

Cynthia Collazo, Deputy City Manager Horacio De Leon, Assistant City Manager Jesus Olivares, Assistant City Manager

Raul Casso, City Attorney

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

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Vela

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Rangel joined the meeting at 6:40 pm.

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of August 19, 2013.

Motion to approve the August 19, 2013 minutes.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Vela

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Recognitions

a. Recognizing members of the Laredo Fire Department for rescuing two Border Patrol Agents at the Galvan Ranch on June 14, 2013.

Fire Chief Steve Landin reported that Laredo fire fighters had responded to an incident involving the Border Patrol. He presented certificates of recognition to Juan Ramon, Jose Arredondo, III, Jaime Tovar, Leonard Gonzales, Juan Salinas, Peter Villarreal, Carlos Pedraza, Enrique Fuentes, III, Michael Massey, Chris Pedraza, Jose L. Gonzalez, Alberto Torres, Juan C. Jalomo, Steve Elliott, Ruben Rodriguez, Juan Almaraz, and Homero Martinez, Jr.

Citizen comments

Juan Avila stated that on July 5th, there was a tragedy in which a twelve year-old boy was run over by a drunk driver who fled the scene. He added that the boy was airlifted to San Antonio while in a coma. He thanked the City of Laredo Police Department in responding to that call and catching up to that gentleman. He went on to explain that a Good Samaritan had helped lead them to where he was hiding. He also thanked the Vela family for the plate sale that they had held to help with expenses. He concluded that this weekend, he expected to see Laredo to come through for a fundraiser to help the boy's rehabilitation, announcing that out of eight hundred tickets originally created, there were eighty tickets left for sale.

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

a. Appointment by Council Member Mike Garza of Dr. Peter F. Haruna to the Third Party Funding Advisory Committee.

Motion to confirm the nomination of Peter Haruna to the Third Party Funding Advisory Committee.

Moved: Cm. Perez Second: Cm. Liendo

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

b. Appointment by Council Member Alejandro "Alex" Perez, Jr., of Elena Montemayor to the Para Transit Advisory Committee.

Motion to confirm the nomination of Elena Montemayor to the Para Transit Advisory Committee.

Moved: Cm. Perez Second: Cm. Liendo

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

c. Appointment by Council Member Alejandro "Alex" Perez of Alma Martinez to the Municipal Civil Service Commission.

Motion to confirm the nomination of Alma Martinez to the Municipal Civil Service Commission.

Moved: Cm. Perez Second: Cm. Liendo

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

d. Appointment by Council Member Alejandro "Alex" Perez of Javier Martinez to the Board of Adjustment.

Motion to confirm the nomination of Javier Martinez to the Board of Adjustment.

Moved: Cm. Perez Second: Cm. Liendo

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

e. Appointment by Council Member Charlie San Miguel of Jerry Perez to the Municipal Civil Service Commission.

Motion to confirm the nomination of Jerry Perez to the Municipal Civil Service Commission.

Moved: Cm. Perez Second: Cm. Liendo

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

f. Appointment by Council Member Jorge A. Vera of Gail Leyendecker to the Laredo Commission for Women.

Motion to confirm the nomination of Gail Leyendecker to the Laredo Commission for Women.

Moved: Cm. Perez Second: Cm. Liendo

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public hearing consideration to adopt the 2014-2018 Capital Improvement Program of the City of Laredo.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2. Second public hearing adopting the 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. Vela Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Vela Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

3. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending Chapter 18, Article III of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances by increasing the Garage Sale Permit fee to fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per permit; providing for a savings clause; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing for severability, publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Second: Cm. Vela

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Liendo

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Public hearing and introductory ordinance adopting the proposed Annual Budget for fiscal year 2013-2014 by appropriating the proposed revenues, expenditures and balances reported therein for the year beginning October 1, 2013 and ending September 30, 2014, consistent with the financial plan described in said Annual Budget (see Exhibit "A") and motions approved by City Council at public workshops (see Exhibit "B") and authorizing the City Manager to implement said Annual Budget.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vela Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Garza said that the Border Olympics was a big event in the community. He went on to say that they should reinstate the \$4,000 by which their funding had been reduced.

Motion to approve the proposed Third Party Funding and reinstate \$4,000 to the Border Olympics.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Liendo

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to approve the Third Party Funding advisory committee's recommendations on previously funded entities and subtract the amount for new applications.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Liendo

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Rangel

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo 2013-2014 Laredo Auto Theft Task Force annual budget by increasing revenues in the amount of \$64,908.00 and decreasing expenses in the amount of \$104,114.00 to fund the Laredo Auto Theft Task Force and accepting a grant award in the amount of \$433,514.00 from the State of Texas Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority. The Texas Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority will fund the Laredo Auto Theft Task Force for the period of September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014. This grant pays for salaries, equipment and supplies for Laredo Police Department (LPD) personnel to combat auto theft in the City of Laredo.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Rangel Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Vela Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

6. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept FY 2013 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Planning (PL112) Funds in the amount of \$461,833.00 and amending the City of Laredo's 2012-2013 General Fund budget to reflect the PL112 funding allocation for the Laredo Urban Transportation Study, the Designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), by increasing revenues and expenditures by \$461,833.00 from \$500,000.00 to \$961,833.00.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Rangel Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Vela Second: Cm. Garza

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

7. Amending Chapter 19, Motor Vehicle and Traffic, Article II, Administration and Enforcement, Division 2, Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee, Section 19-46, Created, Section 19.47, Filling of Vacancies, and Section 19-49, Meetings of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo, to change method in which committee members are appointed, eliminating term limits, and establishing that five (5) members in attendance constitute a quorum for the Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee and to provide for publication and effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive the final reading of Ordinance 2013-O-110, 2013-O-111, 2013-O-112, 2013-O-113 and 2013-O-114.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

8. 2013-O-110 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. District V

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-O-110.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2013-O-111 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. District VIII

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-O-111.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Rangel

2013-O-112 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. District VI

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-O-112.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2013-O-113 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 to \$550; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing for severability, publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-O-113.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2013-O-114 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 adopt Ordinance 2013-O-114.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

X. RESOLUTIONS

9. 2013-R-074 Authorizing the City Manager to accept the contracts from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) as follows:

1) Tuberculosis Prevention & Control/Federal \$ 95,734.00 2) Tuberculosis Prevention & Control/State \$187,356.00 3) Immunization Branch /Locals \$230,491.00

4) Local Public Health System

\$248,536.00

5) Public Health Emergency Preparedness \$327,117.00

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6) HIV Prevention

\$300,600.00

7) Community Diabetes Project

80,000.00

8) Primary Health Care

\$177,000.00

These contracts in the amount of \$1,646,834.00 with a local contribution of \$630,143.00 for a total of \$2,276,977.00 allow the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department for the term period from September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014.

Motion to approve Resolution 2013-R-074.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

10. 2013-R-075 Authorizing and approving fee waivers and a Tax Abatement Agreement between the City of Laredo and Francisco B. Rodriguez, III for a proposed project located at 902 Laredo Street, Lot 8A, Block 555, Eastern Division that consists of four (4) new residential multifamily complex units, in accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ). This agreement will be for a five (5) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$213,000.00, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$1,356.81 and estimated total fee waivers of \$978.56. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement.

Motion to approve Resolution 2013-R-075.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. San Miguel

- 11. 2013-R-078 Directing Publication of Notice of Intention to issue City of Laredo, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, in one or more series, in the maximum principal amount of \$11,750,000.00, for the purpose of:
 - (1) Constructing and acquiring storm water drainage and flood control improvements, including related infrastructure and the acquisition of land and interests in land related to said improvements;

- (2) Constructing, improving and repairing City streets and sidewalks, together with drainage, landscape, traffic and street signalization and lighting improvements, including the purchase and acquisition of equipment and municipal vehicles related to said improvements; and
- (3) Paying legal, fiscal and engineering fees in connection with such projects.

Motion to approve Resolution 2013-R-078.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

XI. MOTIONS

12. Authorizing the City Manager to amend 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 #14. It is further proposed that the newly created project will be funded through the use of fund balances from completed projects from the 37th AY CDBG Program as listed below:

CDBG PROJECT FUND BALANCES

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

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

13. Consideration for approval of the CDBG Inner City Park Canopies (4) – District IV as complete, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$6,935.00 to ABBA Construction, L.L.C., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$69,350.00. Funding is available in the CDBG 37th Action Year/2011Grant.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Rangel

14. Consideration for approval of the CDBG Sanchez-Ochoa Park Canopy (1) – District IV as complete, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$3,435.00 to ABBA Construction, L.L.C., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$34,350.00. Funding is available in the CDBG 36th Action Year/2010 Grant.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

