

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M2010-R-02
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
JANUARY 19, 2010
5:30 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Raul G. Salinas led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

In attendance:

Raul G. Salinas,	Mayor
Mike Garza,	Mayor Pro Tempore, District I
Juan Narvaez,	Council Member, District IV
Johnny Rendon,	Council Member, District V
Gene Belmares,	Council Member, District VI
Jose Valdez, Jr.	Council Member, District VII
Cynthia Liendo Espinoza,	Council Member, District VIII
Carlos Villarreal,	City Manager
Gustavo Guevara,	City Secretary
Cynthia Collazo,	Deputy City Manager
Horacio De Leon,	Assistant City Manager
Jesus Olivares,	Assistant City Manager
Raul Casso,	City Attorney

Motion to excuse Cm. Garcia and Cm. Landeck.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Garza

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of January 4, 2010 & January 11, 2010

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Garza

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Citizen comments

Erica Garcia, Chairperson of the Laredo Commission for Women, reported that the Commission will be holding their Biannual Women's Hall of Fame in March of 2010. She noted that the applications are on the City of Laredo's website. She said that all the nominees need to be presently living or working within the City. She said that there are fifteen categories that can be represented within the Hall of Fame.

Norma Adame and Tricia Cortez gave an update on the Laredo Haitian Relief Effort Project.

Esequiel Lopez stated that he was represented 6409 Aloe Vera Street. He said that on December 12, 2009 a car plowed into the home at 6409 Aloe Vera destroying her home. He asked Council to consider a guardrail or a barricade in front of the home.

V. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- a. Appointment by Mayor Raul G. Salinas of Ms. Pat Campos to the Drug and Alcohol Commission.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Garza

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- b. Appointment by Council Member Hector "Tito" Garcia of Mr. Russell Lee Cerda to the Drug and Alcohol Commission.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Garza

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- c. Appointment by Council Member Juan Narvaez of Dr. Henry Carranza to the Drug and Alcohol Commission.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Garza

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public hearing and introductory ordinance ratifying the City Manager's acceptance of an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) by the United States Department of Energy in the amount of \$2,083,600.00 with no matching funds, and amending the City of

Laredo's FY 2009-2010 Annual Budget for the Environmental Services Department by appropriating the said grant revenue to the appropriate expenditure accounts. These funds will be used towards solar and wind energy projects as well as energy efficiency retrofit projects. A percentage of monies will also be used towards establishing a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) to provide interest free loans for residential energy efficiency projects. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Garza

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

2. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Special Police FY 2009-2010 annual budget by authorizing the City Manager to accept, execute and appropriate revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$298,400.00 from the State of Texas for the purpose of funding the Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial JAG or Justice Assistance Grant for the period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010. This grant will be 100% funded at no cost to the City and will be used for equipment and supplies for police operations. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Garza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Garza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

3. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the FY 2009-2010 City of Laredo

Health Department budget by appropriating revenues and expenses in the amount of \$35,940.00; amending Chapter 6 (Animals and Fowl) of the City of Laredo code of ordinances and fees (see attachment A) by:

Adding additional definitions to Article I, Section 6-1, amending Sections, 6-3 supervisor of Animal Control Program, 6-4 regarding impoundment, 6-5 regarding designation of state law, 6-6 regarding redemption of impounded animals, 6-7 regarding management of small animals and fowl, 6-8 regarding management of large livestock not redeemed, 6-9 regarding disposition of funds collected by City, 6-13 regarding compliance with sanitation standards for keeping livestock, small animals and fowl, 6-18 renamed to cruelty to animals and adding provisions, adding Section 6-19 protection of animals and pets;

Amending Article II, rabies control by:

Deleting the vaccination fee in Section 6-22 and moving it to Section 6-80, modifying Section 6-23 procedure when a person is bitten, modifying Section 6-26, amending Section 6-30 by deleting dangerous dogs, deleting Sections 6-31 registration of dangerous dogs, Section 6-32 attack by dangerous dog, 6-33 violations, 6-34 defense; and replacing it with health emergencies, and addressing in new article V; and reserving those Sections (6-31 through 6-34) for future expansion;

Amending Article III, small animals and fowl by:

Adding additional requirements to Section 6-42 keeping practices, adding Section 6-45 pursuit of animals, adding Section 6-46 pet shop/pet store requirements, adding Section 6-47 grooming shop requirements, and reserving Sections 6-48 through 6-60 for future expansion;

Amending Article IV large livestock and wild animals by:

Including AG zoned areas in Section 6-62 enclosure required, amending Section 6-63 size of enclosure by adding livestock standing requirements, deleting Sections 6-69 penalty and reserving same for future expansion;

Adding a new Article V dangerous wild animals and dangerous dogs;

Amending Section 6-70 by deleting publication and creating “dangerous wild animals.”

