

**CITY OF LAREDO  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
M-2011-R-17  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1110 HOUSTON STREET  
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040  
SEPTEMBER 19, 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,  
Esteban Rangel,  
Alejandro Perez Jr.,  
Juan Narvaez,  
Johnny Rendon,  
Charlie San Miguel,  
Jorge A. Vera,  
Gustavo Guevara, Jr.,  
Carlos Villarreal,  
Cynthia Collazo,  
Horacio De Leon,  
Jesus Olivares,  
Raul Casso,

Mayor  
Council Member, District II  
Council Member, District III  
Council Member, District IV  
Mayor Pro Tempore, District V  
Council Member, District VI  
Council Member, District VII  
City Secretary  
City Manager  
Deputy City Manager  
Assistant City Manager  
Assistant City Manager  
City Attorney

Motion to excuse Cm. Garza and Cm. Liendo Espinoza.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Liendo Espinoza joined the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

**IV. MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes of August 31, 2011, September 6, 2011, & September 13, 2011.

Motion to approve the minutes of August 31, 2011, September 6, 2011 and September 13, 2011.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## V. COMMUNICATION AND RECOGNITIONS

### Communiqués

- a. Presentation by the “October on The Rio” Planning Group on their unveiling of the 2011 calendar.

Trisha Cortez presented the 2011 calendar of events for “October on the Rio” and mentioned that October will be a very busy month for Laredo having plenty activities and events coming up for the public in general related to the outdoors, arts, nature, music, the river, such as the Laredo Rio Fest 2011, Farmers Market, Autmus Fest, Kayak races, Rio Research Round Up, Webb County Heritage Foundation events and tours just to mention some of the events and invited the community to join and participate.

### Citizen comments

None.

## VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- a. Appointment by Council Member Esteban Rangel of Mr. Armando Cisneros to the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

Motion to confirm the appointment of Armando Cisneros to the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- b. Appointment by Council Member Esteban Rangel of Mr. Rick Laurel to the Redistricting Commission.

Motion to confirm the appointment of Rick Laurel to the Redistricting Commission.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- c. Appointment by Council Member Charlie San Miguel of Mr. Ed Ramirez to the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

Motion to confirm the appointment of Ed Ramirez to the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- d. Appointment by Council Member Jorge A. Vera of Mr. Luis Castillo replacing Mr. Jose A. Valdez, Jr. on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motion to confirm the appointment of Luis Castillo to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- e. Appointment by Council Member Jorge A. Vera of Ms. Marisa Laufer to the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

Motion to confirm the appointment of Marisa Laufer to the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- f. Appointment by Council Member Cynthia Liendo Espinoza of Mr. Hector Cortez to the Airport Advisory Committee.

Motion to confirm the appointment of Hector Cortez to the Airport Advisory Board.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- g. Appointment by Council Member Cynthia Liendo Espinoza to the Para Transit Advisory Committee.

Motion to postpone.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- h. Appointment by Council Member Cynthia Liendo Espinoza to the Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee.

Motion to confirm the appointment of Nick Benavides to the Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the FY 2010-2011 Utility Budget, 2008 Bond, by appropriating \$108,820.00 to the Canal Street Expense Account and \$108,820.00 to the Bond Reimbursement Revenue Account from the settlement agreement with Suretec Insurance Company to the said revenues and expenditure accounts. The funds will be used for the completion of the work by ALC Construction and construction oversight by Espey Consultant. (Approved by Operations and Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

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: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

2. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2011 budget for the Baseball Stadium Fund by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. Funding will be derived from contributions and will be used to partially fund the City of Laredo Minor League Ballpark. (Approved by Operations and Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.