15. Consideration for approval of the CDBG Eistetter Park Basketball Canopy (1) – District V as complete, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$4,445.00 to ABBA Construction, L.L.C., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$44,450.00. Funding is available in the CDBG 36th Action Year/2010 Grant.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

16. Consideration to award bid No. FY13-063 to low bidder, The Anchor Group, Inc., Houston, Texas, in the amount of \$93,198.50 for the purchase of twenty six (26) magnetic toll drive gates for the Laredo Bridge System. Funding is available in the Laredo Bridge System Revenue Bond Series 2005A.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

17. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement between the City of Laredo and Councils of Government from throughout Texas to work as a group known as TI3S (Texas I3 South Region) in an effort to prepare for Next Generation 9-1-1 and establish a Regional ESInet (internet protocol based network) which will strengthen 9-1-1 emergency communications to not only receive phone calls, but also data such as text, images and video.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Rangel

18. Consideration to authorize the use of the State of Texas – Procurement and Support Services (TPASS) Division's Cooperative Purchasing Program of library materials. Approximately, \$582,000.00 in library materials are purchased on an annual basis. This contract will supplement the Library's ability to purchase books and audio visual materials. Funding is available in the Public Library Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

19. Consideration to authorize a purchase contract with Kustom Signals and RZ Communications, through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments (H-GAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program, in the amount of \$73,404.36 for the purchase and installation of twenty seven (27) radar systems for the Police Department. Funding is available in the Police Department's Trust Fund budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

20. Consideration to renew annual contract No. FY10-089 awarded to Nardis Public Safety, San Antonio, Texas, in an estimated amount up to \$172,000.00 for the purchase of police uniforms which will be distributed to sworn personnel in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Funding is available within the Laredo Police Department's General Fund uniform account.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Rangel

- 21. Consideration to renew the existing six (6) month supply contract No. FY12-027 for the purchase of oil lubricants for the Fleet Department to the following vendors:
 - 1) Arguindegui Oil Co., Laredo, Texas, for an amount up to \$76,604.40;
 - 2) Golden West Oil Texas Enterprises, Inc., Laredo, Texas, for an amount up to \$21,077.55; and
 - 3) Hollon Oil Company, Weslaco, Texas, for an amount up to \$1,776.00.

All lubricants will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

22. Rescinding the motion approved on August 5, 2013, and authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Mejia Engineering, Laredo, Texas, for the Engineering services contract in the amount of \$389,000.00 for the design of the City of Laredo Water Lines Replacement and New Sanitary Sewer Lines at Mines Rd. area, Phase 1 to include: Tejas Loop 12" water line and a new 8" sanitary sewer line on Las Cruces Drive to replace the 8" water line with 12" water line and install a new 8" sewer line, San Lorenzo to replace the 10" water line with 12" water line and install a new 8" sewer line, San Gabriel to replace the 16" water line with a new 16" water line and to install a new 8" sewer line, San Mateo to replace the 12" water line with a new 16" water line and install a new 8" sewer line. This new motion addresses the revised amount due to an error in the inclusion of tasks in the initial scope of work for this project. Funds are available in the 2012 Water Revenue Bond and the 2009 Sewer Revenue Bond.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

XII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 23. A. Request by Mayor Raul G. Salinas
 - 1. Discussion with possible action on the continued train blockage by the Kansas City Southern (KCS) along Scott Street by San Bernardo Avenue, San Dario Avenue and Santa Ursula Avenue.

Mayor Salinas stated that he gets the calls from federal judges at courthouses and employees trying to get to work. He added that public safety concerns him because trains are blocking intersections by being at a standstill for forty-five minutes. He went on to say that he had spoken to Kansas City Southern officials who replied that it was the fault of Mexican customs or CBP.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal reported that he was just as concerned and had even received a call the same day from Congressman Cuellar who had been stuck at an intersection for forty-five minutes due to a train. He added that he had learned that the maximum number of minutes that a train could stop without being ticketed was ten. He concluded that they wanted a meeting with

Kansas City Southern corporate staff to address the both blockage of the trains and the condition of the crossings.

Planning Director Nathan Bratton reported that he spoke to Mr. Dominguez who said that he had contacted the corporate office. He added that within two weeks, individuals from the corporate office would come to a meeting with City of Laredo staff, police, and CBP to try to come up with some logistical response to the blocking of the rail.

2. Discussion with possible action to consider creating a "doggie park area" in North Laredo similar to the one constructed at Independence Hills Park. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Charlie San Miguel)

Mayor Salinas asked staff to look at this and see if something could be done within an existing park.

3. Recognizing the Northside Little League Senior Division for their 2013 Southwest Regional Championship and World Series participation at Bangor, Maine.

Mayor and City Council presented certificates of recognition to team members Ricky Villarreal, Mario Garcia, Sergio Macias, Felipe Rodriguez, Damian Rodriguez, Gerardo Ramos, Gerardo Avila, Eduardo Rodriguez, Fernando Garza, Aldo Buendia, Alec Benavides, Javier Lopez, Pablo Ortiz, and Alan Campanero; Manager Armando Rodriguez; and Assistant Coaches Rodolfo Tijerina and Ricardo Villarreal, Sr.

- B. Request by Council Member Roque Vela, Jr.
- 1. Discussion with possible action to create a forum for transportation/logistics industry representatives to meet quarterly to discuss transportation related issues and requesting that staff provide a listing or roster of representatives from each of the transportation organizations.

Cm. Vela stated that what he wanted was to have staff identify which organizations could participate in this forum.

Motion to direct staff to provide a listing or roster of representatives from each of the transportation organizations.

Moved: Cm. Vela Second: Cm. Garza

- C. Request by Council Member Charlie San Miguel
- 1. Discussion with possible action concerning the status of a traffic light at the intersection of San Isidro Parkway and International and presentation by the

Laredo Police Department (LPD) on possible support that would alleviate the traffic congestion and hazards during peak school hours at same intersection.

Police Chief Ray Garner reported that he was aware that, in February, the City Council had authorized the purchase of a signal light in that area. He added that there were three elementary schools in the area and also the North Central Park swimming pool. He explained that traffic in that area got very dense at certain hours. He advised that even a three-way stop there would create major backups during those hours. He concluded that there was a potential for more accidents.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal stated that they all realized that the traffic light was necessary; however, it would cost \$180,000 that had not been allocated. He suggested that the matter be discussed at the upcoming workshop since at the present time there was no money.

XIII. STAFF REPORTS

24. Staff report with possible action on the position taken by the Webb County Commissioner's Court on August 26, 2013 to reject the City of Laredo's offer to extend the existing Inter-local Agreement effective October 1, 2013 for environmental health, animal control, animal care and disease control services provided by the City of Laredo Health Department to and for the benefit of Webb County citizens.

Health Department Director Dr. Hector Gonzalez reported that during the last three years, they had been negotiating this contract. He added that they had been providing professional and quality disease control, public health, environmental health and animal control services for over twenty-four years. He went on to say that they had held numerous meetings with county officials and they had presented their data to a committee.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal reported that the bottom line was that it cost the City of Laredo \$1,233,351. He explained that they were paying 21% of what it cost them, and they were bending over backwards to try to work with them.

Cm. Rangel wished to direct staff to create a report on any type of service that the City of Laredo provides for the county to find out how much they were paying.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

25. Request for executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1)(a) to consult with City Attorney on pending mediation: Rio Grande H₂O Guardian v. City of Laredo; Home Mart, Inc.; Robert Muller Family Partnership, ltd., d/b/a Robert Muller, Ltd., Muller's Rosetta Stone, LLC.; Emerald Riverview Development, Ltd.; Emerald River and Mines Management, L.C., Cause No. 2009CVQ000801D2, in the 111th District Court, Webb County, Texas; and return to open session for possible action.

Motion to go into executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1)(a) to consult with City Attorney on pending mediation: Rio Grande H₂O Guardian v. City of Laredo; Home Mart, Inc.; Robert Muller Family Partnership, ltd., d/b/a Robert Muller, Ltd., Muller's Rosetta Stone, LLC.; Emerald Riverview Development, Ltd.; Emerald River and Mines Management, L.C., Cause No. 2009CVQ000801D2, in the 111th District Court, Webb County, Texas; and return to open session for possible action.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Vela

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

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

Motion to instruct staff to reject the settlement offer that was proposed.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Liendo

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. San Miguel was not present.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Garza Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. San Miguel was 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 16 and they are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council meeting held on September 3, 2013.

Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary