

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M2010-R-10
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
MAY 17, 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,
Mike Garza,
Hector Garcia,
Michael Landeck,
Juan Narvaez,
Johnny Rendon,
Gene Belmares,
Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
Cynthia Liendo Espinoza,
Gustavo Guevara, Jr.,
Carlos Villarreal,
Cynthia Collazo,
Horacio De Leon,
Jesus Olivares,
Raul Casso,

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

Motion to excuse Cm. Belmares.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of May 3, 2010

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Cm. Belmares joined the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Recognitions

- a. Recognizing the following Firefighters for a combined total of 316 years of service to the citizens of City of Laredo.

* District Chief Armando Equigua—	28 years
* Fire Captain Jesus Cazares—	23 years
* Fire Captain Alfonso Perez, Jr.—	28 years
* Fire Captain Pablo Cortez, Jr.—	30 years
* Fire Captain James Whalen—	24 years
* Fire Captain Arturo Teniente—	31 years
* Fire Captain Ricardo Rangel, Jr.—	27 years
* Fire Driver Henry Pottin—	24 years
* Fire Driver Lauro Ramirez—	28 years
* Assistant Fire Driver Felipe Tovar—	24 years
* Firefighter Jesus Jalomo—	24 years
* Firefighter Andres Alvarez—	25 years

Present to receive their retirement recognition were:

Fire Captain Alfonso Perez, Jr.	28 years
Fire Captain Arturo Teniente	31 years
Fire Driver Lauro Ramirez	28 years
Assistant Fire Driver Felipe Tovar	24 years

Those not able to attend were:

District Chief Armando Equigua	28 years
Fire Captain Jesus Cazares	23 years
Fire Captain Pablo Cortez, Jr.	28 years
Fire Captain James Whalen	24 years
Fire Captain Ricardo Rangel, Jr.	27 years
Fire Driver Henry Pottin	24 years
Firefighter Jesus Jalomo	24 years
Firefighter Andres Alvarez	25 years

- b. Recognizing Vanessa Patricia Ortiz, returning 29-5A District Literary Criticism Champion, for achieving first place honors in the UIL State Competition held May 8, 2010 at the University of Texas.

Vanessa Patricia Ortiz was not present.

- c. Recognizing United South High School Marine Corps JROTC Female Physical Training Team who recently placed first overall against other schools in Region Five (competing against 34). The cadets are as follows:

- * Cadet Jamil Suarez
- * Cadet Amanda Llamas (2nd Place overall individual)
- * Cadet Perla Arce
- * Cadet Raquel Perez
- * Cadet Damris Molina
- * Cadet Edith Villalobos

This item was not heard.

- d. Proclamation declaring the week of May 24 thru May 30, 2010, as the Juan Francisco Farias Week in honor of Mayor Juan Francisco Farias for his many accomplishments that have benefitted this community.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mayor Raul G. Salinas read the proclamation.

Citizen comments

Claudia Lanese Garcia announced that *Wings* has been in existence for approximately a year and a half and are servicing 26 women breast cancer patients. She continued to say that *Wings* funds individuals from diagnosis to cure. She was present to ask everyone to attend the upcoming football between the Border Patrol and U. S Customs to be held at the Student Activity Center on Saturday July 31, 2010. She noted that they will be holding several fundraising events prior to the game.

Jesus Romero, Airport Advisory Committee Member, President of St. Augustine School, was in attendance to thank City Council for the installation of a basketball court. He said that it was a great asset to the community and the school.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend and extend the contract with the Social and Health Research Center—University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (SAHRC-UTHSCSA) and accepting additional funds in the amount of \$90,000.00 for Proyecto Bienestar—Laredo to continue the intervention in the early school health based Diabetes Reduction Project (226-6400) for the extended term period beginning May 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Garza

Second Cm. Landeck

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

2. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 4.37 acres, located west of Ejido Avenue and along the south side of St. Luke Boulevard, from R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) to B-1 (Limited Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and the Planning & Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change. District I

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Garza

Second Cm. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Garza

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Mayor Pro Tempore Garza

3. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 11.70 acres, located east of Ejido Avenue and extending to the south of St. Luke Boulevard, from R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) and B-1 (Limited Commercial District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change. District I

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Garza

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Mayor Pro Tempore Garza

4. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 9.11 acres, located east of Loop 20, south of US Highway 359 and north of North Merida Drive, from AG (Agricultural District) and R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change. District I

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Landeck

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Garza

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Mayor Pro Tempore Garza

5. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 1.28 acres, located east of Loop 20, south of US Highway 359 and north of North Merida Drive, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change. District I

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Landeck

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Garza

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Garza

6. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 6, Block 38, Las Americas Subdivision, located at 2216 Nautla Drive, from R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) to R-1-MH (Single-Family Manufactured Housing District); providing for publication and effective date.

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

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Roberto Mendez stated that he is trying to install a mobile home.

Motion to close the public hearing and override Planning and Zoning, approve and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Garza

Second: Cm. Landeck

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Mayor Pro Tempore Garza

7. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 11 and 12, Block 723, Eastern Division, located at 1301 Chihuahua Street, from B-1 (Limited Commercial 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 does not recommend approval of the zone change. District III

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Landeck

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

8. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1-I, Block 1, Jacaman Ranch, Unit I, located at 6316 Krone Lane, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff does not support the application and the Planning & Zoning Commission has recommended approval of the zone change. District V

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

9. 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 all the Lots of Blocks 1024, 1024A, and 1025, Western Division, located at 4100 San Bernardo Avenue, Suites E3 and E4; providing for publication and effective date.

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

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Jorge Hachar reported that there was a typographical error in the naming of the blocks.

Keith Selman, City Planner, said that it provides for a conditional use permit for suites E3 and E4. The conditions that you have on there are for half of each unit. Therefore the communication in the notification is in good order and the ordinance is in good standing.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Valdez

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Garza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

Cm. Narvaez

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Valdez

10. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of

the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 1, CFM Subdivision, located at 20951 FM 1472, from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change. District VII

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Landeck

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Valdez

11. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a consignment shop on Lot 1, Block 46 Western Division, located at 603 Flores, Suite #2; providing for publication and effective date.

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

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Landeck

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Rendon

VII. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive the final readings 2010-O-062, 2010-O-063, and 2010-O-064.

Moved: Cm. Rendon
Second: Cm. Valdez
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

12. 2010-O-062 Amending Ordinance #2010-O-033 accepting additional grant funds in the amount of \$110,000.00 from the Homeland Security Grant Program, Texas Division of Emergency Management and to amend the City of Laredo's General Fund budget in the same amount. These additional funds are 100% funded and will be divided equally for the addition of text services to the ASTRO 25 System Master Switch and equipment for the Police Department's Bomb Squad unit. The Homeland Security Grant will now total \$1,290,350.69.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-O-062.

Moved: Cm. Rendon
Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Garza
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2010-O-063 Amending Ordinance #2009-O-123 accepting a supplemental grant in the amount of \$24,891.00 from the Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority and to amend the City of Laredo's FY2009-2010 annual budget in the amount of \$24,891.00. This supplemental grant of \$24,891.00 is 100% funded at no cost to the City. The 2009-2010 Texas Burglary and Automobile Theft Prevention Authority grant funding for the Laredo Autotheft Force will now total \$458,405.00. The funding period for this grant is from September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-O-063.

Moved: Cm. Rendon
Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Garza
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2010-O-064 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Foreign Trade Zone Operator Agreement with United States Bonded and FTZ Warehouse, LLC, as Zone Site Operator located at 13806 North Unitec Drive within the Unitec Industrial Park-Foreign Trade Zone Site No. 6; effective June 1, 2010 and ending September 30, 2014; providing for activation, administration, annual and transaction fees to be paid to the City.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-O-064.

Moved: Cm. Rendon
Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Garza
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VIII. RESOLUTIONS

13. 2010-R-038 A resolution of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the repeal of existing residential permit parking restrictions established for the neighborhoods adjacent to Shiloh Drive, north of the former United High School. (Approved by Operations Committee Agenda)

Motion to approve Resolution 2010-R-038.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

14. 2010-R-041 A resolution of the City of Laredo, Texas determining that Peter Venegas Inc. (South Texas Waste Systems) a local bidder provides the best combination of contract price and additional economic development opportunities in accordance with section 271.9051(b)(2) of the Texas Local Government Code for the contract for portable restroom services (bid FY10-049). (Operations Committee has recommended this item be sent to Council; approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to approve Resolution 2010-R-041.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IX. MOTIONS

15. Consideration for approval of change order #1 in the amount of \$6,600.00 to Landmark Structures for the 3.0 MG Elevated Water Storage Tank at Bartlett and Price. This change order consists of adjustments required for this project. The total contract amount will change to \$3,638,600.00. Funding is available in the 2009 Utility Bond Fund. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

16. Consideration for approval of change order no. 1 in the amount of \$87,552.05 to SLC Construction, LLC for the 20" Waterline Replacement along Jefferson Street/Lyon Street ARRA Project. This change order consists of adjustments required for this project using funds from the construction allowance in the contract. The total contract amount of \$1,073,339.40 will not change. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

17. Authorizing the City Manager to approve change order no. 2 to SLC Construction, LLC, Laredo, Texas for the 8” Waterline Replacement ARRA Project. This change order will add additional fitting as needed in the field as well as adding additional materials to remedy a ground water situation. This change order consists of adjustments required for this project using funds from the construction allowance provided in change order no. 1 (\$121,126.73). The total contract amount of \$6,680,503.08 will not change. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

18. Consideration for acceptance, final payment, release of retainage in the amount of \$322,873.00 and approval of no cost final change order no. 5 to Qromex Construction Co., Granite Shoals, Texas, for the Pueblo Nuevo Improvement Water Distribution and Wastewater Collection Project Work Order no. 2. This change order consists of adjustments required for this project. The final contract amount is \$2,921,961.88. Subject to the approval of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Funding is available in the Colonias Project Fund. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

19. Consideration to renew contract number FY08-052 to the following low bidders:

- a. HD Supply Waterworks, San Antonio, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$434,351.45 (Sections A, C, D, E, F, H);
- b. Ferguson Waterworks, Mission, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$132,131.10 (Section B).

This contract is for the purchase of mechanical joint fitting, valve boxes and pipe tubing for the Utilities Department. These materials are purchased on an as needed basis by the Utilities Department—Water Operations for construction and repair projects. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Fund. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

20. Consideration to award contract FY10-044 to the low bidder, Sky Resources, L.L.C., Columbus, Ohio, in the total amount of \$51,190.00 for the purchase of 3,000 smoke detectors. These smoke detectors will be distributed by the Fire Department as part of the Department's Fire Prevention Program. Funding is available utilizing grant proceeds from FEMA—Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) Grant. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

21. Discussion with possible action on whether or not to negotiate the terms of a successor agreement to the current Interlocal Agreement with Webb County, Texas, that began on October 1, 2005, and terminates on September 30, 2010, through which the Laredo Fire Department provides fire protection, emergency medical and rescue services within Webb County, by excluding any incorporated city lying outside the incorporated limits of the City of Laredo. (As amended by Operations Committee Agenda; Finance Committee has recommended this item be sent to Council)

Fire Chief Landin reported that he was present to ask City Council for guidance from the said agreement. He said that he has been working with the City Manager and his staff and they have come up with a few options that they could propose to the Council including an expansion to the fire services without EMS Services. The other option is to include EMS Services. He said that they are looking at adding additional capabilities to the organization both in the fire and the EMS side.

Mayor Pro Tempore Garza said as chairman of the Operations Committee he noted that they had a long discussion on this item. He said that they recommended eliminating the medical services. He said that they want staff to go to the County with the actual cost.

Carlos Villarreal, City Manager, said that it would be an additional \$2.5 million for fire suppression and an additional \$4 million the following year.

Fire Chief Landin said that they have formulated two proposals. He advised Council that when the Laredo Fire Department was organized and as it grew it utilized a response time of three to five minutes. He noted that the city is covered well. He said one proposal is just for fire services. He stressed that Webb County needs to invest into our organization because they are getting a \$40 million dollar fire department at a fraction of the cost. He asked City Council allow him to approach the County with the two proposals. He added that to continue both services there needs to be an investment of \$3.7 million dollars and subsequent investments of another \$2.5 in the subsequent year.

David Gonzalez, President of the Fire Fighters Union, reported that the City of Laredo does not have the man power to provide service to Webb County.

Cm. Garcia noted that Council needs to do what is right for the city and for the firefighters. He added that staff needs to consider the financial situation.

Motion to instruct staff to go to City County Government and discuss the financial situation and return to City Council with recommendations. The proposals should be sent to the Committee prior to the meeting date and a decision regarding the proposals must be made at the meeting.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Landeck

For: 4

Against: 4

Abstain: 0

Mayor Pro Tempore Garza

Cm. Narvaez

Cm. Garcia

Cm. Belmares

Cm. Landeck

Cm. Valdez

Cm. Rendon

Cm. Liendo Espinoza

Mayor Salinas voted in favor of this motion. Motion passes.

22. Amending the FY 09-10 contract with the Laredo Main Street to provide for an additional \$12,500.00 in funding to increase contract amount from \$37,500.00 to \$50,000.00. Funding is available in the Hotel-Motel Fund. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

23. Consideration to award a demolition contract to the lowest bidder for the demolition of substandard structures for the 2008 Texas Neighborhood Stabilization Program. The demolitions consist of twenty-five (25) substandard residential structures identified in census tracts 1.01, 1.03, 2.00, 7.00, 9.02, 12.00, and 18.01 which are the only census tracts approved by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for the program. A bid opening for the demolitions will be held on May 17, 2010 and staff will make their recommendation for award of the contract at the Council meeting. Funding is available in the 2008 Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to award to ALC Construction for \$76,400.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

24. Authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo's 2009 Consolidated One-Year Action Plan for the purpose of reprogramming Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds totaling \$271,170.00 to facilitate the rehabilitation of Casa de Misericordia and Mercy Ministries of Laredo Clinic, both operated by Mercy Ministries of Laredo. It is proposed that (1) \$100,000.00 of the funds allocated to the

Heritage Park Improvements project funded through 35th AY CDBG, be re-allocated to this project; and (2) a total of \$171,170.00 of the funds derived from 27th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, and 33rd Action Year CDBG fund balances from completed projects also be allocated as noted below.

CDBG PROJECT FUND BALANCES

27th AY

Graffiti Removal	\$ 1.00
Demolition of Sub. Std. Buildings	\$ 1.00
Santa Rita Park	\$ 1.00
Total 27th AY Fund Balances	\$ 3.00

29th AY

Santa Fe Park	\$ 1.00
Total 29th AY Fund Balances	\$ 1.00

30th AY

Plaza Theatre	\$ 4,300.00
Sidewalks	\$14,943.00
Slaughter Park	\$ 9,250.00
Total 30th AY Fund Balances	\$28,493.00

31st AY

C D Administration	\$41,564.00
Total 31st AY Fund Balances	\$41,564.00

32nd AY

Housing Rehabilitation Administration	\$ 65.00
Code Enforcement	\$ 60.00
Zacate Creek Pedestrian Bridge	\$ 4,591.00
Cruz Field Improvements	\$ 6,128.00
Total 32nd AY Fund Balances	\$ 10,844.00

33rd AY

Community Development Administration	\$ 8,005.00
Housing Rehabilitation Administration	\$ 6,414.00
Code Enforcement	\$40,438.00
Chacon Guatemozin Acquisition & Relocation	\$35,407.00
Hamilton Hotel	\$ 1.00
Total 33rd AY Fund Balances	\$90,265.00

TOTAL FUND BALANCES \$171,170.00

FUNDS TO BE RE-ALLOCATED

country simulation; and engage in thought provoking discussions about peace building with other delegates; and gain tangible leadership skills.
The New Zealand trip will be paid for by fundraising events by the Sister Cities Youth Committee totaling \$30,100.00.

Cm. Garcia pointed out that the New Zealand trip does not serve a public purpose so the Youth Committee cannot use tax payer money for the trip.

Motion to approve with the conditions that the seniors must fundraise for their trip.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

X. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

32. A. Request by Mayor Raul G. Salinas

1. Discussion with possible action to establish a program to recognize employees for their respective years of service to the City to be coordinated with Human Resources Department. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Mike Garza & Council Member Cynthia Liendo Espinoza)

Mayor Salinas recommended establishing a program to recognize employees for their respective years of service to the City. He added that the pin would stimulate the moral of the employees by presenting something tangible like a pin.

Dan Migura, Human Resources Director, reported that he had provided that information in the Friday packet. He noted that there are over 500 employees that would meet the suggested criteria. He advised that there are several programs that cost from \$1,000 to \$3,250. He displayed a model from UISD for Council's consideration.

Cm. Belmares suggested placing the years served on the identification badges.

Carlos Villarreal, City Manager, mentioned that he would submit some samples for recommendations.

2. Status report on the progress on the proposed Farmer's Market, with possible action. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Cynthia Liendo Espinoza)

Sandra Rocha Taylor Executive Director for the Laredo Main Street, stated that they have been meeting for seven or eight months and should be having a Farmer's Market within the next two or three months. She added that they have developed a wonderful list of vendors. She also mentioned that they had a preview on Earth Day and it was very successful.

3. Presentation on an upcoming "Business to Business" Conference being held locally to promote Mexican businesses to establish their operations in Laredo.

Roger Creery, Laredo Development Foundation, gave the following presentation:

Business without Border:

Reaching the American market through Laredo, Texas

Conference Information

Date: July 15 – 16, 2010 or July 22, 23, 2010

Location: Texas A & M International University-Student Center

Sponsors:

Inforced, Corporation

Laredo Development Foundation

Laredo Convention & Visitors Bureau

Texas A & M International University

Governor's Office of Economic Development

Participants

Mexican Business Community

Laredo Service Providers

Format:

Investing in Texas

Legal Structure

Tax Structure

Labor Laws

Immigration Issues

Importing and Exporting Regulations

The Laredo Advantage

Inforced, Corporation:

Marketing the event to potential investors in Mexico

Promotion, Marketing and Registration

Laredo Development Foundation:

Sponsorships

Printing Materials

Business and Economic Development Presentation

Exhibitors

Laredo Convention and Visitors Bureau:

Conference Promotion

Conference Support

Quality of Life Tours

Texas A & M International University

Location and Hosting of events

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

1. Discussion with possible action regarding the purchase of refuse trucks for the Solid Waste Department.

Cm. Valdez stated that he placed this item on the agenda after he received calls from several people in that department saying that there are in need of trucks.

Carlos Villareal, City Manager, said that staff is ready to make a recommendation to the City Council for ten trucks.

Francisco Meza, Purchasing Agent, said that the bids were submitted in January of 2010. He advised that there were modifications and requests for changes to the specifications. He said that the bids were opened March 26, 2010. He said that the recommendation would be submitted at the next meeting.

C. Request by Council Member Cynthia Liendo Espinoza

1. Presentation on new campaign to promote stronger values in the youth of our community. (Co-Sponsored by Mayor Raul G. Salinas)

Cm. Liendo Espinoza said that the reason she placed this item on the agenda is because she was approached by a group of constituents interested in promoting better values in the youth of Laredo. She said that they would like to initiate a campaign to promote stronger values in children called "*Dale valor a tu vida*". The idea is for interested individuals to discuss a different value every month and to have activities to reinforce the value. She invited the entire community to attend the first meeting on June 26, 2010.

2. Discussion with possible action on placing speed cushions on San Ignacio Street through the pilot program.

Cm. Liendo Espinoza advised that District VIII had \$30,000 allocated for street lights; however, she requested to relocate that money for speed cushion.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

3. Update on the status of improvements to the City of Laredo's website.

Cm. Liendo Espinoza said that she has brought this item to Council before. She expressed her concerns saying that when you go to the City's main page it is just a list of departments or different information that we could get but it is not attractive.

Motion to instruct the City Manager to review this item further and return to City Council with recommendations.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XI. STAFF REPORTS

33. Discussion with possible action regarding the Third Party Funding Application Process and Funding Priorities for FY 2010/2011.

Rey Ayala, Third Party Funding Chairperson, asked City Council for direction on distributing funds for the Third Party Funding.

City Manager, Carlos Villarreal, recommended using last years amount as a bench mark in distributing funds.

Mayor Pro Tempore Garza said that the ground rules would be that the committee work with the same amount of money that they had last year. He also said for the committee to focus on services that provided for health, feeding individuals, and critical needs.

Cm. Landeck suggested initiating a quantitative limit for criteria material. He said it is dangerous to leave the number open.

Cm. Belmares pointed out that the most they could use for administrative services is 15%.

Carlos Villarreal, City Manager, said that staff would provide a informative spreadsheet to City Council for recommendations at the next meeting. He added that he recommends the committee to use 15% as a benchmark when considering amounts for the organizations.

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: Mayor Pro Tempore Garza

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

34. Consideration to authorize the purchase and installation of a parking garage automated pay station system at the Transit Center from Mitchell Adding Machine Company Inc., dba Mitchell Time and Parking, Austin, in the total amount of \$52,200.00. Funding is available from Federal Transit Capital Grant No. TX-04-0040. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Garza

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

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 Tempore Garza

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

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 21 and they are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council meeting held on May 17, 2010.

Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary