

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M-2012-R-16
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
SEPTEMBER 4, 2012
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

In attendance:

Raul G. Salinas,	Mayor
Mike Garza,	Council Member, District I
Esteban Rangel,	Council Member, District II
Alejandro Perez, Jr.	Council Member, District III
Juan Narvaez,	Council Member, District IV
Johnny Rendon,	Council Member, District V
Charlie San Miguel,	Council Member, District VI
Jorge A. Vera,	Council Member, District VII
Cynthia Liendo Espinoza,	Mayor Pro Tempore, 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

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of August 13-14, 2012, August 20, 2012, & August 22, 2012.

Motion to approve the August 13th-14th and 20th minutes.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Garza was not present.

Cm. Garza joined the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Recognitions

- a. Recognizing St. Peter's Memorial School 8th Grader Vanessa Sigrist for the excellent job she did painting Mayor Salinas' plate for the recent Empty Bowls fundraiser benefitting the South Texas Food Bank.

Mayor Salinas and City Council recognized Vanessa Sigrist and presented her with a certificate of recognition.

Citizen comments

Tricia Cortez from the Rio Grande International Study Center invited the public to their Fall Community Cleanup at Las Palmas Trail Park on Saturday, September 8th starting at 8:00 am and asked for volunteers of all ages to help clear out the growth.

Armando Cisneros spoke on nepotism, stating that it was when private life overlapped into public life; he added that nepotism laws were meant to prevent helping someone in your family so that you would focus on what you were supposed to be doing. He concluded that Texas anti-nepotism laws prohibited governmental entities from hiring close relatives of governmental officials.

George Altgelt spoke on the right to freedom of speech, stating that the governing body could not limit what Dr. Farias said.

Richard Geissler spoke on the Ethics Committee and said that the Council should pick the very best that they could for the Commission.

Hector Farias, on behalf of VIDA, reported that they had given the City Secretary documents consisting of a police report in which they had filed criminal charges against Cm. San Miguel for violating the Open Meetings Act.

Eva Delgado asked Cm. San Miguel for an explanation regarding an article in a local journal.

LCC Board Member Hilario Cavazos stated that he was appalled that they had spent over \$500,000 on master plan but that nothing had come of it. He asked what was taking so long to revitalize downtown.

Rene de la Viña, a member of VIDA, said that they were there to benefit the community. They should be focusing on how to help each other.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning all of Village South Subdivision, Unit I, located North of Cielito Lindo Boulevard and Everton Drive, from R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) to R-1-MH (Single-Family Manufactured Housing District); Providing for publication and effective date.
Staff is in support of the application and the Planning & Zoning Commission recommends in favor of the request. District I

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Juan Salinas was present to speak in favor and answer any questions from Council.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Garza

2. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 43, Las Americas Subdivision Unit 3, located 3401 Zacatecas Street, from R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District); Providing for publication and effective date.

Staff is in support of the application and the Planning & Zoning Commission recommends in favor of the request. District I

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Garza

- Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 1 thru 7, Block 1070; and Lot 4, Block 1006, Eastern Division, located at 1901 and 1919 Barrios Street; and 1101 S. Meadow Avenue, from B-1 (Limited Commercial District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff is in support of the application and the Planning & Zoning Commission supports the request. District III.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and table.

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 3.38 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached "Exhibit A", located along Aloe Vera Drive and Adenia Loop from R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) to R-1-MH (Single-Family Manufactured Housing District); Providing for publication and effective date.

Staff is in support of the application and the Planning & Zoning Commission recommends in favor of the request. District V

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Rendon

- Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 7, Block 927, Western Division, located at

1505 Pierce Street, from B-1 (Limited Commercial District) to B-3 (Community Business District); Providing for publication and effective date.

Staff is in support of the application and the Planning & Zoning Commission recommends in favor of the request. District VIII

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vera

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Rendon

6. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1 and the West ½ of Lot 2, Block 1141, Eastern Division, located at 2001 Clark Boulevard from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to R-O (Residential Office District) and repealing Ordinance 2002-O-227, issuing a Conditional Use Permit for an office.

Staff is not in support of the application and the Planning & Zoning Commission recommends approval of the request. District IV

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Narvaez

7. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending Chapter 4, "Airport," of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances by adding Section 4-14, "Security Fees," to Article I, "In General," to establish security fees for services rendered by the

Airport Division to offset the operating cost of providing Security Access Media (ID) \$35.00, Fingerprint Processing \$56.00, Vehicle Decal \$30.00, Lock & Key \$60.00, and Dissemination of Reports to the public \$ 10.00 at the Laredo International Airport and Authorizing the City Manager to implement said Ordinance; providing for an effective date. (Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

8. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending Chapter 4, "Airport," Article I, " In General," Section 4-8, "Landing Fees," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the Signatory Landing Fee Rate from seventy five cents (\$0.75) to one dollar and twenty cents (\$1.20), amending the Non-Signatory Tenant Landing Fee Rate from ninety cents (\$0.90) to one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) and amending the Non-Signatory Non-Tenant Landing Fee Rate from one dollar and twenty cents (\$1.20) to two dollars (\$2.00) per thousand pounds gross landed weight, and adding definition for non-signatory non-tenant airline; providing for an effective date. (Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

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. Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

9. Public hearing and introductory ordinance adopting Federal Inspection Services (FIS) Facility User Fee Ordinance for General Aviation and Cargo clearance facility located at 4719 Maher Avenue at the Laredo International Airport, the following fees shall apply,

Aircraft Certificated Gross Landing Weight (Pounds)	Signatory Fee	Non- Signatory Fee
Up to 30,000	\$ 10.00	\$30.00
30,001 to 120,000	\$ 25.00	\$75.00
120,001 to 255,0000	\$ 50.00	\$150.00
255,000 and up	\$ 75.00	\$225.00

and providing for an effective date. (Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

10. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending Chapter 4, "Airport," Article I, "In General" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo, Texas, to add new Section 4-15 to be titled "Airport Parking" and authorizing the City Manager to implement a fee for parking of vehicles at the Laredo International Airport Passenger Terminal area; the following fees shall apply,

Hours	Short-term Parking Lot Rates	Long-term Parking Lot Rates
0 to 3 hours	Free	Free
3 to 8 hours	\$6.00	\$3.00
8 to 12 hours	\$8.00	\$4.00
12 to 24 hours	\$10.00	\$5.00

providing for an effective date. (Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

11. Public hearing and introductory ordinance to adopt the proposed Annual Budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 by appropriating the proposed revenues, expenditures and balances reported therein for the year beginning October 1, 2012, and ending September 30, 2013, 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. Rangel

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

12. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending Division 5 (Rates and Charges), Article II, (Sewage and Sewage Disposal) of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, specifically section 31-92 which provides for fees associated with sewer services; Six Inch sewer tap from \$375.00 to \$1,927.80, sewer tap locate service from \$25.00 to \$250.00, installation of sewer clean-out from \$100.00 to \$1258.65, New Jetter –Vacuum Truck service - \$250.00,New Vacuum Truck service \$250.00,New Dump Truck Service \$200.00,New CCTV Truck Service \$250,New Pick Truck service \$200.00,New Jetter Truck Service \$250.00,New Portable Jetter Equipment \$100.00 service call, Sewer Taps Located \$300.00, Line Located Service \$150.00 ,New Septic Tank Disposal Fee \$40.00/1000 gallons; and Amending Division 3 (RATES AND CHARGES), Article III, (WATER) of

Chapter 31 (UTILITIES) of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, specifically section 31-138 which provides for :Wet Connection 6” x 6” from \$660.00 to a new \$1,500.00, 6” x 8” from \$770.00 to \$1,500.00, 8” x 8” from \$880.00 to \$2,000.00, 10” x 6” from \$890.00 to \$2,000.00, 10” x 8” from \$950.00 to \$2,000.00,10” x 10” from \$900.00 to \$2,000.00, 12” x 6” from \$1,300.00 to \$3,000.00,12” x 8” from \$1,400.00 to \$3,000.00,12” x 10” from \$1,475.00 to \$3,000.00, 12” x 12” from \$1,500.00 to \$4,000.00, 16” x 6” from \$2,300.00 to \$3,000.00,16” x 10” from \$2,525.00 to \$4,000.00,16” x 12” from \$2,600.00 to \$4,000.00, Cost for water tap ¾” from \$475.00 to \$1,590.00, water Tap 1” from \$556.00 to \$1,675.00,water tap 1-1/2” from \$736.00 to \$1,749.21, water tap 2” from 881.25 to \$2,032.00, water tap 3” from \$2,010.00 to \$2,914.00, water tap 4” from 2,996.00 to \$2, 969.00, water tap 6” from \$3,801.00 to \$3,928.00, new cost for T- Connection ¾” \$240.61, new cost for service relocation ¾” \$240.00, 1” \$248.00, new cost for T- connection irrigation service ¾” \$240.61, new cost material for a FH meter \$421.29;New Cost Fire Hydrant flow Test \$150.00, Providing for publication and an effective date. (Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

13. Public hearing and introduction ordinance amending Chapter 14, garbage, trash and refuse, Article II, rates for garbage and refuse collection and landfill operations, Section 14-9, rates, of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances by changing Section (a) to increase the garbage collection fee to twelve dollars (\$12.00) per month plus an additional one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) increase per year for the subsequent four fiscal years as all others fees remain in effect. (Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mary Lara stated that she was one of the faces of Laredo’s middle class. She protested against the fee hikes, which she said were a consequence of overspending.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

14. Public hearing and introduction ordinance amending Chapter 32, vehicle for hire, Article II, taxicabs, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo, by specifically amending the following sections therein; Section 32-22, initial application for annual permit, to increase fee from \$50.00 to \$75.00, Section 32-33 (7), substitute or replace taxicabs, to increase inspection fee for each temporary taxicab from \$10.00 to \$20.00, Section 32-34 (a) annual permit fees, to increase from \$40.00 to \$100.00 for each authorized permit, Section 32-35, application, and Section 32-37, term and renewal, to increase taxicab drivers license fee from \$25.00 to \$35.00 each, and Section 32-74 (9) vehicle requirements and inspections, to increase annual inspection fee from \$20.00 to \$30 for each taxicab, providing for severability, publication, and effective date. (Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

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

15. Public hearing and introduction ordinance amending Chapter 19, motor vehicles and traffic, Article VIII, stopping, standing or parking, Article XI, truck traffic, and Article VIII, stopping, standing or parking, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo by specifically amending the following sections therein; Section 19-360, parking meters, increasing parking meter rates from .25 cents to .50 cents for parking meters located within the area bounded by Santa Maria Avenue on the east, Hidalgo Street on the south, Moctezuma on the north, and Santa Cleotilde on the west and increasing parking meter rates for all other parking meters from .50 cents .75 cents, Section 19-362 (b), City owned parking lot rates and hours of operation, increasing riverfront parking lot passenger vehicle hourly rate from \$1.00 to \$1.50 and daily rate from \$8.00 to \$10.00, tractor/recreational vehicles hourly rate from \$2.00 to \$2.50 and daily rate from \$10.00 to \$13.00, and buses hourly rate from \$4.00 to \$6.00 and daily rate from \$20.00 to \$30.00, clarifying Section 19-362(d),

to specify \$40.00 monthly rate is available for downtown employees only, Section 19-461 (b)(7), oversized vehicle escort service license applications, increasing license fee from \$100.00 to \$150.00, adding Section 19-461 (b)(8), establishing a new \$50.00 fee for each proposed escort vehicle, Section 19-477, escort vehicle driver's license application, increasing escort driver's license from \$20.00 to \$50.00, Section 19-477.2. term and renewal, increasing fee for renewal of escort driver's license from \$20.00 to \$50.00 every twelve months, Section 19-480.1 vehicles requirements and inspections, adding (b)(6) establishing a new annual inspection fee of \$50.00 and re-inspection fee of \$50.00 for each vehicle and to provide for severability, publication and effective date. (Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

16. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances by adding Chapter 9, "Communications," Article II, "Public Access Center," and amending sections of ordinance number 2009-O-052 (which established rates, rules and procedures for the public access center); §4.4 to increase use of video tape rate from five dollars (\$5.00) to ten dollars (\$10.00); Section 10 to include staff among authorized personnel; §10.5.1 to increase production fees from \$50.00/hour to \$75.00 per hour; and adding section 13 non-commercial use of programming and access center equipment 13.1 thru 13.5 (13.5.4) providing for non-commercial production fees; and, providing for severability, publication, and effective date. (Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

17. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances Chapter 2 administration, Chapter 13 food and food products, and Chapter 15 health and sanitation section to reflect a revision of fees and allowing for the addition of new fees associated with new and expanded services as accepted by motion during the budget workshop to become effective sixty (60) days from public hearing and introduction; and providing for effective date and publication. changes to fees are as follows:

Chapter 2	Current Fee	Revised Fee
Sec. 2-3		
<i>Certified copy of death certificate, first copy</i>	\$20	\$21
<i>Certified copy of death certificate, additional copy</i>	\$3	\$4
<i>Copy of Medical Record</i>	\$0.10/copy	\$25 for first 20 pages and \$0.50 additional page
<i>Vital Statistics Processing Fee for online and mail in requests</i>	-	\$5
Chapter 13	Current Fee	Revised Fee
Sec. 13-39		
<i>Food Establishment Inspections</i>	\$50	\$75
<i>Food Establishment Follow Up Inspections</i>	\$75	\$100
Chapter 15	Current Fee	Revised Fee
Sec. 15-2		
<i>Birth Certificates*</i>	\$8	\$23
<i>Death Certificates*</i>	-	\$21
Sec. 15-9		
<i>Clinic Visit</i>	\$26	\$30
<i>Clinic Follow Up Visit</i>	\$15	\$20
Sec. 15-10		
<i>Phlebotomy Service**</i>	\$10	\$20
<i>Laboratory Tests</i>	At Cost	At Cost + \$1
Sec 15-11		
<i>Clinic Visit</i>	\$26	\$30
<i>Clinic Follow Up Visit</i>	\$15	\$20
Sec. 15-64		
<i>Tire Business Registration (1-5 persons)</i>	\$35	\$50
<i>Tire Business Registration (6-10 persons)</i>	\$70	\$100
<i>Tire Business Registration (11+ persons)</i>	\$140	\$200

Sec. 15-91		
<i>On Site Sewage Facility Inspection</i>	-	\$150
<i>On Site Sewage Facility Additional Visit/Inspection</i>	-	\$50

(Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

18. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, Chapter 17 –Library to reflect the library’s status as a department of the City of Laredo and the new the Texas State Library and Archives Commission’s public library accreditation standards, and allowing for the addition of new fees associated with new and expanded services, the deletion of fees for services no longer offered, and the updating of policies and procedures associated with these services at Laredo Public Library and its branches, providing for publication and effective date.

ROOM USE FEES (101-0000-361-1017):	OLD FEE per day	NEW FEW per 4 hrs
Non Profit Organizations:		
<i>Multipurpose Room(includes podium and handheld microphone)</i>	\$150	\$150
<i>Computer Lab (Requires Media Tech set-up)</i>	\$200	\$200
<i>Classrooms / Meeting Rooms</i>	\$50	\$50
<i>Conference Room</i>	\$50	\$50
For Profit-Making Organizations:		
<i>Multipurpose Room (includes podium and handheld microphone)</i>	\$400	\$400
<i>Computer Lab (Requires Media Tech. set-up)</i>	\$500	\$500
<i>Classrooms / Meeting Rooms</i>	\$100	\$100
<i>Conference Room</i>	\$100	\$100
<i>Special Room Set-up or Reconfiguration</i>	N/A	\$50
<i>Coffee Service</i>	N/A	1.25/cup

PERSONNEL SERVICES:	OLD FEE per hour	NEW FEE per hour
<i>After Hours Security and Custodial Services</i>	\$50	\$50
<i>Media Technician</i>	\$50	\$50
<i>Custodial Services / Clean up Services (if room not left clean)</i>	N/A	\$25
EQUIPMENT USE FEES (101-0000-361-1101):	OLD FEE per day	NEW FEW per 4 hrs
<i>Television and VCR or DVD Player</i>	\$40	\$40
<i>Teleconference Equipment (plus actual cost of signal feed/telephone Call)</i>	\$300 per day	
<i>Portable Media Projector w/Laptop Cart Set-up</i>	\$100	\$100
<i>Portable Projection Screen*</i>	\$10	\$10
<i>Overhead projector*</i>	\$20	\$20
<i>Slide Projector*</i>	\$20	
<i>Copy Stand (Training Included)</i>	\$50	\$50
<i>Wireless Microphones</i>	\$20	
<i>Lapel Microphones</i>	N/A	\$30
<i>Audio Recording</i>	\$20	
<i>Audio (CD)</i>	\$20	
<i>Video (Videocassette or DVD)</i>	\$20	
<i>Video Recording/Camera</i>	\$20	
<i>Computer Presentation (includes audio)</i>	\$100	
<i>Flip Charts</i>	\$10	\$10
<i>Markers</i>	\$1	
<i>White Board</i>	\$10	\$10
<i>White Board Markers</i>	\$1	
<i>Laser Pointer</i>	\$10	
<i>Headphones</i>	\$0	
<i>Podium</i>	\$0	
<i>Portable PA System*</i>	\$20	
<i>Smart Board</i>	\$50	
<i>E-Book Readers*</i>	\$5	
<i>Equipment Checkout/Late Fee</i>	\$10	
<i>Translation Simulcast Equipment (Max 20) Translator sub-contracted by organization</i>	\$50	
<i>Coffee Urn</i>	N/A	\$20
LIBRARY MATERIALS FINES & FEES (101-000-357-3020):	OLD FEE per day/per item	NEW FEE per day/per item

<i>Overdue Book and Audio book on CD Cassette Tape Fine (max. \$5) (max. value of item)</i>	\$0.20	\$0.35
<i>Overdue Video, music CD, and DVD, video game Fines (max value or item)</i>	\$1	\$1
<i>Lost or Damaged Materials (Current cost of replacement plus \$5.00 processing fee)</i>	\$5	\$5
<i>Library Card Replacement</i>	\$1	\$5
<i>Temporary Card</i>	N/A	\$1
<i>City Employee ID Card/Replacement (only w/Dept. Dir. written authorization)</i>	\$10 per card	
OFFICE SUPPLIES:	OLD FEE	NEW FEE
<i>Plain White Paper 8 1/2 x 11 (per page)</i>	\$0.10	\$0.10
<i>Plain White Paper 11 x 17 (when available/per page)</i>	\$0.15	\$0.15
SERVICE FEES:	OLD FEE	NEW FEE
<i>Computer Printouts B&W 8 1/2 x 11 only/per page</i>	\$0.10	\$0.10
<i>Computer Printouts Color 8 1/2 x 11 only/per page</i>	\$0.50	
<i>Archival Photo Reproduction/per hour</i>	\$30	\$30
<i>CD Burning/Edit Burning –OCR or non OCR (Copyright restrictions apply)</i>	\$5	
<i>Scanning Services (8 1/2 x 11 only)/per page</i>	\$5	\$5
<i>Seminar Registration/hour</i>	\$10	
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(Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

19. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending Subsection (b), "amounts", Section 8-23, "same-fees charged", Article II., "Cemetery Manager", Chapter 8, "cemeteries", of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo thereby increasing and adding cemetery fees; increasing burial of cremated remains adult from \$300.00 to \$475.00; increasing per adult grave space regular size (4' x 10') from \$1,400.00 to \$1,800.00; increasing monument permit fee from \$35.00 to \$50.00; adding removal of monuments and marker "large" \$475.00. Providing severability and an effective date. (Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Rangel and Cm. Vera were not present.

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Rangel and Cm. Vera were not present.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

20. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending Article III Civic Center, Chapter 28 streets, sidewalks and public places , Section 28-87 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo to allow for rate changes in auditorium commercial \$950.00 + 8% of gross receipts. Maximum \$1,900.00 addition performances on same day increase minimum and maximum by 50% change to \$1,500.00 + 10% of gross receipts. Maximum \$2,200.00 addition performances on same day increase minimum and maximum by 50 % and deposit \$300.00; auditorium non-commercial for-profit: \$1,150.00 change to \$1,250.00 and \$300.00 deposit; auditorium non-commercial non-profit: \$950.00 change to \$1,200.00 and \$300.00 deposit. Ballroom commercial: \$950.00 + 8% of gross receipt. Max of \$1,900.00 change to \$1,500.00 + 10% of gross receipts. Max of \$2,200.00 and \$300.00 deposit. Ballroom non-commercial for-profit: \$1,050.00 change to \$1,250.00 and \$300.00 deposit. Ballroom non-commercial non-profit: \$950.00 change to \$1,200.00 and \$300.00 deposit. meeting rooms commercial: \$200.00 per room for 4 hours change to \$250.00 per room Monday-Thursday for 4 hours and \$300.00 deposit; meeting rooms non-commercial for profit: \$150.00 per room for 4 hours change to \$200.00 per room Monday-Thursday for 4 hours and \$300.00 deposit; meeting rooms non-commercial non-profit: \$150.00 per room for 4 hours change to \$200.00 per room Monday-Thursday for 4 hours and \$300.00 deposit. Meeting rooms commercial \$750.00 all 4 rooms change to \$1,000.00 all 4 rooms Friday- Sunday for 4 hours and \$300.00 deposit. Meeting rooms non-commercial for-profit rentals \$550.00 change to \$700.00 and \$300.00 deposit. Meeting rooms non-commercial non-profit: \$550.00 changes to \$700.00 all 4 rooms Friday-Sunday for 4 hours and \$300.00 deposit. Deposit\damages\cancel\ all civic center lessees shall be required to post a cleaning/damage deposit of not less than \$100.00 change to deposit will be refunded after 30 days after your event and any deposit paid for any event if cancelled at anytime. Deposit will not be refunded. No exemptions; providing for publication and effective date. (Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Rangel and Cm. Vera were not present.

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Rangel and Cm. Vera were not present.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

21. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending Chapter 23 (parks and leisure services section 23-1, 23-3 and section 23-4 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo to allow for rate changes in tennis from \$1.00 to \$2.00 for adults, adding fees for open tournament - \$2.50 per court per hour, closed tournament-\$3.50 per court per hour, quick start tournament or league - \$1.00 per court per hour, open leagues (USTA, LTA) - \$2.50 per court per hour, closed leagues - \$3.50 per court per hour; increasing racquetball ball fees for tournaments from \$10.00 to \$20.00; increasing fees for use of public swimming pools for children from \$.75 to \$1.00, adults from \$1.25 to \$2.00, and water slide from \$2.00 to \$2.50; increasing public swimming pool instructional fees for learn to swim from \$20.00 to \$30.00, lap swimming session from \$20.00 to \$30.00, water aerobics from \$20.00 to \$30.00; increasing the pool rental fees for private parties from \$60.00 to \$75.00 plus a \$60.00 deposit; increasing recreation center membership fees from \$10.00 per year to \$15.00 per quarter or a yearly membership fee of \$50.00; increasing the summer program fee from \$25.00 per participant per session to \$50.00 per participant per session for FY 2013 and increasing fee to \$60.00 per participant per session for FY 2014; and providing for publication and effective date. (Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

22. 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 increase annual permit fee from \$350.00 to \$400.00 per machine per year; increasing the sealing fee from \$350.00 to \$400.00; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing for severability,

publication and effective date. (Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vera

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

Cm. Narvaez

Ordinance Introduction: City Council except Cm. Narvaez

23. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending Chapter 25, of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances (plumbing) by adding Section 25-8 entitled “permit fees;” increasing basic plumbing permit fee from \$20.00 to \$50.00 and increasing other per item fees; repealing all inconsistent ordinances herewith; and providing for an effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

24. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending Section 7-5 (International Mechanical Code) of Chapter 7 of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, specifically Subsection 106.5.2 (schedule of permits fees), by increasing the basic permit fee from twenty five (\$25.00) dollars to fifty (\$50.00) dollars; increasing additional per item fees; repealing all inconsistent ordinances herewith; providing a severability clause; providing a savings clause; and providing for an effective date. (Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

25. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinance (electricity) of the City of Laredo by amending Article III Section 11-44 (permit fees) by increasing the basic permit fee from \$25.00 to \$50.00; and meter reconnection inspection fee from \$20.00 to \$25.00; increasing per item fees; and repealing all ordinances and/or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for publication and effective date. (Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

26. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending Chapter 18 of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances by adding a new Article III to be entitled "regulation of garage or yard sales," for purposes of establishing provisions governing the conduct of garage sales; establishing a five (\$5.00) dollar per garage sale permit fee; providing for a savings clause; providing for a severability clause; providing for a penalty not to exceed five hundred (\$500.00) dollars for each offense; and providing an effective date. (Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Rangel
Second: Cm. Rendon
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

27. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending Chapter 18 of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances by adding a new Article V to be entitled, “regulations for new business registration” requiring the registration of businesses; providing for an annual registration fee of fifty (\$50.00) dollars; providing for a penalty not to exceed five hundred (\$500.00) dollars for each offense; providing for a savings clause; providing for a severability clause, and providing an effective date. (Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

28. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Laredo Land Development Code: Chapter 24, Appendix B-3: zoning fees by increasing the following fees:

Change to the zoning narrative from \$50.00 to \$60.00;

Change to the zoning map for commercial/industrial zones less than one acre from \$250.00 to \$300.00,

One to five acres from \$300.00 to \$400.00,

Over five acres from \$400.00 to \$500.00 and from \$50.00 per acre to \$75.00 per acre for each acre over five acres;

Residential Zones:

Less than one acre from \$200.00 to \$300.00,

One to five acres from \$250.00 to \$300.00,
Over five acres from \$400.00 to \$500.00 and from \$50.00 per acre to \$75.00 per acre for each acre over five acres,
Raising the cap on zoning change fee from \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00; application for special use permit from \$300.00 to \$400.00;
Appeal to board of adjustment from \$50.00 to \$300.00 for administrative appeals and from \$75.00 to \$300.00 for substantive appeals;
Creating a fee for zoning verification letter requests of \$25.00; providing for an effective date, severability and publication. (Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Vera

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

29. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Subdivision Ordinance of the City of Laredo by: revising Chapter II, Section 2-3.1 Subdivision plats of the subdivision ordinance handbook by increasing the following fees:
Preliminary subdivision fees for residential lots less than 20,000 square feet served by water and wastewater from \$50.00 to \$100.00 and final subdivision fees from \$25.00 to \$50.00;
Residential subdivisions greater than 20,000 square feet preliminary subdivision base fee from \$300.00 to \$400.00;
Final subdivision base fee from \$300.00 to \$400.00;
Amending plats from \$100.00 to \$200.00;
Extension approval from \$125.00 to \$300.00
Plat name change from \$50.00 to \$150.00;
General plan from \$300.00 to \$400.00;
And adding a fee for administrative plats of \$200.00; providing for publication, severability and effective date. (Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vera

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Vera

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

30. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Laredo Code of Ordinances as follows:

Chapter 2, Section 2-7: filing fee, by increasing the annexation application fee from five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00); providing for an effective date, severability and publication. (Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vera

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

31. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Laredo Land Development Code as follows:

Chapter 24, Article V, Model Subdivision Rules, creating Section 24.80.8: application for certification of compliance for utility connection, to include an application fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00); providing for an effective date, severability and publication. (Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

32. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Laredo Land Development Code as follows:

Chapter 24, Article IV, Oil & Gas Extraction and Production Specific Use Zoning Overlay District and Permit Requirements Section 24-73.4: application for oil and gas extraction and production permit, Subsection 12 by raising drilling and re-entry fees from one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to one thousand three hundred dollars (\$1,300.00), reworking fees from five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) and well plugging fees from two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) to five hundred dollars (\$500.00); raising Section 24.73.9: seismic surveys fees from five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00); raising section 24.73.12, annual inspection fee from one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00); providing for an effective date, severability and publication. (Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Rendon
Second: Cm. Rangel
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

33. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Laredo Land Development Code as follows:

Chapter 24, Article IV, Historic District Specific Use Overlay District, Section 24.66.3: designating locally significant historic landmarks by creating a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) application fee; and section 24.66.5 procedural requirements for review of landmarks by Historic District/Landmark Board by creating a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) fee; providing for an effective date, severability and publication. (Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. San Miguel was not present.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

34. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Laredo Land Development Code as follows:

Chapter 24, Article IV, Flood Damage Prevention Section 24-69.4: Administration, Subsection (C)(1)(G) increasing the floodplain development permit application fee from one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to two hundred dollars (\$200.00); and adding paragraph (H) creating a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) fee for floodplain verification letter requests; providing for an effective date and publication. (Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. San Miguel was not present.

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

35. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to:

- Terminate an Advanced Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for “The West Laredo Multimodal Corridor – Phase II –the Flecha/ Las Cruces Realignment Project and the Calton Grade Separation Project” (engineering only) executed on June 30th, 2004; and,

- Terminate an Advanced Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for The West Laredo Multimodal Corridor Phase II – the Flecha/ Las Cruces realignment Project and Calton Grade Separation Project” (engineering only) executed on July 9th, 2009; and,
- Execute an Advanced Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the West Laredo Multimodal Corridor Phase II –the Flecha/ Las Cruces Realignment Project in order to replace all the above cited agreements and retain all funding and work tasks associated with the Flecha/Las Cruces Project within the Phase II agreement while reallocating all funding and work tasks associated with the Calton Grade Separation Project to the Phase III agreement; and,
- Amend the FY 2011-2012 Capital Improvements Fund Budget by reducing the grant amount by \$4,149,580 including a reduction in TxDOT funds of \$3,204,854 and \$944,726 in local matching funds. These reduced funds, including matching funds, will be transferred to West Laredo Multimodal Corridor –Phase III- Calton Grade Separation Project. (Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

36. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to:

- Terminate an Advanced Funding agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the “West Laredo Multimodal Corridor – Phase III –Calton Grade Separation Project” (construction only) executed on June 10th, 2006; and,
- Terminate an Advanced Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the “West Laredo Multimodal Corridor Phase III – Calton Grade Separation Project” (construction only) executed on July 9th, 2009; and,
- Execute an Advanced Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the “ West Laredo Multimodal Corridor- Phase III for the Calton Grade Separation Project” in order to replace all the above cited agreements and allocate all funding and work tasks associated with the Calton

Grade Separation Project within the Phase III agreement, as well as, accepting the new budget in the amount of \$21,537,002; and,

- Amend the Capital Grants Fund budget by appropriating an additional \$8,750,016 which includes \$7,588,162 in TxDOT funds and \$1,161,854 in local matching funds. The additional local matching funds have been identified in the 2008 CO Fund and the Capital Improvement fund. (Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Perez

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

37. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the Capital Improvements Fund by reducing the West Laredo Multimodal Corridor—Phase I—CPL Road Project Grant amount by \$5,020,181.00 which includes \$4,575,756.00 in TXDOT funds and \$444,425.00 in local matching funds. The reduced funds, including all matching funds, will be transferred to West Laredo Multimodal Corridor—Phase III—Calton Grade Separation Project. (Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

38. Public hearing to consider the adoption of the 2013-2017 Capital Improvement Program of the City of Laredo. (Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

39. Public hearing allowing interested persons to comment on the proposed amendment to the City of Laredo's 2011 Consolidated One-Year Action Plan for the purpose of reprogramming Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds totaling \$1,355,238.00. It is proposed that the funds be utilized to fund, in part, the construction of the (1) Cigarroa Park Improvements (\$300,601.00); (2) East Hachar Soft Walking Track (\$193,649.00); (3) Slaughter Park Water Feature/Trail Improvements (\$417,200.00); (4) Anna Street Multi-Purpose Field Improvements (\$75,000.00); and (5) Sidewalks – District VII (\$368,788.00). It is further proposed that the newly created projects be funded by cancelling projects that are no longer viable, and through the use of fund balances from completed projects from the 28th through 37th AY as listed below:

CDBG PROJECT FUND BALANCES

	<u>28th AY</u>	
Santa Rita Park Phase II		<u>\$65,241</u>
Total 28th AY Fund Balances		\$65,241
	<u>29th AY</u>	
Santa Fe Park Improvements		<u>\$18,619</u>
Total 29th AY Fund Balances		\$18,619
	<u>30th AY</u>	
Slaughter Park		<u>\$22,597</u>
Total 30th AY Fund Balances		\$22,597
	<u>36th AY</u>	
Code Enforcement		<u>\$601</u>
Total 36th AY Fund Balances		\$601
TOTAL FUND BALANCES		\$107,058

CANCELLED PROJECTS

32nd AY

Santa Rita Park Improvements	\$28,710
Total 32nd AY Cancelled Projects	\$28,710
<u>37th AY</u>	

Slaughter Park Swimming Pool	\$582,033
Chicago Street Pedestrian Bridge	<u>\$637,437</u>
Total 37th AY Cancelled Projects	\$1,219,470

TOTAL FUNDS TO BE REPROGRAMMED
\$1,355,238

(Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

40. Public hearing and adoption of Resolution No. 2012-R-068 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 Long Range Thoroughfare Plan. (Approved by the Operations Committee)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Cm. Garza said that he wanted to amend this item in reference to comment #6, Zacatecas Street, to downgrade it to a local collector.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce as amended to downgrade Zacatecas Street to a local collector.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

41. Second public hearing for the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.637000 per \$100 value for the Tax Year 2012. The tax rate will provide revenue for the general fund and debt services. The rate includes \$0.498866 per \$100 value for Maintenance and Operation and \$0.138134 per \$100 value for Sinking Fund of the Debt Services and is estimated to generate a tax levy of \$67, 582,680.00. The City Council is scheduled to vote on the tax rate on September 11, 2012 at 1:15 p.m. and September 17, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at City Council Chambers located at 1110 Houston.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

42. Ratifying the execution of easement documents for the conveyance to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, a Missouri Corporation, a tract of land containing 1.94 acres being out of the 270.00 acre tract situated in Porcion 06 and Porcion 07, Abstract 38 and Abstract 39, Blas Maria Diaz Original Grantee, Webb County, Texas; same being a tract of land conveyed to the City of Laredo as recorded in Volume 2995, Pages 165-210, Webb County Official Public Records. Said tract of land being more particularly described by metes and bounds survey in attached Exhibits A and B. Said easement tract is needed for the installation of communication lines to serve the Max Mandel Municipal Golf Course Facility and providing for effective date. (Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

43. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Laredo Aero Center, Inc., for approximately 150 square feet of office space in the Federal Inspection Services (FIS) located at 4719 Maher Ave., Laredo, Texas known as Suite No. 129 situated on property described as Block No.1 of subdivision plat of Laredo International Airport. Lease term is for one (5) year commencing on August 01, 2012 and ending on July 31, 2017 and may be extended for one (1) term of five (5) years each ending on July 31, 2022. However, it is agreed by the parties that the lease may be terminated by either party on or not less than ninety (90) days' written notice from the party terminating to the other. Monthly rent shall be \$780.00 and will be adjusted annually according to changes in the Consumer Price Index;

providing for an effective date. (Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VIII. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive the final readings of Ordinances 2012-O-110, 2012-O-111, 2012-O-112, 2012-O-113, 2012-O-114, 2012-O-115, 2012-O-116, 2012-O-117, 2012-O-118, 2012-O-119, 2012-O-120, 2012-O-121, 2012-O-122, 2012-O-123, 2012-O-124, 2012-O-126 and 2012-O-126.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

44. 2012-O-110 Amending the City of Laredo 2011-2012 Laredo Auto Theft Task Force annual budget by increasing revenues in the amount of \$111,240.00 and increasing the amount of expenditures in the amount of \$49,217.00 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 amendment will include one (1) Clerk III FTE position. The Texas Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority will fund the Laredo Auto Theft Task Force for the period of September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013. This grant pays salaries, equipment and supplies for Laredo Police Department personnel to combat auto theft in the City of Laredo.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-O-110.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2012-O-111 Amending Chapter 28 of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances by adding a new Article II to be entitled, "sign regulations" establishing comprehensive rules and regulations governing all signs within the City; and repealing in its entirety section 24-82 of the Land Development Code entitled, "signs and outdoor activity;" providing a severability, savings, repealing, and penalty clause; establishing an effective date; and providing for publication. (AS AMENDED)

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-O-111.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2012-O-112 Amending the Land Development Code of the City of Laredo, Article IV, 24-65 Supplementary Zoning District Regulations, Section 24.65.18, Arts and Entertainment District (AE District), requiring approval of sidewalk cafés, authorizing, by license, sidewalk cafés, setting the criteria for unobstructed pedestrian paths along sidewalks, and establishing minimum requirements, fees of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the first year and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each subsequent year and a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) transfer fee and penalties for sidewalk cafes; and amending Appendix “A” (Definitions), of the Land Development Code of the City of Laredo, by adding the definitions of “sidewalk café” and “sidewalk café license”; to become effective sixty (60) days from passage, providing for severability and publication. (AS AMENDED)

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-O-112.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2012-O-113 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 18.69 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit “A”, located along Cuatro Vientos Road east of El Eden Subdivision Unit XV, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-O-113.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2012-O-114 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 17.39 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit “A”, located along the east side of Cuatro Vientos Road and east of El Eden Subdivision Unit XV, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-O-114.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2012-O-115 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by repealing Ordinance 2009-O-028 authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a parking lot, and authorizing a Conditional Use Permit

for a health club (physical fitness) on Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 1475, Eastern Division, located at 2503 Ligarde Street; providing for providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-O-115.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2012-O-116 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 11.72 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit “A”, located south of Havanna Drive and West of Bob Bullock Loop (Loop 20), from R-1A (Single-Family Reduced Area District), B-1 (Limited Commercial District), and B-3 (Community Business District) to R-1 (Single-Family Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-O-116.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2012-O-117 Designating as a one-way westbound the 2500, 2600, and 2700 blocks of Mier Street, between N. Milmo Avenue and N. Arkansas Avenue, during the peak hours of 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., and 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, during school days, providing for the installation of appropriate signs to indicate one-way traffic and providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-O-117.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2012-O-118 Authorizing the City Manager to approve the granting of:

1. An access easement to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security upon a tract of land containing 0.68 acres, more or less, located in the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, being more particularly described by metes and bounds in Exhibit A attached hereto, and shown on survey attached hereto as Exhibit B. Said easement to be provided for a term of twenty (20) years with options to extend for additional five (5) year terms. Said request is being made for the construction, operation, maintenance and shared use of a boat ramp facility.

Bullock Loop at the Laredo International Airport. Lease term is for three (3) years commencing on August 1, 2012, and ending on July 31, 2015. Minimum Annual Guarantee (MAG) shall be \$86,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of gross sales, whichever is greater; providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-O-121.

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

2012-O-122 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Rental Car Agency Concession and Lease Agreement with EAN Holding, L.L.C., dba National Car Rental, for the approximate 171 square feet of office and counter space located in car rental space no. 3 and 19 parking spaces located at 5210 Bob Bullock Loop at the Laredo International Airport. Lease term is for three (3) years commencing on August 1, 2012, and ending on July 31, 2015. Minimum Annual Guarantee (MAG) shall be \$85,250.00 or ten percent (10%) of gross sales, whichever is greater; providing for an effective date.
Motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-O-122.

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

2012-O-123 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with South Texas Workforce Development Board for approximately 6,600 square feet of building space with associated land located at 1701 E. Hillside Suite No. 1 at the Laredo International Airport, Block 15, Lot No. 1. Lease term shall commence August 1, 2012 and end on November 30, 2015. Initial monthly rent shall be \$8,250.00 and will be adjusted annual according to changes in the Consumer Price Index; providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-O-123.

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

2012-O-124 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Webb County Head Start for approximately 1.0128 acres of land located at 4704 Naranjo Street at the Laredo International Airport. Lease term is for five (5) years commencing on August 1, 2012 and ending on July 31, 2017, and may be extended for one (1) consecutive five (5) year term ending on July 31, 2022. However, the lease may be terminated by either party upon giving a 180-day written notice from the party terminating to the other. Monthly rent shall be \$2,354.17

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

X. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

Moved: Cm. Vera

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

X (a) RESOLUTIONS

46. 2012-R-069 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in the amount of \$177,000.00, with a projected amount of program income of \$25,103.00 for a total of \$202,103.00 for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Primary Health Care prevention Program “La Familia” for the term from September 1, 2012, through August 31, 2013.
47. 2012-R-070 Ratifying the City Manager’s submittal of a grant application to the South Texas Development Council (STDC) in the amount of \$40,000.00 with no matching funds. Funds will be used to purchase used oil recycling containers to be distributed to the citizens of Laredo, in order to further promote the City’s used oil recycling program. Additionally this grant will fund the purchase of a bulk used oil container and advertising.
48. 2012-R-071 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for a total amount of \$2,412,589.00 for the continuation of the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program of the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) to provide nutrition education and food supplemental services to high risk women and children for the term from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013.
49. 2012-R-072 Authorizing the City Manager to submit grant applications to the Federal Aviation Administration to construct and equip an Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) Station, and to mitigate airport noise at the Laredo International Airport and to accept said grants, if offered. The ten (10) percent local match is available in the Airport Fund.

X (b) MOTIONS

50. Authorizing the purchase of the “Surface Only”, of a parcel of land legally described as Lots 1, 2, 7, & 8, Block 2091, Eastern Division Laredo, Texas, County of Webb from the Hein Family, at the established fair market value of \$25,463.00. The parcel mentioned will allow for trail improvements along the Chacon Creek to

help improve conditions and provide for future recreational opportunities. Funding for this purchase is provided through the Chacon Creek Acquisition Account – CDBG 35th Action Year.

51. Consideration for approval of the Upper Zacate Creek Multi-Purpose Detention Pond Drainage Channel Improvement Project from Gale Street to Jacaman Road with Zertuche Construction, L.L.C., Laredo, Texas, as complete and approval of change order no. 2, an increase of \$11,672.14 for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place. Also approval of \$42,400.00 of liquidated damages (60 calendar days at \$700.00 per day); approval of release of final payment and retainage in the amount of \$195,060.53. Final construction contract amount is \$2,238,740.58. Funding is available in the Zacate Creek Detention Pond Project.

Cm. Rendon asked that the parties involved this project be called to discuss the funding. He went on to say that he wanted staff to look at this before the final payment would be made.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal said that this discussion would need to happen quickly because time was running out.

52. Consideration for approval to award a professional services contract to Castle Engineering & Testing, L.L.C., Laredo, Texas, for an amount of \$97,060.00 to provide laboratory, sampling and testing services of materials for quality assurance for the Laredo International Airport Taxiway Construction and General Aviation Apron Reconstruction Phase 7, Contract time is for the duration of the project. Completion date is scheduled for September 13, 2013. Funding is available in the Airport Construction fund.
53. Consideration for approval of the selection of consultant Frank Architects, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in association with Synergy Structural Engineering, Inc., Laredo, Texas, HMG & Associated, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, and Sherfey Engineering Company, L.L.C., Laredo, Texas,; and authorization to negotiate a professional services contract for Design of Truck Scales at City of Laredo Colombia Solidarity Bridge and World Trade Bridge. No financial impact. Funding is available in the Bridge 2008 Bond.
54. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Toll Collection System Maintenance Services Contract between the City of Laredo and TransCore, L.P., for the hardware and software maintenance of the Laredo Bridge System Toll Collection Equipment. This maintenance service contract is for a term not to exceed one (1) year effective October 1, 2012 and will not exceed \$195,700.00. Funding is contingent upon availability in the FY 12-13 Bridge Fund Budget.
55. Consideration to extend a Professional Service Contract to Canales, Garza & Baum PLLC Certified Public Accountants for a period of one (1) year in the amount not to exceed \$89,000.00 for audit services for fiscal year ending September 30, 2012. Audit fees will be allocated to the professional services line item among the different funds to be audited. This contract is subject to future budget appropriations.

56. Consideration to renew the existing annual supply contract FY11-093 awarded to Executive Office Supply, Laredo, Texas, and Patria Office Supply, Laredo, Texas, for the purchase of general office supplies. The term of the original contract allows for a one (1) year extension. Approximately \$500,000.00 is spent on office supplies and copy paper on an annual basis. Funding is available in the office supply line item budgets for the respective departments.
57. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for annual contract FY10-089 awarded to Nardis Public Safety, San Antonio, Texas, for the purchase of uniforms for the Police Department. The estimated contract amount will be \$295,000.00. This contract authorizes the purchase of approximately 2,900 pants and 4,120 long sleeve and short sleeve shirts of different sizes for uniformed police personnel in accordance with the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement. This contract award will be the second of three (3) one (1) year renewal options available to the City. Funding is available within the Laredo Police Department's general fund uniform account.
58. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for annual contract FY11-103 and FY11-104 awarded to Holguin Cleaners, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated annual amount of \$67,800.00 for providing laundry and dry cleaning services for uniform and non-uniform police officers. The term of these contracts shall be for a one (1) year period. Funding is available in the Police Department budget.
59. Consideration to authorize a purchase contract with Motorola Inc., C/O RZ Communications through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments (H-GAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program, in the amount of \$111,737.07 for the purchase of equipment to outfit nine (9) Chevrolet caprice mark units for the Police Department. Funding is available in the Operation Stonegarden Fund.
60. Consideration for approval of golf course leasehold/management agreement with Foresight Golf, L.L.C., Boerne, Texas, for the operations of the Max A. Mandel Municipal Golf Course and its amenities to include a 9,040 sq. ft. club house, with retail store, pro shop, restaurant, banquet room and all related operations of the golf course business;

Lease rent is based on net revenue with 50% due to City on an annual basis.

Lessee will contribute up to \$200,000.00 in capital funds.

Term of the lease is for ten (10) years with three (3) five (5) year options for renewal with mutual approval. Effective date of this contract is date of certificate of occupancy for golf course club house.

There is no financial/expense impact to the City for this operating leasehold.

61. Consideration to enter into an agreement with Foresight Golf, L.L.C., Boerne, Texas, to perform the grow-in maintenance for the Max A. Mandel Municipal golf course in the estimated amount of \$180,000.00. The grow-in process will be the final preparation of the golf course for public opening in October. Funding for this project is available in the Contractual Obligation bond proceeds.

62. Consideration for approval of golf course temporary leasehold/management agreement with Foresight Golf, L.L.C., Boerne, Texas, for the operations of the Max A. Mandel Municipal Golf Course and its amenities and all related operations of the golf course business. This temporary lease hold is not exceed six (6) months of operations and is in effect prior to the completion of the golf course club house.
63. Consideration for approval of change order no. 2, an increase of \$725,865.00 to the Design/Build contract with Landscape Unlimited, L.L.C., Lincoln, NE, for the Max A. Mandel Municipal Golf Course to increase the budget allowance for the construction of a two story 9,040 sq. ft. club house, additional electrical infrastructure costs associated with larger club house, additional comfort station, wall to wall concrete cart paths, upgrade to the golf course irrigation system; and temporary facilities to open the golf course. Current contract amount with this change order is \$8,072,170.00. Funding is available in the 2008 C.O. and 2012 C.O.
64. Consideration to reject the sole bid received for FY12-087, for the furnishing of cleaning services for domestic sewage back-ups into private properties. This service will be done in-house by the Utilities Department.
65. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with STW Soccer Academy from Laredo, Texas, for the lease of property east of the Mary Help of Christians Booster Station on Springfield Avenue in the amount of \$200.00 per year. Facility will be used to operate a soccer academy youth training center sanctioned by the American Soccer League, and includes the construction of facility improvements.
66. Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Emerald Riverview Development, Ltd., for the conveyance of 29.11 acre tract for a wastewater treatment plant; 3.13 acre tract for the construction of a road to the Plant; and two (2) tracts for underground sanitary sewer/utility easements; for the construction of the Sombrettillo Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant located on Mines Road in northwest Laredo for the new 3 Million Gallon per Day sewer treatment facility. The appraised value of the tracts is \$592,000.00. Funding is available in the 2011 Sewer Revenue Bond.
67. Award contract and authorize the City Manager to execute the construction contract to the lowest bidder Pepper-Lawson Waterworks, L.L.C., Katy, Texas, in the amount of \$41,455,740.00 for the construction of the South Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant 6 MGD Expansion Project. Construction time is 750 calendar days for final completion. Funding is available in the 2012 Sewer System Revenue Bond—TWDB—SLDO WWTP, and is subject to approval by Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). The plant's capacity will increase to 12 MGD.
68. Consideration for acceptance, final payment, release of retainage in the amount of \$4,773.50 and payment for change order no. 1 in the amount of \$6,350.12 with a total amount of \$11,123.62, bringing the total contract amount from \$47,735.00 to \$54,085.12 for Closner Construction Co. L.C. of Laredo, TX. This change order consist of the replacement of 30 LF of 4" pipe to 6" pipe with fittings and 40 LF of 2" service line with fittings for the Sacred Heart Waterline Replacement project. Funding is available in the Waterworks 2011 Revenue Bond.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XI. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

69. A. Request by Mayor Raul G. Salinas

1. Discussion with possible action regarding the procedure for recognizing City of Laredo employee tenures. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Esteban Rangel)

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

B. Request by Council Member Alejandro “Alex” Perez

1. Discussion with possible action to approve the continued expanding support of 406th Drug Court Program by providing El Metro bus passes for use by the participants.

Victor Oliveros, Jr., representing the 406th State District Court and the Webb County Drug Court Program, said that this was a national program that provided very intensive and rigorous substance abuse treatment and education for individuals that had committed crimes against the state except violent criminal offenders. He added that upon completion of the program, they were eligible for dismissal of their charges.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal said that they probably could not give a discount; there were organizations such as Child Protective Services, SCAN, Casa de Misericordia, etc. that also have to buy tickets. He added that maybe they could work with them on hiring a driver and meet with some of the commissioners as this was more of a county responsibility.

C. Request by Council Member Jorge A. Vera

1. Discussion with possible action on amending the zoning ordinance(s) regulating sexually oriented businesses.

Cm. Vera said that in his district, he had many M-1 zones which would allow for the establishment of many of those types of businesses throughout. He wanted to establish a single area or zone for those types of businesses because he had M-1 zones abutting residential areas.

Planning Director Nathan Bratton replied that there were legal implications involved. He said that one possibility was removing them from M-1 zones and allowing them only in M-2 zones.

City Attorney Raul Casso asked for time to study this issue further with Planning Director Nathan Bratton.

D. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Cynthia Liendo Espinoza

1. Presentation by Kristi Peña, Better Business Bureau of San Antonio, regarding all of the services and available resources by the organization for Laredo residents.

Kristi Peña reported that her time here was awareness of the Better Business Bureau for Laredo. She invited Council to participate in quarterly luncheons or a Protect Your Business summit.

2. Discussion with possible action on implementing an anti-vandalism campaign including Text-A-Tip Program. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Mike Garza)

Mayor Pro Tem Liendo Espinoza stated that they would be debuting an anti-vandalism campaign on October 2nd as part of the National Night Out festivities. She felt that this would be a great opportunity to also start with the Text-A-Tip program.

Interim Police Chief Gilberto Navarro reported that they had explored the Tipsoft application, which worked through a PC or a smartphone. He added that they had looked at other agencies using those programs, but they were all just beginning to use them so that there was little history.

Mayor Pro Tem Liendo Espinoza said she wanted to have the numbers very visible at the parks in the signage.

Interim Police Chief Gilberto Navarro said that there was another program through 3-1-1 which was scheduled to come online in late October. He added that the difference in programs was that the Tipsoft afforded anonymity; the 3-1-1 program afforded accountability. He concluded that by the next meeting, they could show a side-by-side comparison including information from multiple cities that use these programs.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

70. Request for executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.072 in order to deliberate the value of land subject to a potential real estate transaction, namely real property located along 2200 Santa Maria, City Park Subdivision, popularly known as Veteran's field, East Martin field, along with asphalt parking improvements, including an intervening road, and other related structures in the same vicinity.

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.072 in order to deliberate the value of land subject to a potential real estate transaction, namely real property located along 2200 Santa Maria, City Park Subdivision, popularly known as Veteran's field, East Martin field, along with asphalt parking improvements, including an intervening road, and other related structures in the same vicinity.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

After Executive Session, Mayor Pro Tem Liendo Espinoza announced that no formal action was taken.

XIII. 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. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

71. 2012-RT-01 Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant, Section 5307 in the amount of \$3,865,578.00 to be used for operating assistance in the El Metro Operations Fund. (Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve Resolution 2012-RT-01.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

72. 2012-RT-02 Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute the Texas Department of Transportation Section 5307, Grant No. 51322F7050, for fiscal year 2013, in the amount of \$604,991.00, from the State Public Transportation funds for Transit Operating Assistance. (Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve Resolution 2012-RT-02.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

73. Consideration to award contract number FY12-070 to the low bidder Santex Truck Centers, San Antonio, Texas, in the amount of \$235,511.00 for the purchase of one (1) International cab and chassis with wrecker body for use by the Transit System. Funding is available from the ARRA grant funding and Transit sales tax proceeds. (Approved by the Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XIV. 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: 8

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 44 and they are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council meeting held on September 4, 2012.

Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary