

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M-2011-R-12
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
JULY 5, 2011
5:30 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present Mayor Salinas called the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor 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
Johnny Rendon,	Mayor Pro Tempore, District V
Charlie San Miguel,	Council Member, District VI
Jorge A. Vera,	Council Member, District VII
Cynthia Liendo Espinoza,	Council Member, District VIII
Gustavo Guevara, Jr.,	City Secretary
Carlos Villarreal,	City Manager
Cynthia Collazo,	Deputy City Manager
Horacio De Leon,	Assistant City Manager
Jesus Olivares,	Assistant City Manager
Raul Casso,	City Attorney

Motion to excuse Cm. Narvaez.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of June 1, 2011, June 20, 2011 & June 27, 2011.

Motion to approve the minutes of June 1, 2011, June 20, 2011 and June 27, 2011.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Recognitions

- a. Recognition of Laredo Police Department Officers Alberto Tijerina and Gerardo Dimas for their heroic efforts in saving a precious life.

Mayor Salinas and City Council recognized Alberto Tijerina, Janice Ann Bruce and Gerardo Dimas and presented them with certificates of recognition.

- b. Recognizing the following individuals who recently accepted baseball scholarships at various colleges/universities:

- Homero Ortiz-United High School
- Mark Mitchell-United High School
- Mario Maldonado-Alexander High School
- Mauricio Granados-Alexander High School
- Fernando Garza- Alexander High School

Mayor Salinas and City Council recognized Homero Ortiz, Mark Mitchell, Mario Maldonado, Mauricio Granados, and Fernando Garza and presented them with recognition awards.

Citizen comments

Mr. Valentin Cuellar along with Mr. Orlando Reyes, members of the Vietnam Belated Welcome Back Home Committee, stated that they were pleased about the activities held in April in honor of the unsung heroes of Vietnam. They went on to say that they were filled with gratitude toward this City Council because of the way that they were honored and thanked Cm. Liendo Espinoza, Cm. Narvaez and Mayor Pro Tem Rendon for their support on the Veterans Committee. They concluded by presenting Council Members Liendo Espinoza, Narvaez and Rendon with a momento symbolizing the eternal shining light of the twenty-six souls that Laredo gave to the Vietnam War.

Cm. San Miguel recognized Maria Rodriguez, a lifeguard at Parks & Leisure, for saving the life of Ms. Pat Campos at a recreation center.

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- a. Appointment by Council Member Cynthia Liendo Espinoza of Ms. Virginia “Viky” Garcia to the Redistricting Committee.

Motion to confirm the appointment of Virginia Garcia to the Redistricting Commission.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- b. Appointment by Council Member Jorge A. Vera of Mr. Jose A. Valdez, Jr. to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motion to confirm the appointment of Jose A. Valdez, Jr. to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- c. Appointment of Council Member Jorge A. Vera to the Finance Committee replacing former Council Member Jose A. Valdez, Jr.

Motion to confirm the appointment of Jorge A. Vera to the Finance Committee.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending Chapter 21, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo by re-adopting Article VII, 21-141 through 21-150, that establishes a juvenile day time and nighttime curfew, defines terms, offenses for minors, parents and guardians of minors, and business establishments violating curfew regulations, provides defenses, provides for enforcement by the Laredo Police Department, waiver by the Municipal Court of Jurisdiction over a minor when required under the Texas Family Code, provided for a penalty not to exceed \$500.00; providing for a review by the City Council of the effects of this ordinance, before the third anniversary of the date of adoption of this curfew ordinance; providing for a public hearing providing for severability clause; establishing an effective date, and providing for publication. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

2. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6, Animals and Fowl, Article VII of the Laredo Code of Ordinances, by specifically amending Section 6-116(e)(3) by adding Section (c). The fee for purchasing microchips is based on the actual cost of the chip plus any associated costs (shipping, handling fees and sales tax if appropriate). If the chip is used and inserted by the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) staff in addition to the costs of the chip (plus any associated costs), an additional administrative fee not to exceed \$12.00 will be added. Amending Section 6-119(a) by adding Sections (4) and (5). The microchip fee is the actual cost plus any associated costs. If the chip is inserted by the CLHD, an administrative fee not to exceed \$12.00 will be added in addition to the cost of the microchip; providing for publication and effective date. (Approved by Operations Committee and as amended by Finance Committee)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

3. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, Chapter 31, Article IV, Liquid Waste Transportation Division 1 through 4. This amendment is modifying definitions, permit requirements, responsibilities of transporters, enforcement and charges. It also provides for a severability clause, publication and establishing an effective date.

Motion to table.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

4. Public hearing allowing interested persons to comment on the proposed amendment to the City of Laredo's 2010 Consolidated One-Year Action Plan for the purpose of reprogramming Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds totaling \$891,380.00. It is proposed that the funds be utilized to create the following projects:

(1) Santo Niño Elementary Park Improvements (\$143,425.00);

(2) Vista Nueva Park Improvements (\$103,500.00);

(3) Santa Fe Splash Park Project (\$210,700.00);

- (4) Taylor Park Parking Lot (\$79,000.00);
- (5) Sanchez Ochoa Park Shade Structure (\$75,000.00);
- (6) Dr. Cecilia Moreno Park Shade Structures (\$30,000.00);
- (7) Pepe Moreno Park Basketball Dome (\$214,755.00); and
- (8) Eistetter Toddler Basketball Court Shade Structure (\$35,000.00)

It is further proposed that the newly created projects be funded using a total of \$891,380.00, by cancelling projects that are no longer viable, and through the use of fund balances from completed projects from the 30th through 36th AY as listed below:

CDBG PROJECT FUND BALANCES

	<u>30th AY</u>	
Housing Rehabilitation Administration	\$1.00	
Monterrey St. Acquisition	\$1.00	
Lafayette Spray Park Improvements	<u>\$1.00</u>	
Total 30th AY Fund Balances	\$3.00	
	<u>31st AY</u>	
Lafayette Park Hockey Ring	<u>\$1.00</u>	
Total 31st AY Fund Balances	\$1.00	
	<u>32nd AY</u>	
Housing Rehabilitation Administration	\$141.00	
Code Enforcement	<u>\$ 1.00</u>	
Total 32nd AY Fund Balances	\$142.00	
	<u>33rd AY</u>	
CD Administration	<u>\$272.00</u>	
Total 33rd AY Fund Balances	\$272.00	
	<u>34th AY</u>	
Graffiti Removal	\$ 1.00	
Azteca Splash Park	<u>\$142.00</u>	
Total 34th AY Fund Balances	\$143.00	
	<u>35th AY</u>	
CD Administration	\$37,616.00	
Housing Rehabilitation Administration	\$23,981.00	
Code Enforcement	\$26,208.00	
Graffiti Removal	<u>\$28,046.00</u>	
Total 35th AY Fund Balances	\$115,851.00	
	<u>36th AY</u>	
Hurricane Alex Emergency Assistance	<u>\$23,518.00</u>	
Total 36th AY Fund Balances	\$23,518.00	
 TOTAL FUND BALANCES	 \$139,930.00	

CANCELLED PROJECTS

	<u>32nd AY</u>
Heritage Park Improvements	<u>\$ 50.00</u>

Total 32nd AY Cancelled Projects **\$ 50.00**

35th AY

Hurricane Alex Emergency Flood Repairs	\$140,000.00
Heritage Park Improvements	\$110,700.00
Santa Fe Secondary Baseball Field	\$210,700.00
Freddie Benavides Shade Structure	<u>\$ 75,000.00</u>
Total 35th AY Cancelled Projects	<u>\$536,400.00</u>

36th AY

Heritage Park Improvements	<u>\$215,000.00</u>
Total 36th AY Cancelled Projects	<u>\$215,000.00</u>

TOTAL CANCELLED PROJECTS **\$751,450.00**

TOTAL FUNDS TO BE REPROGRAMMED \$891,380.00

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Public hearing allowing interested persons to comment on the 2011 Consolidated One Year Action Plan which identifies the projects proposed to be funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through \$3,290,569.00 in 37th Action Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, and \$96,066 in CDBG Program Income; \$1,218,954.00 in 2011 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds, and \$20,016.00 in HOME Program Income; \$159,482.00 in 2011 Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds; and \$70,000.00 through the Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan fund. The projects proposed to be funded are as follows:

37th AY Community Development Block Grant

Community Development Administration	\$619,077.00
Housing Rehabilitation Administration	\$240,722.00
Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program (\$96,066 in PI)	\$472,850.00
Code Enforcement	\$495,503.00

Hamilton Hotel - Section 108 Loan Repayment	\$100,462.00
Graffiti Removal Program	\$39,988.00
Construction of Sidewalks-District V	\$194,000.00
Construction of Sidewalks-District VII	\$100,000.00
Downtown Façade Restoration Improvements (VIII)	\$60,000.00
Anna Street Park Playscape (VII)	\$94,000.00
Slaughter Park Swimming Pool (III)	\$582,033.00
La Ladrillera Park Improvements (VIII)	\$194,000.00
Inner City Park Soft Walking Track (IV)	<u>\$194,000.00</u>
Total	\$3,386,635.00

Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program	\$29,830.00
Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Administration	<u>\$40,170.00</u>
Total	\$70,000.00

HOME Investment Partnership Grant

HOME Program Administration	\$113,832.00
Downpayment Assistance (\$20,016 in PI)	\$602,294.00
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	\$340,000.00
CHDO set aside	<u>\$182,844.00</u>
Total	\$1,238,970.00

Emergency Shelter Grant

ESG Program Administration	\$3,300.00
Homeless Prevention	\$33,000.00
Operations	\$83,396.00
Essential Services	<u>\$39,786.00</u>
Total	\$159,482.00

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

6. Amending Chapter 19, Motor Vehicle and Traffic, Article II, Administration and Enforcement, Division 2, Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee, Section 19-49, Meetings, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo, to change the annual term of the election of officers from October 1 to April 1 and to provide for publication and effective date. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

7. Amending Ordinance 2010-O-17 Civil Service Commission for City employees (except employees who are subject to a Collective Bargaining Agreement) dated February 16, 2010 by adding language to Section 2, creation of commission, Sections 2 (A), 2(B), 2(C), 2(C)(i), and 2(D) to provide workable contingency plans for varying employee election results as they may occur so as to ensure a fully composed special trial board as needed for employee grievance dispositions; repealing any prior ordinances in conflict herewith; and, providing an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive the final readings of Ordinances 2011-O-085, 2011-O-086, 2011-O-087, 2011-O-088, 2011-O-089, 2011-O-090, and 2011-O-091.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

8. 2011-O-085 Amending the City of Laredo Colonias Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,350,152.00. Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) issued amendment No. 12 to the existing Contract No.'s G13500/G13600/G17000, Project No. 10045 between the City of Laredo and TWDB in the amount of \$1,350,152.00 in order to reallocate these funds back into the EDAP program for reuse. Funding for the project was as a result of a \$3,200,000.00 savings in the grant received jointly from United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the TWDB for the Colonias on Hwy 359. USEPA requested that all projects be completed by 2011.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-O-085.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2011-O-086 Amending the City of Laredo Colonias Fund Budget by \$1,653,864.00. NADBank issued an amendment to the existing grant agreement No. 23-48/00, Improvements to the Water and Wastewater Services in the Colonias Grant Agreement between the

City of Laredo and NADBank in the amount of \$1,653,864.00 to allow the City to perform water and sewer hookups in the Mines Rd. area. Funding for the project was as a result of a \$3,200,000.00 savings in the grant received jointly from United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for the Colonias on Hwy 359. USEPA requested that all projects be completed by 2011 and authorized the use of \$1,653,864.00 for the Mines Road House to Line project.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-O-086.

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

2011-O-087 Amending the City of Laredo FY 2010-2011 Waterworks Operations Fund by appropriating an additional \$1,375,144.00 from the opening balance. These funds are from the balance of the United Water Settlement which will be used to cover the cost of the improvements needed to house the Department’s Billing Division at the City Hall Annex on Loop 20. The appropriation will be set up as a transfer out of the Capital Improvement Fund. The FY 2010-2011 Capital Improvement Fund budget will be amended and appropriated in the amount of \$1,375,144.00 for the City Hall Annex.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-O-087.

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

2011-O-088 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by repealing Ordinance No. 2006-O-230, a Conditional Use Permit issued for an adult day care on Lot 1, Block 4, Concord Hills Community Subdivision Phase II, located at 601 Concord Hills Boulevard; and authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for a child day care on Lot 1, Block 4, Concord Hills Community Subdivision Phase II, located at 601 Concord Hills Boulevard; providing for effective date and publication.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-O-088.

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

2011-O-089 Amending Ordinance 2005-O-069 authorizing a Special Use Permit for oil and/or gas extraction on 4 acres, as further described by metes

10. Consideration to reject all proposals received for RFP FY11-041 Vehicle Camera Kits and GPS Tracking System for the Solid Waste Services Department and authorization to secure new proposals with revised equipment specifications. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Services Budget. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolutions and Motions previously brought before Operations and Finance Committees may be approved by City Council categorically *EN MASSE*. At Council's request, specific items may be withheld from the consent agenda for individual treatment.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XII (a) MOTIONS

11. Consideration to award a contract in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00 for Weatherization Assistance Program Assessment Services to Apple Energy Group, LLC from Austin, Texas. Funding is available in the Community Development A.R.R.A. Fund – Weatherization Assistance Program Grant. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to reconsider.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Perez stated that there had been a lot of interest in this project and he had been asked why they were not doing this in-house when they had inspectors to do assessments.

Ronnie Acosta, Community Development Director, reported that they did have in-house inspectors who would continue to do assessments, but in order to be able to expedite the process they were asking Council's consideration to award the contract so that they could get it done more quickly. She went on to explain that there was a timeline for the expenditure of these funds.

Cm. Perez asked whether they were not giving this contract to a local company because there was nobody certified in the city to do these kind of assessments.

Ronnie Acosta, Community Development Director, answered that she was unsure of whether or not there was a company with certification in the community, but they had solicited proposals and had received three from companies outside of Laredo.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

12. Consideration to renew contract number FY09-070 to the low bidders, Staff Force, Laredo, Texas, and Manpower, Inc., Laredo, Texas, for providing temporary contract employees. Contracts will be awarded to a primary and secondary vendor in order to provide the City of Laredo with a quality labor pool for those departments that might require temporary staff members throughout the fiscal year. All services will be secured on an as needed basis and the estimated contract amount for this fiscal year would be \$800,000.00. Funding is available in the respective departmental budgets. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)
13. Consideration for approval of the Upgrades/Modifications for the Aircraft and Structural Fire Training Props and Facilities at the Laredo International Fire and Law Enforcement Training Center (Re-Bid) as complete, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$65,871.12 to WRG Fire Training Simulation Systems, Inc., Sherwood, Oregon. Final construction contract amount is \$385,455.72. Funding is available in Fund 461 (2006 C.O.), Fund 462 (2007 C.O.) and Fund 463 (2008 C.O.). (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)
14. Consideration to award contract FY11-059 to Gutierrez Machine Shop, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$350,000.00 for professional welding services for the Utilities Department. The services requested include site repairs to various water and wastewater treatment plants, lift stations, and other municipal utility facilities. The City did receive a lower bid from Pulsar Construction, Inc.; however, this firm would subcontract the personnel and would contract with an independent machine shop. Gutierrez Machine Shop has the experience, a machine shop, and personnel required for this service. Funding is available in the Utilities Department budget. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)
15. Consideration to authorize the purchase of ten (10), 72" riding mowers for the Parks and Leisure Services Department from John Deere Government & National Sales, Cary, North Carolina, through the State of Texas—TxMas contract no. 7-51V050 in the total amount of \$130,268.60. Funding is available from 2009 PPFCA Contractual Obligations Capital Outlay Expense Account. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XIII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

16. A. Request by Mayor Raul G. Salinas

1. Status report with possible action on the creation of a Blue Ribbon Committee for the collaboration of educational efforts between all local schools and the City’s support of educational issues relating to the youth of our community. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Esteban Rangel & Council Member Cynthia Liendo Espinoza)

Mayor Salinas reported that he wanted to get this going before the school year began.

Motion to create a Blue Ribbon Committee for the collaboration of educational efforts between all local schools and the City’s support of educational issues relating to the youth of our community.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Discussion with possible action regarding the need for and the importance of site addressing (address number display) as per the requirements of the City of Laredo Building Code.

Mayor Salinas stated that he had had numerous comments about this issue and that it was very difficult for first responders when there was no home address displayed since every minute counts. He asked for ideas to generate awareness so that an address could be found in the event of an emergency.

Interim Planning Director Nathan Bratton reported that he had pulled the ordinance regarding this issue and found that the numbers should be 4 inches tall and were readily available at any store. He continued saying that everybody thinks that the minute you call 9-1-1, the fire department or police know exactly where a home is, but if the house doesn’t have clear numbers then they have to start counting as they go down the block and then it is difficult for them to find the address. He added that they had come up with an idea to use the Public Access Channel to demonstrate how to display the numbers and also using the media to give people a reminder that the numbering is important.

B. Request by Council Member Esteban Rangel

1. Status report on the possibility of converting alternative fuel at the landfill which would lead to gas/electricity, with possible action.

Steve Geiss, Solid Waste Director, reported that they had done a Request for Qualifications for a Landfill Gas Energy Feasability Study and had received four responses. He went on to explain that the statement of qualifications had been distributed to four different departments and were scored by the departments. He said that the results of the scoring were SCS #1, CDM #2,

HDR #3 and Amarisco #4 and so staff recommended that they negotiate a contract with SCS Engineers.

2. Discussion with possible action regarding city-wide fire hydrant replacements, and the maintenance of railroad right-of-ways throughout the City of Laredo.

Tomas Rodriguez, Utilities Director, reported that he had passed out a map with red dots showing fire hydrants, about 5,215 of them. He went on to say that a previous report had stated that there were 125 hydrants that were not working; however, since that time they had reevaluated what they had done with waterline replacement programs and they had caught up quite a bit. He added that there were now 37 hydrants that were not functioning. He went on to say that two years ago they had started a program with a crew going to different areas of Laredo street-by-street to check if they were working and put on schedule for repair.

Cm. Rangel went on to say that regarding maintenance on railroad right-of-ways in his district, he wanted to know how they could persuade the railroad companies to come to Laredo and pay for the repairs.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal reported that some of those areas such as Hendricks and Logan were in atrocious condition and people would call the City of Laredo to complain; however, ten feet away from the rail line was the responsibility of the rail companies and not the City. He went on to say that they needed to have a discussion with the railroad companies and a plan of action, especially areas that had not been touched in years.

3. Discussion on the status of James and Maria Luisa Haynes Recreation Center and consideration for changes to the pool improvements, with possible action.

Cm. Rangel reported that the responsible persons for the swimming pool had left the job halfway done and then another company had finished it up for \$60,000 more than what had been planned. He added that the parking lot cost \$204,607 and then he was left with \$150,000, so he was now pending \$81,607 including the lighting and the parking lot. He explained that he came to Council with no discretionary funds for his district and asked for donations to complete the work on the Recreation Center. He also said that he knew that Cm. Perez had already donated \$50,000 for the parking lot.

Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon pledged \$20,000 from District V discretionary funds.

City Engineer reported that this was for upgrades such as a saltwater filtration for the swimming pool which was more efficient than a normal filtration system.

Cm. Liendo Espinoza pledged \$30,000 from District VIII discretionary funds.

Motion to approve \$20,000 from District V discretionary funds and \$30,000 from District VIII discretionary funds for a total of \$50,000 toward the pool improvements for the James and Maria Luisa Haynes Recreation Center.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

4. Discussion with possible action to direct the City Attorney to make changes as needed to existing ordinances that speak to the powers/duties of the Mayor Pro-Tempore so as to allow the Mayor Pro-Tempore to vote as a Council Member whenever he/she presides at City Council in the absence of the Mayor. (Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pro-Temp Johnny Rendon)

Cm. San Miguel said that history was written so that they did not make the same mistakes, and so he asked staff to research the history behind the ordinance that went outside of Robert's Rules of Order. He wished to see exactly why they did this and evaluate it before making a decision about amending the ordinance.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 5

Against: 2

Abstain: 0

Cm. Garza

Cm. Perez

Cm. Rangel

Cm. San Miguel

Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

Cm. Vera

Cm. Liendo Espinoza

C. Request by Council Member Charlie San Miguel

1. Discussion with possible action to address the lack of signage for northbound traffic at the San Isidro Parkway Boulevard exit #5 from IH-35.

Robert Peña, Traffic Safety Department, reported that they had looked at the area and believed they could close San Isidro Parkway at a point west of the intersection of Springfield and San Isidro.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal asked if they had spoken to TxDOT because he believed it was their responsibility. He said that once they had a solution, they would come back with a scenario because they needed signage coming out of all those clinics so that they would know there was no access to I-35.

2. Discussion with possible action regarding the Manadas Creek maintenance contract.

Environmental Services Director Riazul Mia reported that to date the contractor was finishing the job, but it was taking him almost thirty days. He went on to

say that now that it had been raining, he did not think that they could finish the job because they did not have enough equipment and manpower. He concluded saying that they had until this Friday to finish the 5th cycle and provide the equipment; if not, they would cancel the contract and bring it to City Council.

Motion to cancel the contract with the low bidder, Elite Construction, and award to the second lowest bidder, Nick Benavides, and advise them to get ready to take over the maintenance in a few weeks.

Moved: Cm. San Miguel

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

3. Discussion with possible action concerning the addition of a turning lane into the Plantation Subdivision at the Reserve Drive entrance.

Robert Peña, Traffic Safety Department, reported that they would have five-land pavement marking plan in conjunction with the channel widening that was being done. He added that they could not implement a left turn right now for alignment reasons.

- D. Request by Council Member Jorge A. Vera

1. Discussion with possible action to conduct a feasibility study for the construction of a pedestrian bridge in the Farias/ Chicago area.

Cm. Vera stated he felt that it was an ongoing problem for the children in that area to have to be going under the train. He asked for a study to be done and have some feedback within thirty days.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal responded that he thought that they could do requests for proposals in a few weeks and stipulate how quickly the work could be done to make a plan of finance. He concluded that they could meet with him during the week to discuss the matter.

Motion to authorize a feasibility study for the construction of a pedestrian bridge in the Farias/Chicago area.

Moved: Cm. Vera

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- E. Request by Council Member Cynthia Liendo Espinoza

1. Discussion with possible action to enter into a memorandum of understanding to provide surplus milling material for the parking lot located at 413 Iturbide Street.

Cm. Liendo Espinoza reported that this location was a nonprofit church but when they used it as a parking lot, it created a lot of dust and an uncomfortable situation.

Motion to enter into a memorandum of understanding to provide surplus milling material for the parking lot located at 413 Iturbide Street.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza
 Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon
 For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XIV. STAFF REPORTS

- 17. Presentation by Noe Hinojosa, Estrada Hinojosa Investment Bankers, of the Plan of Finance for the Proposed Bond Issuance.

Noe Hinojosa reported that they were going forward with a project for the construction of the baseball park. He went on to say that after 2 ½ years of deliberation with bond lawyers and legislators, they were able to use a portion of sales tax to fund a portion of this facility. He gave a presentation before Mayor and City Council.

Proposed 2011 Baseball Stadium Financing

Total Baseball Stadium:	\$18,000,00
Sources:	
City Contribution:	\$7,000,000
2011 Financing:	\$10,000,000
Developer Contribution:	\$1,000,000
	\$18,000,000

¼ Cent Sales Tax Fund Balance

Balance as of 3/11/11	\$23,431,435	
Less: Balance set aside by City	\$(7,000,000)	
Less: Proposed M&O Reserve	\$(1,426,708)	One year's M&O expense
Less: Proposed I&S Reserve	\$(3,506,411)	Avg. annual post 2011 (25 yr)
Balance (post 2011)	\$12,498,316	

Sports Venue Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2011

Timetable of Events

July 5, 2011	Tuesday	City Council approves Plan of Finance.
July 8, 2011	Friday	Mail first draft of the POS to working group.
July 14, 2011	Thursday	Receive comments on first draft of the POS & Bond Documents from working group.

July 20, 2011	Wednesday	Mail second draft of the POS to working group, Rating Agencies, and Bond Insurance Companies.
July 26, 2011	Tuesday	Receive comments on second draft of the POS & Bond Documents from working group.
August 1, 2011	Monday	Mail third draft of the POS to working group.
August 3, 2011	Wednesday	Receive comments on third draft of the POS & Bond Documents from working group.
August 4, 2011	Thursday	Print and distribute POS.
August 5, 2011	Friday	Receive Ratings and Premiums for Bond Insurance.
August 11, 2011	Thursday	Price the Bonds.
August 15, 2011	Monday	City Council adopts Ordinance to sell the Bonds.
August 17, 2011	Wednesday	Submit documents to Texas Attorney General.
September 12, 2011	Monday	Obtain Texas Attorney General's Approval of the Bonds.
September 15, 2011	Thursday	Closing.

The rest of this presentation can be viewed at the City Secretary's Office, 1110 Houston St., Laredo, TX 78040.

Motion to approve the Plan of Finance.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Vera

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. San Miguel and Cm. Liendo Espinoza were not present to vote.

18. Staff report by Mr. Tomas Rodriguez, Utilities Department Director, regarding city-wide water conservation.

Utilities Department Director Tomas Rodriguez respectfully requested that they consider implementing the water conservation schedule that they had in the past. He went on to say that originally they had had Stage 3 water restrictions but then the restrictions had been lifted; however, right now, due to construction, the current capacity of the Jefferson Water Treatment Plant was 44 million gallons per day maximum rather than 65 million gallons. On a daily basis, 40 million gallons of water were being produced. He added that he felt that it would be prudent to go back, starting on July 15th through October 1st, to the conservation schedule which was limiting irrigation from 8pm to 8am three times per week with even numbers on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and odd numbers being Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Watering on Sundays would not be allowed. Hand-watering, however, would be allowed at any time.

Motion to implement Stage 3 from the drought contingency plan as originally approved in Ordinance 99-O-244 and Ordinance 2009-O-167.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XVI. RECESS AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO PUBLIC FACILITY CORPORATION

Motion to recess as the Laredo City Council and convene as the Laredo Public Facility Corporation.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

19. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of October 18, 2010

Motion to approve the minutes of October 18, 2010.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. San Miguel
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

20. Adoption of Bylaws

Motion to adopt the bylaws.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. San Miguel
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

21. Authorizing a Resolution to approve a Tri-Party Memorandum of Understanding among the Corporation, NRP Holdings L.L.C. and EJIDO Holdings, L.L.C., regarding La Terraza del Sol Apartments Project.

Motion to authorize a resolution to approve a Tri-Party Memorandum of Understanding among the Corporation, NRP Holdings L.L.C. and EJIDO Holdings, L.L.C. regarding La Terraza del Sol Apartments Project.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XVII. ADJOURN AS THE LAREDO PUBLIC FACILITY CORPORATION AND RECONVENE AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL AND ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn as the Laredo Public Facility Corporation and reconvene as the Laredo City Council and adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

I, Gustavo Guevara, Jr., City Secretary, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes contained in pages 01 to 20 and they are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council meeting held on July 5th, 2011.

Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary