

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M-2012-R-20
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
NOVEMBER 5, 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 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
Johnny Rendon,	Council Member, District V
Charlie San Miguel	Council Member, District VI
Jorge A. Vera,	Council Member, District VII
Gustavo Guevara, Jr.	City Secretary
Carlos Villarreal,	City Manager
Cynthia Collazo,	Deputy City Manager
Horacio De Leon,	Assistant City Manager
Jesus Olivares,	Assistant City Manager
Raul Casso,	City Attorney

Motion to excuse Cm. Perez, Cm. Narvaez and Mayor Pro Tem Liendo Espinoza.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 5

Against:0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Perez joined the meeting at 5:40 pm.

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of October 15, 2012

Motion to approve the October 15, 2012 minutes.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

V. COMMUNICATIONS

Communiqués

- a. Presentation by HEB staff regarding the upcoming 24th Annual Feast of Sharing event to be held on Sunday, November 18, 2012.

Jason Ahr, Store Director of HEB Saunders, invited the Mayor, City Council members and the public to attend the 24th Annual Feast of Sharing event to be held Sunday, November 18, 2012 at the Laredo Civic Center.

- b. Presentation by Roberto J. Santos, UISD Superintendent, regarding the U.I.L. Area G 5-A Marching Band Competition held at the Bill Johnson Student Activity Complex Field on Saturday, October 27, 2012.

Roberto Santos, UISD Superintendant, wished to extend a personal thank-you to the City Council and the multiple departments of the City of Laredo for its assistance with hosting the Regional Marching Band competition. He explained that in its first year, 42 high schools participated and over 15,000 people attended. He added that UISD has been trying to host this competition for the last 8 years. He went on to say that there were two tasks UISD wanted to accomplish with this event: to showcase United ISD as a viable host for a first-class event, and the City of Laredo as a safe and viable venue for future UIL events. He concluded that UISD has submitted the application to host the marching contest again in two years, and will actively pursue the opportunity to host upcoming UIL basketball and volleyball events.

Citizen comments

Todd Harrison, President of the Combined Law Enforcement Association of Texas, presented Officer Jose L. Reyes, Jr. with a resolution honoring his life, character and career as a law enforcement officer, and a State flag that has been flown over the State Capitol.

Officer Luis Dovalina, President of the Laredo Police Officers Association and Board Director for CLEAT, thanked the representatives of CLEAT for attending this Council meeting and issued a personal thank-you to Juan Contreras and Pete Elisalde for the assistance they have provided to all officers and their families who have fallen in the line of duty or been treated for injuries in San Antonio and the surrounding area.

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- a. Appointment by Council Member Alejandro Perez of Ardith Epstein to the Library Board.

Motion to confirm the nomination of Ardith Epstein to the Library Board.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- b. Appointment by Council Member Charlie San Miguel of Mr. Carlos E. Flores to the Ethics Commission.

Motion to confirm the nomination of Mr. Carlos E. Flores to the Ethics Commission, effective pursuant to Mr. Flores' resignation from the Civil Service Commission.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm Vera

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Individual Public Hearing No. 1 for the unilateral annexation of one (1) tract of land:

Tract 1: International Commerce Center Tract – 277.3634 acres, more or less.
Petitioner: City of Laredo;

For the voluntary annexation of two (2) tracts of land:

Tract 2: San Jose Tract – 0.3888 acres, more or less. Petitioner: TV and DW Investments, Ltd.;

Tract 3: San Isidro Rodriguez Ranch Tract – 217.14 acres, more or less.
Petitioner: San Isidro Northeast, Ltd.;

for a total of 494.8922 acres, more or less, as described in the attached tract summaries, as required by Section 43.063 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Motion to open the public hearing for Tract 1.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing for Tract 1.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

3. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the closing as a public easement, a 12,737.59 sq. ft. section (0.29 of an acre) out of the 2100 Block of Plum Street between Bartlett Avenue and Malinche Avenue; and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey to the Laredo Independent School District (LISD) at the total market value of \$212,982.00 in fee simple title, the “surface only”, of said section of Plum Street and those previously closed sections of the 2000 Blocks of Plum and Frost Streets between Malinche Avenue and Urbahn Avenue, all situated in the Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, being generally described on attached exhibits “A”; and “B” subject to any and all existing easements, and providing for an effective date. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT), Section 5317, New Freedom (NF) Project Grant Agreement no. 51322F7169 in the amount of \$350,000.00 with a local match of \$87,500.00, for a grand total of \$437,500.00; and to amend the FY 2012-2013 Transit Capital Grants Budget by appropriating the same amount for the purchase of a computer scheduling software and mobile data terminals (MDTs) for the El Lift Paratransit fleet. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Rendon
For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

7. 2012-O-177 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHS) and amending the City of Laredo Health Department FY 2012-2013 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$497,023.00 with an in-kind match of \$49,702.00 for a total of \$546,725.00 for continuation of the Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) to provide evidence-based nurse home visitation for first-time mothers and their children for the period beginning September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013. Continuation of this program will be contingent on funding availability.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-O-177.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Rendon
For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2012-O-178 Amending the City of Laredo Health Department FY 2012-2013 full time equivalent positions (FTES) by creating one (1) additional FTE position funded by the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant of the City of Laredo Health Department. This aligns positions as required through the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-O-178.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Rendon
For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2012-O-179 Accepting a grant from the South Texas Development Council (STDC) in the amount of \$40,000.00 with no matching funds, and amending the City of Laredo's FY 2012-2013 annual budget for the Environmental Services Department by appropriating said grant revenue to the appropriate expenditure accounts. 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.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-O-179.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2012-O-180 Amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2013 Capital Improvements Fund budget to appropriate revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$2,846,994.00. Revenues are derived from a settlement received from Hanover Insurance Company. Expenditures will be appropriated as follows: \$1,436,994.00 for the Northwest Community Center Project and \$1,410,000.00 for the South Laredo Library Project.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-O-180.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2012-O-181 Amending Chapter 11 Electricity of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo by amending section:

11-2 of the Laredo Code of Ordinance by adopting, with modification and amendments, the 2011 edition of the National Electrical Code of the National Fire Protection Association;

providing a saving clause; providing for severability clauses; and providing an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-O-181.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2012-O-182 Amending Chapter 25 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Laredo, entitled Plumbing by amending section:

25-3 thereby adopting the 2012 edition of the International Plumbing Code,

25-6 International Fuel Gas Code, thereby adopting the 2012 edition of the International Fuel Gas Code,

25-7 Private Disposal Code, thereby adopting the 2012 edition of the International Private Sewage Disposal Code;

and repealing all ordinances and/or parts of ordinance in conflict therewith; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-O-182.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2012-O-183 Amending Chapter 12 Fire Prevention and Protection of the Code of Ordinances by amending Section 12-2 to adopt the 2012 edition of International Fire Code with the following amendments:

1. Section 507.5.1 where required. Fire hydrants shall be provided along public and private streets at every 300 feet for commercial development and every 500 feet for residential development, and where a portion of the facility or building hereafter constructed or moved into or within the jurisdiction is more than 400 feet (122 m) from a hydrant on a fire apparatus access road, as measured by an approved route around the exterior of the facility or building, on-site fire hydrants and mains shall be provided where required by the fire code official.

Exceptions:

1. Fire Group R-3 and Group “U” occupancies, the distance requirement shall be 600 feet (183m).

2. For buildings equipped throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with section 903.3.1.1 or 903.3.1.2, the distance requirement shall be 600 feet (183m).

2. Section 507.5.7 marking of fire hydrant locations. Raised blue pavement markers shall be provided on public and private streets to indicate the locations of fire hydrants. These markers shall be placed just off center to the side the fire hydrant is located.

3. Section 903.2 where required. Approved automatic sprinkler systems in new buildings and structures shall be provided in any building regardless of occupancy type in which the total fire areas within the exterior walls exceed 12,000 square feet, and shall also be provided in the locations described in sections 903.2.1 through 903.2.12.

Exceptions: spaces or areas in telecommunications buildings used exclusively for telecommunications equipment, associated electrical power distribution equipment, batteries and standby engines, provided those spaces or areas are equipped throughout with an automatic smoke detection

system in accordance with section 907.2 and are separated from the remainder of the building by not less than 1-hour fire barriers constructed in accordance with section 707 of the International Building Code or not less than 2-hour horizontal assemblies constructed in accordance with Section 711 of the International Building Code, or both.

4. Section 903.2.8 Group “R” an automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with section 903.3 shall be provided throughout all buildings with a group “R” fire area.

Exception: an automatic sprinkler system is not required in Group R-2 apartment houses with a maximum dwelling of four units in which the units are subdivided into groups of two by a vertical fire wall with a fire rating of no less than two hours.

5. Section 903.3.1.2.2 breezeways. Sprinkler protection shall be provided in breezeways of group r occupancies where buildings are of type five construction.

providing a severability, savings, repealing, and penalty clause; establishing an effective date; and providing for publication.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-O-183.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2012-O-184 Amending Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinance in order to adopt the 2012 version of FIVE (5) codes:

1. Amending Section 7-1 by adopting the 2012 edition of the International Building Code;
2. Amending Section 7-4 by adopting the 2012 edition of the International Mechanical Code;
3. Amending Section 7-7 by adopting the 2012 edition of the International Residential Code except for Section R313.2 One and Two Family Dwelling Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems. Which is prohibited by State Law SB1410 Section 12, which became law on September 1, 2009;
4. Amending Section 7-8 by adopting the 2012 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code;

5. Amending section 7-10 by adopting the 2012 edition of the International Existing Building Code;

and providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 184.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2012-O-185 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for the storage of flammable and explosive products on Lot 5, Block 2, Las Lomas Industrial Park Phase I, located at 109 South Aviators Road; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-O-185.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2012-O-186 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a thrift store on Lots 5 and 7, Block 169, Western Division, located at 1020 Santa Maria Avenue; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-O-186.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2012-O-187 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for an amusement redemption machine establishment on Lots 1 and 10 and a portion of Lots 2, 8 and 9, Block 281, Western Division, located at One South Main Avenue, 15th Floor; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-O-187.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2012-O-188 Ratifying the execution of easement document for the conveyance to AEP Texas Central Company a 10 ft. wide easement containing 1,273.87 sq. ft. out of Block 2 of the Laredo International Airport

Zone (TRZ) or zones along Loop 20 from its intersection with I-35 to its intersection with U.S. Highway 59 and U.S. 59 from its intersection with Loop 20 east to its intersection with the Webb County line which said sections are being considered for I-69 status once they meet U.S. Interstate Highway standards.

Motion to approve Resolution 2012-R-093.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Rangel
For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

XI. MOTIONS

12. Consideration to authorize the purchase of computers, computer hardware, computer software, and other goods and services offered through the State of Texas, Department of Information Resources (DIR) Cooperative Purchase Contracts. The City is a member of the State of Texas—Texas Procurement and Support Services (TPASS) Cooperative Purchasing Program which allows the City of Laredo to take advantage of approved State contracts. Funding for cooperative purchase contracts and services are available in the respective departmental budgets. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Rendon
For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

13. Consideration for approval of amendment no. 3, an increase of \$34,025.00 to the professional services contract with Sherfey Engineering Company, L.L.C., Laredo, Texas, for the Upper Zacate Creek Multipurpose Detention Pond Project for additional construction phase services during the course of time that the contractor took over and beyond the contract time to complete the work. Current Engineering contract amount is \$1,015,575.00. Funding is available in the 2007 C.O. Bond—Zacate Creek Channel Phase II. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Rendon
For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

14. Consideration for approval to extend the Antares Development Corporation contract through March 2013 and amend it with a \$300,000.00 increase for the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract 331-09 to complete the animal control enforcement, investigation and operations data management system automation and for the automation of the Animal Care Facility operations.

Automation will improve field operations, inspections and permitting as well as the operations of the Laredo Animal Care Facility. Funding is available in the Health Department Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XII (b) MOTIONS

15. Consideration to authorize the purchase of new uninterruptible power supply (UPS) systems for the Laredo Bridge System to replace current UPS systems in the Laredo Bridge System facilities from Flair Data Systems Inc., Austin, Texas, through the State of Texas DIR Cooperative Purchase Contract, SDD-1478 in the total amount of \$167,231.18. Funding is available in the Bridge System Revenue Bond Series 2008 and Bridge Construction Fund.
16. Consideration to award contract FY12-100 to Quest Diagnostics, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, in the estimated annual amount of \$330,000.00 to perform clinical laboratory testing services submitted by the City of Laredo Health Department. The vendor was selected based on the testing fees, years of experience, and their ability to meet the City's requirements. The term of the contract will be for a twenty four (24) month periods with an option to extend this contract for two (2) additional one (1) year period and contingent on future appropriations. All services will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Health Department's budget.
17. Consideration to accept the City of Laredo Fire Department Administration Center as substantially complete and release of partial retainage in the amount of \$289,822.17 to the contractor, Leyendecker Construction, Inc., Laredo, Texas. An amount of \$59,882.79 is being retained for completion of pending items. Funding is available in the 2006 C.O., 2007 C.O., and 2009 C.O. Bonds.
18. Consideration for approval of change order no. 2, an increase of \$94,856.00 to the Design-Build Contract with DEH Construction Co. L.L.C., Laredo, Texas, for the North Central Park Swimming Pool Complex for additional storm drainage system, exterior lighting, office and architectural fees and to add ninety (90) calendar days to the construction contract time. Therefore, completion for the project is

scheduled for the end of January 2013. Current contract amount with this change order is \$1,325,211.08. Current contract time with this change order is two hundred ninety-nine (299) calendar days. Funding is available in the Capital Improvements Fund, 2007 C.O. and 2009 C.O.

19. Award of construction contract to the lowest qualified bidder, Vision Construction Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$1,406,071.00 (which includes the base bid for kennels, asphalt parking lot and service road and fabric shades) Phase 2 for the City of Laredo Animal Care Facility, 5202 Maher Avenue with a construction contract time of two hundred forty (240) calendar days; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related contract documents contingent upon receipt and approval of insurance and bond documents. Completion date for the project is scheduled for July 2013. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund, 2007 C.O., 2010 C.O., and 2012 C.O.
20. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for annual contract FY10-081 awarded to:
 - a) Rush Truck Center, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$130,000.00; and
 - b) Rotex Truck Center, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$50,000.00

for the purchase of original equipment manufacturer (OEM) parts for the City's medium and heavy duty trucks. All parts will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.

21. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for annual contract FY11-009 for the purchase of original equipment manufacturer (OEM) parts for the City's lawn maintenance equipment awarded to the following vendors:
 - a) Neuhaus & Co., Weslaco, Texas, in the amount of \$35,000.00 and
 - b) RDO Equipment, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$40,000.00;

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

22. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for annual contract FY10-097 awarded to Paul Young Chevrolet Co., Inc., in the amount of \$60,000.00 for the purchase of original equipment manufacturer (OEM) parts for the City's fleet vehicles. All parts will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.
23. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for annual contract FY12-001 awarded to Anderson Columbia, Lake City, Florida, in the estimated amount of \$225,000.00 for the purchasing of SS-1 and AE-P emulsified asphalt oils used for street paving projects. All materials are purchased on an as needed basis utilizing

the construction project budgets. Funding is available in the Public Works and Utilities Department construction project budgets.

24. Consideration to award contract FY12-098 to System Control & Instrumentation, Converse, Texas, in the amount of \$208,060.00, for the purchase and replacement of the existing Robicon VFD's with 18 pulse VFD's at the Milmo Booster Pump Station. Funding is available in the Utilities Department, 2011 Utilities Revenue Bond.
25. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for annual contract FY11-015 for the purchase of water and wastewater treatment chemicals for the Utilities Department, awarded to the following bidders:
 1. AOC Welding Supply, Laredo, Texas
 2. DPC Industries, Corpus Christi, Texas
 3. General Chemical, Paris, NJ
 4. Polydyne Inc., Riceboro, GA
 5. Altivia Corp., Houston, Texas

The term of these contracts shall be for a period of two (2) years. Approximately \$1,200,000.00 is spent on an annual basis. Funding is available in the Water and Wastewater Treatment Division's operating budgets.

26. Authorizing the City Manager to execute and award a contract to Terracon Consultants, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$207,835.00 for construction material testing services for South Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant 6, MGD Expansion Project. Funding is available in the Sewer System 2008 B Comb Tax/Rev Certificate.
27. Consideration to accept final payment of \$8,179.00 (including change order no. 3) for a total of \$183,174.23 and release of retainage in the amount of \$174,995.23 to Landmark Structures for the 3.0 MG Elevated Water Storage Tank at Bartlett and Price. Funding is available in the 2009 Utility Bond Fund.
28. Consideration for acceptance, final payment, release of retainage to Chavarria's Plumbing, Inc., Laredo, Texas, and approval of final change order no. 2, a credit in the amount of \$1,191.73 for the House to Line Connections for Rancho Peñitas West, Los Minerales, Los Minerales Annex and Antonio Santos. The credit change order is for the consolidation of quantities and an increase in the number of dwellings from 226 to 246. The total revised contract amount is \$1,652,672.25 and is subject to approval from North American Development Bank (NADBANK). Funding is available in the Colonias Fund.
29. Consideration for acceptance, final payment, release of retainage to Granite Underground Utilities, L.L.C. and approval of final change order no. 2, a credit in the amount of \$3,444.82 for the 12" Water Line Replacement along Gustavus. The credit change order is for the consolidation of all the line items and additional line items that were needed for the completion of the project due to unknown existing

utilities. The total revised contract amount is \$412,323.18. There are no additional days for this change order. Funding is available in 2009 Bond Sewer Rehabilitation.

30. Consideration for acceptance and release of remaining of 5% retainage in the amount of \$16,050.60 to Vision Construction, Laredo, Texas, for the Utilities Department Warehouse Canopy and approval of final payment in the amount of \$16,050.60. The final contract amount is \$160,506.00. Funding is available in the Sewer System 2009 Series C bond proceeds.
31. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for annual contract FY12-012 awarded to Cantu Electric, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$55,000.00 for the maintenance illumination systems along IH 35, Loop 20, FM 1472 and US Hwy. 83/SH 359 Interchange for a term of one (1) year. The contract vendor will be required to maintain, repair, and/or replace the various appurtenances related to the existing roadway assemblies. Funding is available in the Traffic Safety budget.
32. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for annual contract FY12-013 awarded to Star Operations, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$300,000.00 for the furnishing of materials, machinery, equipment, labor, and all other services necessary for the maintenance of street lights (not maintained by AEP-CPL) and traffic signal lights throughout the City. The Contract includes electrical services for traffic signals and street lights and for installation, construction, and underground work, for new and/or upgraded traffic signals and for the installation and maintenance of street lights. This contract also contains provisions for City departmental electrical service projects and repairs. Funding is available in the Traffic Safety budget and Capital Improvements Funds.
33. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for annual contract FY11-102 awarded to Clark Hardware Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$200,000.00 for the purchase of plumbing supplies for City maintenance and repair projects. This term of this contract will be for one (1) year and all items will be purchased on an as needed basis throughout the year and for various City departments. Funding is available in the Parks and Recreations, Airport, Public Works, Civic Center, Health, Solid Waste, Laredo Transit Management Inc., Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation and Utilities Department budgets.
34. Consideration to authorize the purchase of protective structural fire fighting suits and related equipment for the Fire Department from Dooley Tackaberry, Deer Park, Texas, through the Buy Board Cooperative Purchasing Program's Contract Pricing in the total amount of \$429,536.70. The equipment includes bunker coats, bunker pants, gloves, hoods, helmets, suspenders, rubber boots, SCBA face-pieces, and wireless communications equipment. Funding is available from the Fire Department's operating budget.
35. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a one (1) year service agreement with SunGard Public Sector, Lake Mary, FL, in the amount of \$134,415.00. The service agreement is for software enhancements and maintenance on the financial

applications residing on the City's IBM iSeries computer system for the period of October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013. Funding is available in the Information Technology Fund.

XIII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

36. A. Request by Council Member Johnny Rendon

1. Status report on the installation of the baseball field protection net at the Unitrade Stadium, with possible action.

Cm. Rendon reported that the reason he placed this item on the agenda because he wanted to make sure that they could put the nets in front of the areas that needed protection before the games would begin.

Assistant City Manager Jesus Olivares reported that they had been working on this project for a while. He explained that there was a lack of alignment and displayed photos of the site. He concluded that the project had to be done by the engineers who had designed the back stop.

B. Request by Council Member Charlie San Miguel

1. Presentation by the TAMIU Autism Interventions Center regarding Families and Community Education for Autism (FACE) Conference to be held November 16, 2012 at Texas A&M International University (TAMIU).

Lisa Hinojosa, President of the Autism Awareness and Education Foundation, spoke on behalf of TAMIU regarding their first FACE Autism Conference on November 16, 2012 and cordially invited city officials and the public.

Wendy Vasquez stated that their mission was to educate families of those with autism and the public about the latest advances in nutritional support and evidence-based strategies for educational intervention.

C. Request by Council Member Jorge A. Vera

1. Naming the Northwest Recreation Center in memory of Barbara Fasken, with possible action.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Vera
Second: Cm. San Miguel
For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XIV. STAFF REPORTS

37. Presentation on the City Special Events Policy and Procedures, with possible action.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal said that they could discuss this at the next Council meeting in order to give them time to scrutinize the document.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Rangel
For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

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

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

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. San Miguel
For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

38. Consideration for approval of the El Metro ADA Sidewalks and Ramps Project No. 46 (7 Blocks-District I) as complete, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$10,134.35 to DEH Construction Co., L.L.C., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$32,165.00. Funding is available in the Transit New Freedom Grant XF7094. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Rangel
For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain:

39. Motion to waive bus fare collection to and from the HEB Thanksgiving "Feast of Sharing" to be held on Sunday, November 18, 2012 as participation by the City of Laredo co-sponsoring this event. The shuttle will start at the Transit Center, 1301 Farragut to and from the Civic Center from 10:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Rangel
For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

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

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

I, Gustavo Guevara, Jr., City Secretary, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes contained in pages 01 to 22 and they are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council meeting held on November 5, 2012.

Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary