

**CITY OF LAREDO  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
M2010-R-06  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1110 HOUSTON STREET  
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040  
MARCH 15, 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**

With a quorum present Mayor Raul G. Salinas led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ROLL CALL**

In attendance:

Raul G. Salinas,	Mayor
Mike Garza,	Council Member, District I
Hector Garcia,	Council Member, District II
Michael Landeck,	Council Member, District III
Juan Narvaez,	Council Member, District IV
Johnny Rendon,	Council Member, District V
Gene Belmares,	Council Member, District VI
Jose Valdez, Jr.,	Mayor Pro Tem, 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 Mayor Pro Tempore Garza.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**IV. MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes of February 16, 2010 & March 1, 2010

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Citizen comments

## V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo's FY 2009-2010 annual budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$24,000.00 in the Laredo Police Department Special Police Programs. Funding will be used to purchase supplies and equipment in support of the U.S. Marshals Service Gulf Coast Violent Offender & Fugitive Task Force. Equipment purchases are 100% reimbursable by the U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Marshals Service. Reimbursement for equipment purchases will be in accordance with the MOU agreement between the City of Laredo and the U.S. Marshals Service, and funding will be available through May 28, 2010.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Rendon

For:

Against:

Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

2. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo FY 2009-2010 annual budget by appropriating expenditures in the amount of \$4,154,528.00 and revenues in the amount of \$1,183,092.00 in the Laredo Police Department Trust Fund. Funding will be used to purchase operational materials, supplies, training and capital outlay equipment. Items include surveillance equipment, tactical equipment, patrol and officer safety equipment, and other needed items. Funding is available in the Police Trust Fund and \$2,971,436.00 will be coming from opening balance.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Valdez

For:

Against:

Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Valdez  
Second: Cm. Belmares  
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

3. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Subdivision Ordinance of the City of Laredo by revising Chapter II, Section 2-3.5, Expiration and Extension Period of all Plat Approvals, by creating subsection (g) revising the expiration of plat approval by extending the approval of any plat approved after January 1, 2006, whether preliminary or final to December 31, 2011, if applicable; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia  
Second: Cm. Valdez  
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Valdez  
Second: Cm. Belmares  
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 14-29, Block 4 and Lots 14-24, Block 5 of La Joya Subdivision, Phase 2, located south of Obsidian Boulevard and east and west of Palmito Drive, from R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) to R-1MH (Single Family Manufactured Housing District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended approval of the Zone Change. District I

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares  
Second: Cm. Valdez  
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Valdez

5. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for the storage of flammable and explosive products (diesel fuel) on Lots 5 & 6, Block 1, Pan American Business Park, located at 4305 Pan American Boulevard; providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended approval of the Special Use Permit. District VII

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Valdez

6. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning the south 2/3 of Lot 2, Block 552, Western Division, located at 1716 Shea Street, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff does not support the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended approval of the Zone Change. District VIII

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

## **VI. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES**

7. Amending the City of Laredo FY 2010 Airport Construction Budget to recognize additional revenues from a grant received from the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program being Grant Project No. 3-48-0136-062-2010 in the amount of \$4,000,000.00 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 \$210,526.00 is available in the Airport Construction Fund.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

## **VII. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

Motion to waive the Final Reading of Ordinances 2010-O-29.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

8. 2010-O-029 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 sixty (60) days from public hearing and introduction; and providing for effective date and publication. (AS AMENDED)

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-O-029.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## VIII. RESOLUTIONS

9. 2010-R-017 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a cooperative working agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit A, between Texas Department of Public Safety, Victim Services and the City of Laredo Police Department for the purpose of coordinating services, maximizing existing resources and avoiding duplication of services for crime victims in Laredo.

Motion to approve Resolution 2010-R-017.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

10. 2010-R-018 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a supplemental grant application to the Texas Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority in the estimated amount of \$25,237.83 to fund the Laredo Auto Theft Task Force for the period of April 1, 2010 through August 31, 2010. This supplemental application will be for equipment and will not require a match by the City of Laredo.

Motion to approve Resolution 2010-R-018.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

11. 2010-R-019 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services through the South Texas Development Council (STDC) for continuation of the Health Department's Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Project (HOPWA), term from February 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011 and authorizing the City Manager to execute said contract.

Motion to approve Resolution 2010-R-019.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

12. 2010-R-020 Accepting seven (7) parcels of land, conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, from Laredo Hills, L.L.P., to the City of Laredo for municipal purposes (said parcels being a total of 6.79 acres of land located within the Vista Nueva Subdivision) and described as follows:

1. Lot 19, Block 1, Vista Nueva Subdivision Situated in the City of Laredo, as per plat recorded in Vol. 25, Pg. 121, Webb County Plat Records.
2. Lot 1, Block 2, Vista Nueva Subdivision Situated in the City of Laredo, as per plat recorded in Vol. 25, Pg. 121, Webb County Plat Records.

3. Lot 2, Block 2, Vista Nueva Subdivision situated in the City of Laredo, as per plat recorded in Vol. 25, Pg. 121, Webb County Plat Records.
4. Lot 8, Block 6, Vista Nueva Subdivision situated in the City of Laredo, as per plat recorded in Vol. 25, Pg. 121, Webb County Plat Records.
5. Lot 1, Block 7, Vista Nueva Subdivision situated in the City of Laredo, as per plat recorded in Vol. 25, Pg. 121, Webb County Plat Records.
6. Lot 1, Block 8, Vista Nueva Subdivision situated in the City of Laredo, as per plat recorded in Vol. 25, Pg. 121, Webb County Plat Records.
7. Lot 19, Block 8, Vista Nueva Subdivision situated in the City of Laredo, as per plat recorded in Vol. 25, Pg. 121, Webb County Plat Records.

Motion to approve Resolution 2010-R-020.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

13. 2010-R-021 Resolution authorizing and approving the creation of the Laredo Public Facility Corporation under Chapter 303 of the Texas Local Government Code to act on behalf of the City of Laredo regarding the Terraza at Lomas Del Sur Project; for approving the certificate of formation and bylaws related thereto; and resolving other matters in connection therewith.

Motion to approve Resolution 2010-R-0201

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

14. 2010-R-022 Resolution authorizing and approving the Naming of Rights Agreement between Laredo Energy IV, L.P., a Laredo Hockey Holdings, L.P., and the City of Laredo.

Motion to approve Resolution 2010-R-022.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## **IX. MOTIONS**

15. Consideration to award number FY10-027 to the low bidder Gutierrez Machine Shop, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$125,000.00 for concrete repairs of sidewalks, driveways, and curbs as a result of water line break repairs made by the Utilities Department. All work will be performed on an as needed basis for repairs required due to utility repairs. Funding is available in the Utilities Department budget.

Motion to approve.



Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

16. Consideration to award contract number FY10-028 to the low bidder Nick Benavides, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$100,000.00 for lawn and landscaping repairs caused by utility repairs. This contract is based on fixed hourly rates for a two man crew and when needed a licensed irrigator; plus any landscaping materials. Funding is available in the Utilities Department budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

17. Consideration to award contract FY10-029 to the low bidders:

- a) Planet Ford, Spring, TX in the amount of \$327,842.00 for the purchase of thirteen (13) vehicles, and;
- b) Sam Pack's Five Star Ford, Carrollton, Texas in the amount of \$253,820.00 for the purchase of seven (7) vehicles.

Vehicles are being purchased for the Airport, Health Department, Information Services and Telecommunications (IST), Municipal Housing, Traffic and Utilities Departments. Funding is available from Contractual Obligation bond proceeds and department operational budgets.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

18. Consideration to award supply contract number FY10-032 to the low bidder, Aguaworks Pipe & Supply, Brownsville, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$250,000.00 for the purchase of PVC pipe used by the Utilities Department. This will be a sixty (60) day supply contract with an option to extend for additional sixty (60) day periods. These materials are purchased on an as needed basis for construction and repair projects. Funding is available in the Utilities Department budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

19. Consideration to award annual service contract number FY10-036 to the low bidder,

Rafter P. Transport Inc., New Braunfels, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$85,000.00 to haul and load dry sludge from the Jefferson Water Treatment Plant to the City of Laredo landfill. This contract is based on a bid of \$6.00 per cubic yard of material. The frequency and number of loads vary depending on the City's need. The bid price is based on a per load rate. Funding is available in the Utilities Department—Water Treatment Division budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

20. Consideration to award supply contract number FY10-037 to the following low bidders:

a) Ferguson Waterworks, Mission, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$11,029.70

b) HD Supply Waterworks, San Antonio, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$46,187.10;

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.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

21. Consideration to authorize a sole source purchase order to ITT Water & Wastewater U.S.A., Inc., in the total amount of \$69,633.20 for the purchase of necessary ITT Flygt model replacement pumps, parts, and accessories for the Zacate Creek and Southside Wastewater Treatment Plant's lift station, that are only available from ITT Water & Wastewater, as it is the only authorized vendor for the needed products in Texas. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Wastewater Treatment Division Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

22. Consideration for acceptance and release of retainage in the amount of \$6,190.00 to Granbury Contracting and Utilities, Inc., Granbury, Texas, for the 16" water line with a 30" casing under Loop 20 (Cuatro Vientos Project). Funds are available in the 2008 Utility Bond.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia  
Second: Cm. Valdez  
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

23. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts to be adjusted for the month of February 2010 represent a decrease of \$5,065.13. These adjustments are determined by the Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia  
Second: Cm. Valdez  
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

24. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the three (3) year option on a lease agreement with Alejandro E. Villarreal, Jr., as “lessor”, and the City of Laredo as “lessee” for the approximate 2,000 square feet of office space located at 910 Hidalgo Street, Laredo, Webb County, Texas. The office space was used to relocate the Laredo Police Department Precinct #6 in order to open office space at the Bruni Plaza Center for the City of Laredo’s Building Department. The term of this lease agreement is three years commencing on March 1, 2010 and ending on February 28, 2013. Rental fee will be \$825.00 per month through the term of this lease agreement.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia  
Second: Cm. Valdez  
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

25. Consideration for approval of change order no. 2, an increase of \$99,361.90 to the construction contract with Martinez Paving Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas, to construct a concrete median on Loop 20 at Shiloh Drive for the Shiloh Drive Extension Project. The median consists of a northbound left-turn lane extension at Loop 20 and Shiloh Drive and to add eighty-eight (88) calendar days to the construction contract time. Current construction contract amount is \$1,365,518.85. Funding is available in the 2006 C.O. Bond.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares  
Second: Cm. Valdez  
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

26. Consideration for approval of the El Eden Recreational Facility Park Project as substantially complete and approval of change order no. 1, a decrease of \$130,328.89 on unused portions of contingency allowances; partial release of retainage and other completed work in the amount of \$182,244.21; and approval to add seventy-seven (77) working days to the construction contract time for weather delays, design delays and

delays in obtaining easements for utilities, and other miscellaneous work. An amount of \$60,129.30 is being retained and will be released upon completion of pending punch list items and change order work. Final construction contract amount is \$4,031,171.11. Funding is available in the 2006 C.O. Bond and 2007 C.O. Bond.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

27. Consideration for approval of amendment no. 3, an increase of \$44,658.00 to the professional services contract with SCS Engineers, Bedford, Texas, for the New Type I Cell in the City of Laredo Municipal Landfill located at 6912 Hwy. 359 to continue construction quality assurance and surveying services. The new engineering contract total will be \$552,558.00. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Account.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

28. Consideration for approval to reject the sole bid of WRG Fire Training Systems, Inc., Sherwood, Oregon received for the Upgrades/Modifications for the Aircraft and Structural Fire Training Props and Facilities at the Laredo International Fire and Law Enforcement Training Center since the bid was over the project budget amount, and approval to re-bid the project.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

29. Consideration to authorize approval of contract amendment No. 5 to the professional services contract dated February 21, 2007 with Puig Engineering, LLC, of Laredo, Texas, for the performance of engineering services related to the West Laredo Multimodal Corridor Phase II-Flecha Lane/Las Cruces Drive Realignment Project, is amended such that both the fee is increased by \$40,500.00, from \$438,700.00 to \$479,200.00, for additional professional services, and the contract completion date is extended by 270 days from notice to proceed. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

30. Authorizing the City Manager to amend the existing contract of SLC Construction, LLC, Laredo, Texas, and to execute all related documents related to the consolidation of projects 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, for the replacement of approximately 60,000 linear feet of 8” waterline (at various locations). Texas Water Development Board Staff has approved the consolidation of the six (6) projects.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

31. Consideration to authorize a purchase contract to Exerplay, Inc., Cedar Crest, New Mexico, through the Buy Board cooperative purchasing program in the amount of \$74,817.00, for the purchase of twenty (20) solar trash receptacles. Funding is available utilizing grant funding from the Department of Energy—Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

### **32. A. Request by Mayor Raul G. Salinas**

1. Update on the Laredo Haitian Relief Project, and check presentation to three humanitarian partners: Habitat for Humanity, American Red Cross and Doctors Without Borders. Recognizing individuals and organizations that assisted with this project.

Tricia Cortez, Project Coordinator, introduced the core group of volunteers who worked raised money for the Haitian Relief Project: Yesela Sanchez, American Red Cross; Carlos Gonzalez, Border Media; Melissa Guerra, Habitat for Humanity; Bertha Galvan, Habitat for Humanity; Anita Cardenas, Habitat for Humanity; Juanita Cardenas, Habitat for Humanity; Jose Escobedo, Habitat for Humanity; Alicia Garcia, TAMIU; Veronica Castillon, LISD; David Gonzalez, Customs and Border Protection, and Carol Sherwood, Habitat for Humanity. She also acknowledged Mayor Salinas and Xochitl Mora from the City of Laredo. Finally, she read a list of donators that assisted in making this project successful.

### **B. Request by Council Member Dr. Michael Landeck**

1. Discussion with possible action regarding the Canizales Boxing Gym including acquisition, expansion, design and modernization with District 3 Discretionary Funds not to exceed \$300,000.00.

Motion to approve the use of discretionary funds not to exceed \$300,000.00 for the Canizalez Boxing Gym including acquisition, expansion, design and modernization.

Moved: Cm. Landeck

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Discussion with possible action to instruct staff to come up with a proposal from El Metro for an experimental hub on or near HEB on Zapata Highway with routes between Laredo Community College and the hub.

Keith Selman, City Planner, reported that in order to create a hub people need to realize that they would be impacting surrounding bus routes.

Cm. Landeck said that if the City really wants to resolve the issue of bus transportation, by using the quantitative method.

Mr. Selman noted that he has a mobility model not a transit model. He stated that the City could use the Metropolitan Planning Organization resources that are in place. He said that under the UPWP there is a feasibility study of the Bus Rapid Transit System. He encouraged Council to consider that route because it is a new start that has a different and larger pool of money to draw from rather than the current bus system. He voiced that if Council would like to consider using the BRT that he would possibly need to amend the UPWP which would take up to sixty days. He said that the department has \$90,000 for the project.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Landeck

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

3. Discussion with possible action to instruct staff to come up with a proposal from El Metro for an experimental bus line from HEB hub along Loop 20 and the Mines Road.

This item was discussed with item # 2.

#### C. Request by Council Member Cynthia Liendo Espinoza

1. Consideration to waive the Civic Center rental fees for the upcoming Earth Day events scheduled for Saturday, April 10, 2010, with possible action.

Motion to waive the Civic Center rental fess for the upcoming Earth Day events.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Narvaez

Motion removed.

Cm. Belmares said that he had a two fold concern. He expressed that if the City starts waiving the fees for one organization then they would be asked to waive the fees for other organizations. Secondly, he asked why staff was treating Keep Laredo Beautiful as a non-city department because it is in essence a City department. He noted that it would behoove the City to amend the ordinance to read that Keep Laredo Beautiful is a city department and is a non-charge department.

Motion to take \$950.00 from the promotional fund of District VI for the Civic Center rental fee. Also, to take an additional \$200.00 from each Council member for the Civic Center fee.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## **XI. STAFF REPORTS**

33. Selection of an operator/manager of the proposed City of Laredo Baseball Stadium, with possible action.

Emilio Martinez spoke against the building of the new stadium.

Doug Robinson spoke in favor of supporting the Laredo Broncos for the City of Laredo.

Almarosa C. Zepeda, a fan of the Broncos, spoke in favor of keeping the Broncos in Laredo.

Martha Angel Garza asked Council to consider keeping the Broncos in Laredo.

Fernando Lopez, Jr., said that he has been a loyal season ticket holder for the Broncos since their arrival in Laredo. He said that he has enjoyed great times at the games. He asked Council to keep the Broncos in Laredo.

Israel Gonzalez stated that he was a supporter of the Laredo Broncos. He said that Laredo Broncos should be part of Laredo.

Richard Geisler stated that he did not vote for a sports bar or a restaurant instead he voted for a ballpark with the local team.

Salo Otero stated that he was present as a private citizen. He noted that he was present for a quick pitch for the Laredo Broncos as tenants as the new tenants.

Mark Schuster from Ventura Sports Group made the following presentation:

### **Ventura Sports Group**

Stadium Costs

4,000 fixed seats/1,500 additional seating

Kids Playground area

Sports Bar & Grill  
 Suites/VIP Club  
 Team Offices  
 Merchandise Store  
 Box Office/First Aid  
 Concessions/Bathrooms to accommodate 10,000  
 Clubhouse (Professional & NCAA standards)

Ventura Cost Estimate of New Stadium \$18-20 million

Actual Stadium Cost 2008-2009 (avg. cost 4,000 seats = \$23.7 million)

Grand Prairie, Texas	4,400	Indy	\$20,000,000
Bowling Green, KY	4,500	(A)	\$28,000,000
Waldorf, MD	4,200	(Indy)	\$28,000,000
Ft. Wayne, IN	6,200	(A)	\$30,000,000
Midland, MI	4,000	(Indy)	\$30,000,000

Proposed Stadium Cost 2010 – 2011 (Avg. cost 4,000 seats = \$25 million)

Pensacola, FL	3,500	(Indy)	\$25,000,000
Ramapo, NY	3,500	(Indy)	\$17,500,000
Tulsa, OK	6,200	(AA)	\$40,000,000
Yakima, WA	3,100	(A)	\$20,000,000

### Stadium Cost

Best New Ballpark for 2008

“Ventura Sports came in with a dream for our city and they have exceeded all our expectations.”

Charles England, Mayor  
 Grand Prairie, Texas

SportsBusiness Journal

Innovative by design

How 10 venues are taking a fresh approach to designing and using space.

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| 1. Arrowhead Stadium renovation, Kansas City, Mo.  | NFL                  |
| 2. New Auburn Arena, Auburn, Ala                   | NCAA                 |
| 3. Texas memorial Stadium renovation Austin, Texas | NCAA                 |
| 4. New Minnesota Twins Ballpark                    | MLB                  |
| 5. New Meadowlands Stadium                         | NFL                  |
| 6. QuikTrip Park, Grand Prairie, Texas             | American Association |
| 7. Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis                 | NFL                  |
| 8. New Cowboys Stadium, Arlington, Texas           | NFL                  |
| 9. New Real Salt lake Stadiumq                     | MLS                  |



10. JQH Arena, Springfield, MO

NCAA

Attendance

Baseball

48 Professional Home games

League All Star game 2013

Tecolotes Exhibition Games

NCAA spring baseball/High school baseball tournaments

Non-baseball Events

Outdoor Events

Specific to a Baseball Stadium and not LEC

Larger Attendance capacity than LEC capacity

Philanthropic

Attendance Forecast

Total Stadium Attendance	2012	410,000
	2013	441,100
	2014	462,230
	2015	491,569
	2016	523,313

American Association

Financial Strength

Diversified ownership group of 10 owners (soon 12)

Lowers risk of league failure

Community Leaders

2010 league Budget already fully funded

\$2,000,000 cash availability

“I would strongly recommend Ventura Sports Group as the City’s choice to operate in Laredo”

Freddie Benavides

John O’Brian of the Laredo Broncos reported that in 2006 the Laredo Broncos begin playing in Veteran’s Field. They did so through a lease that included that they would move to a new stadium. He noted that they paid a high premium for the use of the stadium. He said that they stayed for the next three years even though they had to operate in a deficit because of the parking/concession facility situation. He asked Council to partner with them for the future. He said that he was here to play baseball in the stadium they choose to build. He recommended a stadium with 5,000 seats. Finally, he said that the Broncos would continue to provide the highest level of professional baseball.

Jesus Olivares, Assistant City Manager said based on the proposals that have been submitted and the opportunity for an operator and a team to come into the city of Laredo Ventura sports presented the city of Laredo the best proposal for revenue generation.

Cm. Belmares said for clarification on the Ventura’s miscellaneous section under proposal they say that they will consider making a sizeable contribution of one million dollars to the new stadium. He pointed out that there is a caveat in the contract that the City will not be responsible for any losses.

Mark Schuster clarified that the donation would be a million dollars regardless if they are the developer or not

Motion to go with the recommendation of City staff with the clause that staff should go back and look at the pending issues that have been talked about to negotiate a contract to bring back to Council and also with the agreement that the City does not spend more than \$15,000,000.00 to \$18,000.000.00 on the complex. Motion to negotiate

Moved: Cm. Garcia  
Second: Cm. Rendon  
For: 4  
Cm. Garcia  
Cm. Narvaez  
Cm. Rendon  
Cm. Belmares

Against: 3  
Cm. Landeck  
Cm. Valdez  
Cm. Liendo Espinoza

Abstain: 0

34. Report regarding the proposed City/County Veteran’s Museum, with possible action.

Richard Geissler, Veteran, thanked the City Council Members for joining with the County on this project. He said that they had met with the City Manager and all the issues have been ironed out.

City Manager, Carlos Villarreal, said that he was in Washington when and article was released that the City was at odds with the County regarding this issue. He noted that he called the City Attorney to hammer out an agreement with the County as soon as possible. He further explained that they cannot be adding to the proposed site because it is a historical building. The most important aspect of this site is to be used for a museum. Finally he said that no motion is necessary because the City will draft an agreement and tender it to the County for approval. All pending items will be discussed.

**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.

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

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

Moved: Cm. Garcia  
Second: Cm. Landeck  
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

35. Consideration to authorize the purchase of two (2) scrubbers/sweepers and two (2) walk-behind scrubbers from Tennant Sales and Service Company, Minneapolis, MN in the total amount of \$111,601.60. These items will be purchased utilizing the State of Texas – Texas Multiple Award Schedule (TXMAS) cooperative purchasing contract. Funding is available from Federal Transit Capital Grant No. TX-04-0040.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares  
Second: Cm. garcia  
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

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

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0