For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

5. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for an amusement redemption machine establishment on Lots 1A, 1B, and 1C, Block 1, San Isidro/McPherson Number 2 Subdivision, located at 9710 and 9720 McPherson Road; providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the Conditional Use Permit. District VI

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. San Miguel

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Jose Gonzalez II reported that re-opening of this building will bring revenues for the City, job creation and also stated that since this CUP prohibits alcohol consumption and loud music the residences surrounding the area will not be bothered.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. San Miguel

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

Cm. Narvaez

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. San Miguel

6. Public hearing and introduction of an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning the north 2/3 of Lot 4 and the northeast portion of Lot 3, Block 1020, Eastern Division, located at 3202 S. Buena Vista Avenue, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff does not support the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends denial of the zone change. District I

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Eduardo Gonzalez stated that he is not against the City's decision and that his plans are to open a Mexican restaurant.

Motion to table.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

7. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 10 and Lot 9 minus the north six feet, Block 86, Western Division, located at 320 Iturbide Street, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff does not support the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends denial of the zone change. District VIII

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Roberto Gonzalez, representing owner Danny Lopez, stated that they requested the zone change of this property located at San Jorge and Iturbide Street and that this building is currently used for storage.

Planning and Zoning Director Nathan Bratton reported that the reason for the opposition of the residents of this area to the zone change are parking issues and probably an increase on the property taxes. He also stated that there is the concern that if by granting a B3 could create problems for the residents and that his recommendation would be a CUP instead.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce amending the zone from R3 to B1.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

**VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES**

- 8. Authorizing the execution of easement documents for the conveyance to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, a tract of land containing 1,860 square feet, more or less, along Flores Avenue, out of a tract identified as a City Park on the City of Laredo Plat Book, (Civic Center). This easement is being requested for installation of underground telecommunication lines to enhance current services. Said easement is further described in the attached survey and metes and bounds description, Exhibits A and B. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

**IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

Motion to waive the final reading of Ordinance 2011-O-116, 2011-O-122, 2011-O-123, 2011-O-124, 2011-O-125, 2011-O-126, 2011-O-127, 2011-O-128, 2011-O-129, 2011-O-130, 2011-O-131, and 2011-O-132.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 9. 2011-O-116 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a continuation contract from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in the amount of \$75,000.00 with a projected amount of program income of \$1,000.00 for a total of \$76,000.00 to continue to provide medical and dental services for children who are underserved, uninsured and medically indigent. Due to a state budget reduction we are decreasing the City of Laredo Health Department FY 2010-2011 Annual Budget by \$10,140.00 for the term period of September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-O-116.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2011-O-122 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a continuation contract from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response in the amount of \$267,077.00 with an in-kind match of \$27,382.00 for Public Health Emergency Response. Furthermore, due to a state budget reduction we are decreasing the City of Laredo Health Department FY2010-



2011 Annual Budget by \$23,826.00 for the term period of August 1, 2011 through July 31, 2012.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-O-122.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

2011-O-123    Amending the City of Laredo FY 2011 Airport Construction Budget to recognize additional revenues from a grant received from the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program Grant Project No. 3-48-0136-068-11 in the amount of \$6,347,019.00 to rehabilitate General Aviation Apron Phase 6, Realign Taxiway F and Rehabilitate the EMAS at the Laredo International Airport and appropriating said grant revenue to the appropriate revenue and expenditure accounts and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget amendment. The City's local match in the amount of \$335,054.00 (5%) is available in the Airport Construction Fund.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-O-123.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

2011-O-124    Amending the City of Laredo FY 2011 Airport Construction Budget to recognize additional revenues from a grant received from the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program being Grant Project No. 3-48-0136-66-11 in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for noise mitigation under FAR PART 150 Noise Abatement Program at the Laredo International Airport and appropriating said grant revenue and local match to the appropriate expenditure accounts and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget amendment. The City's local match of five (5%) percent in the amount of \$52,632.00 is available is available in the Airport Construction Fund.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-O-124.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

2011-O-125    Amending the City of Laredo FY 2011 Airport Construction Budget to recognize additional revenues from a grant received from the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program

being Grant Project No. 3-48-0136-67-11 in the amount of \$285,000.00 for FAR PART 150 Noise Contour Study for the Laredo International Airport and appropriating said grant revenue and local match to the appropriate expenditure accounts and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget amendment. The City's local match of five (5%) percent in the amount of \$15,000.00 is available in the Airport Construction Fund.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-O-125.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2011-O-126 Adopt the proposed Annual Budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 by appropriating the revenues, expenditures, and balances reported therein for the year beginning October 1, 2011 and ending September 30, 2012, 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. (AS AMENDED)

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-O-126.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2011-O-127 Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to convey the following easements to Columbus Energy, L.L.C., for the installation of a new gas pipeline extending north from an existing well site within city property located west of the South Laredo Waste Water Treatment Plant and establishing a defined easement for the existing pipeline extending south of the well site as depicted in the attached metes and bounds survey documents, Exhibit A and B, and described as follows:

Tract A: A 50' Temporary Construction Easement being a 2.5048 acre tract being out a tract of land called to contain 84.79 acres as recorded in Volume 709, Pages 724-726, Deed Records of Webb County, Texas, and out of Riverside Subdivision recorded in Volume 2, Page 208, Plat Records of Webb County, Texas, situated in Porcion 36, (A-473), Laureano Salinas, Original Grantee and Porcion 37 (A 410), Jose Bartolo Chapa, Original Grantee, Webb County, Texas.





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

11. 2011-R-083      Authorizing the City Manager to submit future applications to the United States Foreign-Trade Zones Board in support of local applicants for temporary boundary modifications and permanent Foreign Trade Zone designations in accordance with Policy and Procedures Ordinance No. 2000-O-183 dated July 24, 2000, as may be amended and authorizing the City Manager to approve Foreign Trade Zone Operator Agreements in accordance with Fee Schedule Ordinance No. 2009-O-120 dated July 20, 2009, as may be amended.

Motion to approve Resolution 2011-R-083.

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

12. 2011-R-092      Authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in the amount of \$41,000.00 for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Maternal and Child Health (MCH-Title V) Program to continue to provide prenatal care services, women's health and wellness, and child early detection and prevention care for the medically indigent, underserved and uninsured for the period beginning September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve Resolution 2011-R-092.

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

13. 2011-R-094      Authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in the amount of \$40,000.00 to maintain and implement laboratory capabilities in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Laboratory Response Network (LRN) and operate a Biological Safety Level (BSL) III containment laboratory for the period beginning September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve Resolution 2011-R-094.

Moved: Cm. Rangel

Second: Cm. Narvaez  
For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

14. 2011-R-096 A resolution to nominate a candidate and cast 940 votes for City Council Member Juan Narvaez, as the City of Laredo's candidate to the Webb County Appraisal District Board of Directors for the 2012-2013 term as per Section 6.03 of the Texas Property Tax Code, with the remaining 270 votes to be cast at the City Council's discretion; and, directing the City Secretary to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Chief Appraiser of the Webb County Appraisal District before October 15, 2011.

Tax Assessor Elizabeth Martinez requested Council's direction in order to proceed with the nomination process as it has been done in the past by giving the excess votes to the LISD candidate because their votes are only 490.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal recommended to the Council to have one LISD member sitting on the board in order to be able to secure the position for the City of Laredo.

Motion to approve Resolution 2011-R-096 as amended to give the remaining 270 votes to the LISD candidate.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza  
Second: Cm. Rangel  
For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

15. 2011-R-097 Accepting the conveyance of the following utility easements and temporary construction easements, for the 24 inch waterline from Lyon Booster Station to Bartlett & Price Elevated Tank to Clark & Bob Bullock Loop Project, from:

Killam Ranch Properties, L.T.D., & Killam Development, L.T.D., four (4) Utility Easements with corresponding Temporary Construction Easements as follows:

One over a 0.5078 Acre Tract, a copy of which conveyance is attached as Exhibit 1; and

One over a 0.4886 Acre Tract, a copy of which conveyance is attached as Exhibit 2; and

One over a 0.3454 Acre Tract, a copy of which conveyance is attached as Exhibit 3; and

One over a 0.2596 Acre Tract, a copy of which conveyance is attached as Exhibit 4; and directing that the said four (4) Easements



(As amended and recommended item be sent to City Council by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve with Gilpin Engineering being the lead engineer in this project.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

19. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with EnerNOC, Inc. to participate in the Emergency Interruptible Load Service (EILS) program which calls for assistance from the City to reduce electric usage at the water and wastewater facilities during power emergencies by ERCOT (Electrical Reliability Council of Texas), and provides compensation payment back to the City for our participation. Project does not require funding from the City. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

20. Refund of property tax in the amount of \$717.89 payable to HSBC due to an overpayment; account no. 986-01014-130.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

Second: Cm. Rangel

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

21. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts to be adjusted for the month of August 2011, represent an increase of \$1,573.12. These adjustments are determined by the Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

Second: Cm. Rangel

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 consent agenda.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**XII (a) RESOLUTIONS**

22. 2011-R-089 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant awarded by the Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$119,881.00 for the 2010-2014 Justice Assistance Grant. The Office of Justice Programs is contributing the full grant amount of \$119,881.00 with no match amount obligated to the City of Laredo. The City of Laredo and Webb County will each receive \$59,940.50. This funding will be used for support staff and equipment for police operations for the period of October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2014. (Approved by Operations and Finance Committees)
23. 2011-R-090 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in the amount of \$100,000.00, with a projected amount of program income of \$26,533.00 for a total of \$126,533.00 for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Primary Health Care Prevention Program "La Familia" for the term beginning September 1, 2011, through August 31, 2012. (Approved by Operations and Finance Committees)
24. 2011-R-091 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in the amount of \$248,536.35, with a projected amount of program income of \$335,060.00 for the continuation of Local Public Health System, Office of Public Health Practices (OPHP) grant to continue to provide prevention services, disease control, early detection, patient care and health promotion activities for the term period beginning September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012. (Approved by Operations and Finance Committees)
25. 2011-R-093 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract with Texas Department of State Health Services in the amount of \$170,859.00, with a projected amount of \$21,811.00 from Program Income for continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department-Tuberculosis Elimination Program and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract for the term period of September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012. (Approved by Operations and Finance Committees)

**XII (b) MOTIONS**

26. Award of a construction contract to Engineered Arresting Systems Corporation (ESCO) in the amount of \$1,774,700.00 for the Laredo International Airport upgrade of the Engineered Material Arresting System (EMAS) with a construction time of forty (40) days. Contract to include the EMASMAX Lid upgrade, replacement of ninety-five (95) damaged blocks, all necessary materials, labor and supervision; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related contract documents. The award is contingent upon the approval of acceptance and appropriation of FAA Grant No. 68 through future city ordinance. (Approved by Operations and Finance Committees)
27. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a conditional agreement with Azteca Economic Development & Preservation Corporation for the use of 2009 Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME), Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) set-aside funds in the amount of \$208,438.00 to assist in the construction of rental units in the Azteca Neighborhood. The conditional agreement will be subject to obtaining environmental clearance of the proposed project site. (Approved by Operations and Finance Committees)
28. Award of construction contract to the lowest qualified bidder Reim Construction, Inc., Mission, Texas, in the amount of \$4,408,385.94 for the Laredo International Airport Reconstruction of General Aviation Apron Phase 6 and Realignment of Taxiway F with a construction contract time of three hundred thirty-six (336) calendar days; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related contract documents contingent upon receipt and approval of insurance and bond documents. The award is contingent upon the approval of acceptance and appropriation of FAA Grant No. 68 through future City ordinance. Completion date for the project is scheduled for June 2012. (Approved by Operations and Finance Committees)
29. Consideration for approval to award a professional services contract to South Texas Testing Laboratories, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$148,900.00 to provide laboratory, sampling and testing services of materials for quality assurance for the Professional Baseball Facility located on a 39.92 acre site in the vicinity of the Laredo Energy Arena. Contract time is for the duration of the project. Completion date is scheduled for May 2012. Funding is available in the Baseball Stadium Fund. (Approved by Operations and Finance Committees)
30. Consideration to award a contract to the sole provider, McNeilus Truck and Manufacturing, Houston, Texas, in the amount of \$350,000.00 for the refurbishing of ten (10) refuse trucks. Extensive repairs are needed in order to maintain these units in operational condition. It is anticipated that these repairs will provide three (3) to four (4) years of additional operational use. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Services budget. (Approved by Operations and Finance Committees)
31. Consideration to authorize the use of the State of Texas-Procurement and Support Services (TPASS) Division's Cooperative Purchasing Program contract awarded to fourteen (14) qualified library book vendors for the purchase of library materials in the estimated amount of \$550,000.00. This contract will supplement the Library's

ability to purchase books and audio visual materials. Funding is available in the Public Library Budget. (Approved by Operations and Finance Committees)

32. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one (1) John Deere tractor with rotary cutter for the Parks and Leisure Department in the amount of \$65,385.66 from Neuhaus & Company, L.T.D., Weslaco, Texas, through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing program's contract pricing. Funding is available from the Parks & Leisure Department budget. (Approved by Operations and Finance Committees)
33. Consideration to authorize a purchase contract with Motorola Inc., through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments (H-GAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program, in the amount of \$66,499.25 for the purchase of five (5) Mobile Computer Terminals (MCT'S) and radio equipment for the Police Department. Funding is available in the Special Police Operation 2010-Stonegarden Capital Outlay Account. (Approved by Operations and Finance Committees)
34. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for annual contract FY10-089, awarded to Nardis Public Safety, San Antonio, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$295,733.00 for the purchase of uniforms for the Police Department. Approximately 2,900 pants and 4,120 long and short sleeve shirts of different sizes which will be distributed to sworn personnel at the Police Department in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement contract provisions. This contract is the first of three (3) one (1) year extensions. Funding is available within the Laredo Police Department's general fund uniform account. (Approved by Operations and Finance Committees)
35. Consideration for approval of change order no. 5 in the amount of \$271,639.56 to the contract with Pepper-Lawson Construction L.P., in Katy, Texas, for the Jefferson Street Water Treatment Plant 64-mgd Process and Electrical Upgrade. This change order is required to upgrade the existing facilities to provide operation flexibility, difference in pipe materials shown on contract drawings compared to what is in the field, and upgrading of equipment. The total contract amount is at \$36,055.736.54. Funding for this change order is within the allowance of \$1,500,000.00 in the contract provided by grant funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act subject to Texas Water Development Board approval. (Approved by Operations and Finance Committees)
36. Consideration to award supply contract number FY11-037 to the following low bidders:
  - a. Aguaworks Pipe & Supply, Brownsville, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$11,081.70;
  - b. Ferguson Waterworks, Mission, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$85,416.90;

for the purchase of rubber couplings and fittings used for wastewater applications for the Utilities Department. These materials are purchased on an as needed basis by the Utilities Department—Wastewater Operations for construction and repair projects. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Fund. (Approved by Operations and Finance Committees)

37. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for FY09-094 awarded to Alert Private Security, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$107,744.00 to provide security guard services for the Utilities Department. The contract term is for one (1) year and is subject to continued appropriations in future fiscal budgets. Funding is available in the Utilities Department budget. (Approved by Operations and Finance Committees)
38. Consideration to award contract FY11-105 to the sole bidder, ZVS-Media, L.L.C., Austin, Texas, in the amount of \$151,615.00 for the implementation of a digital master control system, its components and the integration with current installed video editing suites at the Laredo Public Access Center. This contract is for the purchase and installation of master control room equipment replacing equipment that has been in service since 2000. Funding is available in the Information Technology and Support Services—Public Education and Government (PEG) Fee fund. (Approved by Operations and Finance Committees)
39. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a renewal contract with Motorola Inc., in the amount of \$142,873.56 for the maintenance agreement of the City of Laredo's 800 MHz Trunk Radio Communications System, as described in exhibit "A" attached. The contract provides annual maintenance for the infrastructure equipment, subscriber equipment, support, and software upgrades. Funding is available in the Information Technology Fund (595). (Approved by Operations and Finance Committees)
40. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with SecureNet Inc, Carrollton, Texas in the amount of \$357,227.64 for the purchase and installation of a digital video audit system (DVAS) for the Laredo Bridge System electronic toll collection system. This contract is being awarded utilizing best value evaluation criteria. Funding is available in the Laredo Bridge System Construction Fund. (Approved by Operations and Finance Committees)

### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

### **XIII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

41. A. Request by Mayor Raul G. Salinas
  1. Discussion with possible action on bicycle safety. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Charlie San Miguel & Council Member Cynthia Liendo Espinoza)

Mayor Salinas stated that he is concerned about some recent bicycle accidents that have occurred in the city and also mentioned that there is in Laredo a very

active bicycle club so that it is important to get the Police Department involved supporting the safety of bicycle drivers and car drivers as well.

Police Chief Carlos Maldonado reported that Fire Chief Landin and himself have discussed this matter and that both departments will partner and come up with ideas for traffic safety.

Fire Department Chief Steve Landin mentioned that both departments have targeted in the past bicycle safety by providing the youth with bicycle courses and that they will bring them back.

- B. Request by Council Member Esteban Rangel
  - 1. Discussion with possible action to make the Laredo Energy Arena (LEA) available as an ice skating rink for the general public, including appropriate scheduling and admission fee. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Cynthia Liendo Espinoza)

Cm. Rangel stated that it would be a great investment to have the Arena available for ice skating all year round working with an appropriate scheduling and admission fee.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal replied that they could work with the Laredo Energy Arena and by next Council meeting come up with a schedule, admission price, concessions, guidelines and recommendations.

- C. Request by Council Member Charlie San Miguel
  - 1. Recognizing Renée J. La Perriere for qualifying to compete at the XTERRA US National Championship in Utah, and for her accomplishments as a Laredo Tri-athlete. (Co-Sponsored by Mayor Raul G. Salinas)

Mayor Salinas and City Council publicly recognized Renee La Perriere.

Renee La Perriere stated that she started with this activity about three years ago and highly encourages the general public to take advantage of the facilities that the City of Laredo offers to practice, such as the inner city pool and bike trails that could be also used as running trails.

- D. Request by Council Member Cynthia Liendo Espinoza
  - 1. Presentation by Veterans Museum Board of Directors.

Mr. Gabriel Lopez, President of the Farias Military Museum, reported that since he was elected back in early August he has been able to work on the basic steps to create and build this museum such as the by-laws, committees and set up the correspondent logistic plan. He also explained that once the by-laws are accepted the next step will be to meet with the architects and evaluate all the collections and artifacts collected to proceed with the design of the exhibits in order to properly designate the rooms and space for the collections to be displayed. He informed Council that an Association has to be created,

registered and established with the State of Texas as well and mentioned that a campaign to promote donation or loan of artifacts by the community will be conducted and led by the committee in charge.

2. Discussion with possible action on creating Wi-Fi hot spots at local city parks.

Heberto Ramirez, ITSS Director, reported that the modem for the City of Laredo was designed by Motorola and it did include a local Wi-Fi; currently the Wi-Fi is available but the City of Laredo IST Department does not recommend giving free access to the public using the internet due to several issues needed to be considered, such as security protection. He also stated that in order to provide internet access to public in general, an independent service must be provided and that at this point it is too early to talk about cost. Therefore he requested at least 30 days to do a search and come up with the best solution, a recommendation and the four options that he and his staff has previously discussed to make this project work. He also reported that only 15 parks in Laredo are available for this service.

Cm. Liendo Espinoza requested to include a price quote for Jarvis Plaza and the Laredo Civic Center as well.

#### **XIV. STAFF REPORTS**

42. Presentation by Veronica Urbano Baeza, Internal Auditor, on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Audit Plan in accordance with Ordinance No. 2011-O-077, with possible action.

Veronica Urbano Baeza, Internal Auditor, reported that the proposed Fiscal Year 2012 Audit Plan is basically composed of unannounced cash audits, unannounced inventory audits and audits pertaining to comply with different City policies, ordinances, grants, etc. and that what the Plan is not including is special audits that might be assigned during the course of the Fiscal Year and any additional follow ups pertaining to the external auditors.

43. Status report on sale of water from fire hydrant meters, water dispensers, and effluent, with possible action.

Utilities Director Tomas Rodriguez provided the Status Report on Fire Hydrant Meters.

List of the following fire hydrant meter customers by categories:

1.- Construction	30
2.- Related to gas & oil service	7
3.- City of Laredo Utilities	9
4.- City of Laredo Landfill	2
5.- City of Laredo Public Works	35
( not all listed )	
TOTAL	83

The total consumption varies from 16,000 gallons to 2,000,000 per month. Due to the fact that is extremely difficult to restrict that all water from fire hydrant meters be used for construction, I recommend that we increase the water rate from \$4 to \$8 per thousand gallons.

In order to enhance our efforts to recycle or reuse our water, we request your approval to sell our effluent at a rate of \$2.00 per thousand gallons; the sale of effluent will be subject to the regulations of the Waste Water Treatment Plant permits issued by TCEQ.

Texas Water Development Board has asked us to try harder to get more Colonia residents to connect to the water and wastewater systems. We have connected 396 of 435 residential connections in the area of Hwy. 359. We recommend that the City increase the rate on water dispensers from \$4.00 to \$8.00 per thousand gallons. In my opinion, some Colonia residents are not requesting to be connected due to the fact that they can purchase water from our dispensers at a lower cost. We will also install a 1” reducer to water dispensers to reduce the flow equivalent to the fire hydrant meters.

Besides the attachment reference fire hydrant meter customers, there is also an attachment reference the sale of effluent sent to you in July 2011 with my recommendations.

TO: Carlos R. Villarreal  
 From Tomas M. Rodriguez Jr., P.E.  
 Subject: Sale of Effluent  
 Date: July 18, 2011

	Average Daily Flow	Average Yearly Flow	Yearly Revenue if Sold @ 1.00 per 1,000 gal	Yearly Revenue if Sold @ 1.50 per 1,000 gal	Yearly Revenue if Sold @ \$2.00 per 1,000 gal
North Laredo WWTP	1,200,000	438,000,000	438,000	657,000	876,000
South Laredo WWTP	6,200,000	2,263,000,000	2,263,000	3,394,500	4,526,000
Zacate Creek WWTP	10,500,000	3,832,500,000	3,832,500	5,748,750	7,665,000
Total Revenues			<b>6,533,500</b>	<b>9,800,250</b>	<b>13,067,000</b>
Laredo Country Club	400,000	146,000,000	146,000	219,000	292,000
Webb County	200,000	73,000,000	73,000	109,500	146,000

The North Laredo WWTP and Zacate Creek WWTP have a storage tank for this type of operation.

We would have to construct a 1 million gallon storage tank for the South Laredo WWTP which will be added to the expansion.

Trucks travelling on Shiloh to load at the North Laredo WWTP could create a traffic problem.

We don't think truck traffic would be a problem at South Laredo WWTP and Zacate Creek WWTP.

To estimate costs to make the plants ready to sell effluent are the following:

	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total
1.- Pump Station	3	200,000	600,000
2.- Dispenser with meter	3	80,000	240,000
3.- Storage Tanks	2	300,000	600,000
TOTAL			1,440,000

**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. Rangel  
 Second: Cm. Vera  
 For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 44. 2011-RT-005 Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute the United States Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant, Section 5307, TX-90-X934 in the amount of \$3,996,131.00 to be used for operating assistance in the El Metro Operations Fund. (Approved by Operations and Finance Committees)

Motion to approve Resolution 2011-RT-005.

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

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 and adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Vera

Second: Cm. Rangel

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 25 and they are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council meeting held on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

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Gustavo Guevara, Jr.  
City Secretary