Adding new sections:

Section 6-71 State Law – seizure of a dog causing death of or serious injury to a person;

Section 6-72 department determination as a dangerous dog;

Section 6-73 requirements for ownership of a dangerous dog; noncompliance hearing;

Adding a new Article VI nuisance and adding:

Section 6-74 owner responsibilities;

Section 6-75 enforcement; interference with animal control or police officers;

Adding a new Article VII application, registration, permits, fees and penalty and adding new sections:

Section 6-76 non-transferability of permits

Section 6-77 spayed or neutered dog or cat registration required; intact dog or cat registration required

Section 6-78 litter permit

Section 6-79 term of registration and permits, falsifications

Section 6-80 registration, vaccination and permit fees (establishing increases in fees and new fees; refer to schedule a;
Section 6-81 waiver of fees
Section 6-82 waiver of requirements
Section 6-83 penalties and enforcement
Section 6-84 additional enforcement provisions
Section 6-85 parent's ultimate responsibility

To become effective 60 days from public hearing and introduction; and providing for effective date and publication. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Joseph Cavalho with Petco expressed his concerns regarding the draft ordinance noting that Petco encourages customers to interact with their pet before they purchase it. He also discussed other areas of concern for the newly drafted ordinance.

Dr. Phyllis Volz Craemer and Dr. Leyendecker stated that they were not in agreement regarding the draft ordinance.

Dr. Hector Gonzalez, Health Department Director, reported that changes were made after meeting with the local veterinarians. He gave a comprehensive report as to the new verbiage within the ordinance. He specifically described the micro-chip section.

Motion to close the public hearing and table for 30 days.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending Chapter 11 electricity of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Laredo by:
Amending Sections:
11-1 Definitions;
11-2 of the Laredo Code of Ordinance by adoption, with modification and amendments, the 2008 edition of the national Electrical Code of the National Fire Protection Association, Inc.;11-4 Electrical Inspector;
11-7 Appeals;
11-22 Registration and examination required;
11-23 Application for registration; qualifications;
11-24 Fees for registration;
11-26 Display of Certificate;
11-43 Same to whom issued;

11-44 Same-fees basis by increasing basic fees from \$20.00 to \$25.00 and reinspections fees from \$10.00 to \$50.00, 11-45 same-display; and

Deleting Sections:

11-6 Same City department, school districts;

11-25 Bond;

11-27 License and bond required to engage master electricians;

11-64 Miscellaneous specifications; and providing a saving clause; providing a severability clauses;

And providing an effective date. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Garza

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending Chapter 14, garbage, trash and refuse, Article II, rates for garbage and refuse collection and landfill operations, Section 14-9, rates of the City of Laredo code of ordinances to change Section (E) to decrease the monthly garbage collection fee for commercial establishments located in the downtown central business district to forty nine dollars (\$49.00), sixty three dollars (\$63.00), one hundred twelve dollars (\$112.00), and one hundred fifty four dollars (\$154.00) depending on square footage of the establishment. These fees will remain in effect through September 30, 2010 at which time monthly garbage collection fees for commercial establishments located in the downtown central business district will increase to fifty nine dollars and fifty cents (\$59.50), seventy six dollars and fifty cents (\$76.50), one hundred thirty six dollars (\$136.00), and one hundred eighty seven dollars (\$187.00) depending on square footage of the establishment. These fees will remain in effect through September 30, 2011 at which time monthly garbage collection fees for commercial establishments located in the downtown central business district will increase to seventy dollars (\$70.00), ninety dollars (\$90.00), one hundred sixty dollars (\$160.00), and two hundred twenty dollars (\$220.00) depending on square footage of the establishment.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Garza

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Garza

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VII. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive the final readings of Ordinance 2010-O-010 and 2010-O-011.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. 2010-O-010 Authorizing the issuance of \$2,300,000.00 in aggregate principal amount of City of Laredo, Texas Combination Tax and Airport Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2010B, for paying all or a portion of the City's contractual obligations incurred for the purpose of constructing and equipping a federal inspection station at the City's municipal airport and for the payment of legal, fiscal, and engineering fees in connection with such projects; authorizing the execution of an investment letter, making provisions for the security thereof; authorizing amendment to the City's budget to appropriate such proceeds for purposes authorized herein; and ordaining other matters relating to the subject.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-O-010

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2010-O-011 Authorizing the City Manager to convey easements and right of way to AEP Texas Central Company located at, and to serve, the Hendricks and Milmo Booster Stations, one (1) conveyance over a 0.0187 acre parcel as described in easement conveyance attached as Exhibit 1; and the second (2nd) conveyance over .0041 acre and as described in easement conveyance attached as Exhibit 2; and providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-O-011

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VIII. RESOLUTIONS

7. 2010-R-004 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services to continue to provide HIV services through the City of Laredo Health Department. The amount of the contract is for \$388,217.00 for the term period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve Resolution 2010-R-004.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Garza

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IX. MOTIONS

8. Consideration to rescind the contract awarded to Garda Cash Logistics, Richardson, Texas, (bid FY09-102), for providing bank courier service for City operations because they cannot meet the City's required pickup schedule; and authorizing a new contract award to next bidder Rochester Armored Car. This is an annual contract subject to continued appropriation in future fiscal years. Funding is available in user departmental budgets.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Garza

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

9. Consideration to award contract FY10-019 to Galls, an Aramark Co. LLC., Lexington, KY, in the estimated annual amount of \$214,200.00, for the purchase of uniforms, boots, and accessories. These items are included in the collective bargaining agreement between the City and the Firefighters Union. Each fire fighter has a \$600.00 clothing allowance that may be used to purchase any of the listed items in the agreement. The term of this contract is for two (2) years. Funding is currently available in the Fire Department's operation budget. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Garza

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

10. Authorizing the City Manager to approve change order no. 1 Austin Engineering increasing the contract time by fifty (50) days due to unavailability of material (Bridge Fabrication to cross Manadas Creek). This item will not increase the project estimate. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Garza

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

11. Consideration for acceptance and approval of final payment and release of retainage in the amount of \$163,217.39 to Jimmy Closner and Sons Construction Co., Inc., Mercedes, Texas for the construction of the Colonias Water Distribution System for Los Minerales, Minerales Annex, Antonio Santos and Rancho Peñitas West, Work Order #1. Acceptance of the project and release of retainage is subject of TWDB approval. Funding is available in the Colonias Project Fund. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Garza

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

12. Award of a construction contract to the lowest bidder Martinez Paving Co., Laredo Texas in the amount of \$305,020.41 for the construction of a 12" diameter sanitary sewer collection line with manholes. The construction time is 120 calendar days. Funding is available in the 2008 Utility Bond. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Garza

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

13. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts to be adjusted for the month of December 2009, represents an increase of \$11,147.13. These adjustments are determined by the Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Garza

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

14. Consideration for approval of amendment no. 5 an increase of \$39,109.64 to the professional services contract with Architectura SA, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, for the Clinical/Laboratory Expansion and Renovation for the City of Laredo Health Department to accommodate requirements by the City of Laredo Land Development Code to comply with the tree and drainage ordinance. The costs were also due to extended time taken by the construction company to assure the lab was ready for certification by the National Institute of Health as a biosafety (bioterrorism) LRN Lab Level III. Current engineering contract amount is \$728,536.64. Funding is available in the UTHSC-SA Dental Clinic Construction. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Garza
Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza
For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

15. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey fee simple title to Claudia G. Montemayor, the sole bidder for the public sale of the “surface only” of a certain tract of land described as 0.24 acres of land, more or less, situated in Porcion 23, Isadora Torres Vda. De Garcia, original grantee, Abstract 283, Webb County, Texas and described by metes and bounds in the attached survey, Exhibit “A” for the bid purchase price of \$27,305.00.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Garza
Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza
For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

X. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

16. A. Request by Mayor Raul G. Salinas

1. Presentation regarding the upcoming 12th Annual Jamboozie Celebration.

There was no presentation on this item.

- B. Request by Council Member Hector “Tito” Garcia

1. Discussion with possible action on placing speed humps near and around Cuellar Elementary.

Cm. Belmares asked that the ordinance be amended by placing the speed humps near and around Cuellar Elementary without the signatures.

Motion to approve as amended

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Garza
Second: Cm. Narvaez
For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- C. Request by Council Member Gene Belmares

1. Discussion with possible action on installing a guard rail on the southwest corner of International Boulevard and Curly Lane.

Cm. Belmares said that he brought this item to Council because the resident is at the intersection where Trautmann Middle School is and where International intercepts Curly Lane and that particular house has been run into at least three or four times in the last couple of years. The most recent one was a couple of Sunday’s ago they drove to the back porch going into the house.

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Director, stated that the department will prepare a design and submit it to the Public Works Department.

Motion to appropriate the necessary funding from District VI Discretionary Fund.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Garza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Discussion with possible action on completing McPherson acres drainage project.

Cm. Belmares stated that staff needed to continue with the earth and channel and asked Council of how much money they need to complete the project.

City Engineer, Rogelio Rivera, said that staff has opened up 1,900 linear feet of earth and channel. He continued to say that he has been working with Public Works to install the entire system that is lacking which is about 1,900 linear feet of the creek to the south of St. James. He said that there is a connection on Weatherford, Winchester and Conrad. He said that if staff could go the entire facility with open channel then the work could be completed for \$300,000. He mentioned that there is \$211,000 in the project.

Cm. Belmares instructed the City Manager to provide City Council with a proposal of all costs over and above whatever is in the budget and the time frame for it.

D. Request by Council Member Jose A. Valdez, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action to allow City employees to borrow from their own ICMA-RC 457 retirement funds.

Dan Migura, Administrative Services, said that staff provided information on the retirement plan and how it works. He said that staff is providing hardship withdraws. The nature of withdraw is they can take the money out for hardships such as mortgages, medical, loss of incomes or national disasters. He said that they do not have a provision for loans; however, the City can put a loan provision in the plan but will need to return to Council with a resolution.

Motion to add a loan provision to the ICMA – RC 457 retirement funds.

Moved: Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

E. Request by Council Member Cynthia Liendo Espinoza

1. Discussion with possible action on moving forward with our Fire Department headquarter facilities that is part of our CIP and placing it on a fastrack. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Jose A. Valdez, Jr.)

Laredo Fire Department Administration Building Powerpoint

New Headquarters Building Approximately 47,500 S f

Located at 600 blk. Of Del Mar Blvd.

Stand Alone Facility that will serve as the “nerve center” for all Fire/EMS/Rescue

Plans and Specifications to be completed by Mid March, 2010

If funding available, receive bids in April 2010

Award Construction Contract May 2010

Commence Construction July 2010

Building Completion December 2011

Estimated Construction (Hard) Cost is approx. \$9,157,129

Projected Equipment and Furniture (Soft) Cost \$ 965,000

Projected Project Cost \$10,122,000

Add Alternate No. 1 – Replacement of Fire Station # 8 - \$1,939,265

Add Alternate No. 2 – E.O.C Finish Out Shell Space \$357,000

Motion to

Moved: Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Presentation by Street Smart on new technology available for parking meters with possible action.

Motion to direct the City Manager to

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 5

Against: 1

Abstain: 0

Cm. Rendon

3. Discussion with possible action on new sidewalks for District 8 using District 8 Discretionary funds.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XI. STAFF REPORTS

17. Presentation regarding the request for funding from Junior Bucks Hockey Team, with possible action.

Carlos Villarreal, City Manager, said that he was told that the Junior Bucks Hockey Team asked for a postponement for the next City Council Meeting.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

18. Update on two CNG retrofit fuel system buses provided by Renewable Energy Technology.

Feliciano Garcia from El Metro reported that he turned in a memorandum and was present for any questions. He noted that they had installed two CNG retrofit fuel systems on buses 9137 and 9147 to save diesel and lower the emissions.

Cm. Belmares suggested screening this item for future grants. He also asked if the unites can be assembled and installed locally.

19. Status report on negotiations with the Laredo Animal Shelter regarding services and plans for a future animal shelter.

Dr. Hector Gonzalez, Health Director, reported that this year the Laredo Animal Shelter came to the table when they renewed the contract and noted that they did not want to continue in the pound business. He continued to say that they have been meeting with the Laredo Animal Shelter to initiate the transition. The shelter is undergoing a transformation both infrastructure and adoption site. He emphasized that the City is working diligently to begin the transition on the pound solely. He said they will continue with the

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council hereby reserves the right to go into executive session at any time during this public meeting, if such is requested by the City Attorney or other legal counsel for the City, pursuant to his or her duty under Section 551.071(2) of the Government Code, to consult privately with his or her client on an item on the agenda, or on a matter arising out of such item.

20. Request for executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.07 (1) (A) to consult with attorney on pending litigation: City of Laredo vs Luis Montañó, et. al., Cause No. 2008CVQ00134D1, in the 49th District Court, Webb County, Texas; and return to open session for possible action.

Motion to go into executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.07 (1) (A) to consult with attorney on pending litigation: City of Laredo vs Luis Montañó, et. al., Cause No. 2008CVQ00134D1, in the 49th District Court, Webb County, Texas; and return to open session for possible action.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Garza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

21. Request for executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 to deliberate the value of a potential real estate transaction related to the completion of the Shiloh Extension Project, otherwise described as a parcel of 0.30 acres, more or less, out of Porcion 23, Isadora Torres Vd. De Garcia, original grantee, Abstract no. 283, Webb County.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Garza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

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

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

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Garza

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

22. Public hearing and introductory ordinance ratifying the City Manager's acceptance of a grant under the Transportation Energy Efficiency Alternative Fuels and Technology stimulus grant program of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funded through the United States Department of Energy (DOE) in the amount of \$924,000.00 with \$380,000.00 matching funds from City's El Metro fund, and amending the City of Laredo's FY 2009-2010 annual budget for the Transit System-Capital Grants Department by appropriating the said grant revenue to the appropriate expenditure accounts. These funds will be used towards upgrading the City's CNG fuel station at Public Works to fuel El Metro busses. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Garza

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Garza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

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

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Garza

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0