

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M-2010-R-19
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
OCTOBER 4, 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,	Council Member, District I
Hector Garcia,	Council Member, District II
Juan Narvaez,	Council Member, District IV
Johnny Rendon,	Mayor Pro Tempore, District V
Gene Belmares,	Council Member, District VI
Jose A. Valdez, Jr.	Council Member, District VII
Cynthia Liendo-Espinoza,	Council Member, District VIII
Amy Sanchez	Deputy City Secretary IV
Carlos Villarreal,	City Manager
Cynthia Collazo,	Deputy City Manager
Horacio De Leon,	Assistant City Manager
Jesus Olivares,	Assistant City Manager
Raul Casso,	City Attorney

Motion to excuse Cm. Landeck.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Belmares joined the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of September 20, 2010.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Recognitions

- a. Recognizing the Laredo Community College Camilo Prada Child Development Center for earning accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) – the nation’s leading organization of early childhood professionals.

Mayor Salinas and City Council presented a certificate to the Laredo Community College Camilo Prada Child Development Center members.

Communiqués

- a. Invitation to the 2nd Annual Tree Planting Event to be held October 16, 2010 at North Central Park. Registration is at 8:00 a.m. and event starts at 9:00 a.m.

Cm. Belmares mentioned that at last year’s event, they had over 500 volunteers. He invited everyone to come out to the event.

- b. Recognizing Ms. Louise A. Mandel for her generous contributions to the City of Laredo of:

1. 390 acres of prime riverfront property located in west Laredo off of FM 1472 (Mines Road) known as property from Las Islitas Farm, to be dedicated for a Municipal Golf Course;
2. 500 acre feet of water rights for the irrigation of the golf course for the next 30 years; and,
3. \$1,000,000.00 for the construction of the municipal golf course to be named in memory of her late husband Max A. Mandel.

Louise and Roslyn Mandel presented an honorary check to the City of Laredo. Mayor Salinas and City Council presented a certificate of recognition to the Mandels.

Citizen comments

Sandra Rocha Taylor of Laredo Main Street invited everyone to the Farmers Market on Saturday, October 30th from 9am until 1pm at Jarvis Plaza. She mentioned that the third Saturday of every month a Farmers Market will be held in the same place from then on.

Armando Cisneros spoke on the matter of the City having taken \$7 million from the sports venue to do work on the baseball stadium. He had thought that after the Laredo

Energy Arena was paid for, the sports venue tax would go away, and so he felt that the City was prolonging this tax and that it was not right.

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- a. Appointment by Council Member Cynthia Liendo Espinoza of Mr. AB Barrera to the Economic Development Committee.

Motion to appoint Mr. AB Barrera.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo FY 2011 Airport Construction Budget to recognize additional revenues in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 from the General Fund of the City of Laredo as compensation for acquiring an approximate 3.90-acre (169,701 Sq. Ft) tract, or less, of non-aeronautical use land known as Lot No. 3 of Block No. 23 of the Subdivision Plat of Laredo Airport, Laredo, Webb County, Texas. The subject tract is being acquired by the General Fund of the City of Laredo from the City of Laredo Airport Fund at its appraised fair market value of \$1,230,332.00. The City proposes to donate the subject property to the University of Texas Board of Regents for the public purpose of, in collaboration with U. S. Veterans Administration, establishing and operating a Veterans clinic. In addition, a credit in the amount of \$769,668.00 will be available to the City of Laredo General Fund for a future acquisition of non-aeronautical use land from the Airport Fund. The proceeds in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 will be used to rehabilitate/reconstruct airport streets, and related improvements, such as, drainage systems, sidewalks, utilities, fencing, and demolish building foundations. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

2. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Health Department FY 2010-2011 annual budget by authorizing the City Manager to accept, execute and appropriate revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$46,000.00 from the Texas Department of State Health Services for the continuation of prenatal care services, women's health and wellness, and child early detection and prevention care for the medically indigent, underserved and uninsured by the Health Department Maternal and Child Health (MCH-Title V) Program for the period beginning September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

3. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Health Department FY 2010-2011 annual budget by authorizing the City Manager to accept, execute, and appropriate additional revenues and expenditures for the continuation of the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program in the amount of \$91,185.00 for a total of \$4,721,346.00 from the Texas Department of State Health Services as well as one (1) nutritionist FTE position for the term period from October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Health Department FY 2010-2011 annual budget by authorizing the City Manager to accept, execute, and appropriate revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$74,751.00 from the Texas Department of State Health Services for continuation of the Health Department Title V Family Planning and Prevention Services for the term of September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending Chapter 12, Article IV of the Code of Ordinances City of Laredo, Texas, by adding Section 12-83 entitled "Waiver of Fee" that will waive the inspection fee of \$20.00 applicable to ambulant snow cone vendors/popsicle vendors/paleta vendors/refreshment (drinks only) vendors, charged for Fire Inspection Services and Life Safety Inspection, however these vendors will be required to comply with all fire prevention practices and requirements as indicated by the City of Laredo Fire Marshal; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

6. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept a direct aid grant from the Texas State Library—Loan Star Libraries Program in the amount of \$35,265.00 for public computers for the new branches, replacement hardware, furniture for the new teen zone in the main library and funding for special programming such as author visits, workshop speakers and trainers for the public and amending the City of Laredo FY 2010-2011 annual budget revenues and expenditures by decreasing the amount by \$10,735.00. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

7. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept Round 13 of the Universal Service Program Grant (E-rate) from the Schools & Libraries Division/Universal Services Administrative Company/FCC in the total amount of \$417,432.00, which includes the City's 10% match of \$40,823.00 and ineligible or non-funded items in the amount of \$9,217.00, and amending the Friends of the Library Fund FY 2010-2011 annual budget by increasing revenues in the amount of \$29,894.00 and expenditures in the amount of \$42,432.00. Included in expenditures is a drawdown for the increase in the local match of \$12,538.00. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

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: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

8. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2011 Budget to establish the Baseball Stadium Fund and amending the Sports & Community Venue Sales Tax Fund by transferring \$7,000,000.00 from the Sports Venue Fund opening fund balance to the Baseball Stadium Fund. The transfer of funds will be used to partially fund the baseball stadium project.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Emilio Martinez spoke against the ordinance and referred to a newspaper report that the City did not have a definite dollar amount for this project. He felt that this left the agreement open-ended.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal clarified that the City would spend no more than \$17 million and that Council had already made this decision.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

9. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning all of the lots on Blocks I, J, K, 1, 10, 11, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 32, 33, 34, 41-A, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 58, 64 and 72; the lots fronting Flores Avenue on Blocks L, 2, 9, 21, 35, 41, 47 and 61; and the entire unnumbered block bounded by Grant and Zaragoza Streets on the north and south, and Flores and San Agustin Avenues on the west and east, Western Division, located as follows: the area bounded on the north by Matamoros Street, on the east and south by Santa Ursula Avenue, and on the west by the following properties: 202, 204, 310, 502, and 516 Flores Avenue, 1102 and 1103 Grant Street, 1101 and 1102 Iturbide Street, 1101 Lincoln Street, 1101 and 1102 Hidalgo Street, from CBD (Central Business District) to AE (Arts and Entertainment District); providing for publication and effective date. Staff supports the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change. (Presented to Operations Committee)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Keith Selman, Planning and Zoning Director, showed a map of the proposed zone changes to Mayor Salinas and City Council.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

10. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Foreign Trade Zone Operator Agreement with CROMEX Forwarding, Inc., as Zone Site Operator located at 8404 Killam Industrial Blvd. and located within Killam Industrial Park, Foreign Trade Zone Site No. 3; effective November 1, 2010 and ending September 30, 2014. Providing for activation, administration, annual and transaction fees to be paid to the City. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

11. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Foreign Trade Zone Operator Agreement with Pedraza Forwarding, Inc., as Zone Site Operator located at 8810 Killam Industrial Blvd. and located within the Killam Industrial Park, Foreign Trade Zone Site No. 3; effective November 1, 2010 and ending September 30, 2014. Providing for activation, administration, annual and transaction fees to be paid to the City. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

12. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Foreign Trade Zone Operator Agreement with Logimex, Inc., DBA Estafeta USA, Inc., as Zone Site Operator located at 5802 Bob Bullock Loop Suite C-1 and located within the Laredo International Airport, Foreign Trade Zone Site No. 1; effective November 1, 2010 and ending September 30, 2014. Providing for activation, administration, annual and transaction fees to be paid to the City. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

13. Amending Chapter 32, Vehicle for Hire, Article II, taxicabs operating authority, Section 32-28(a), renewal of annual permit, adding that a permit will be suspended for thirty (30) days, for first occurrence, sixty (60) days for second occurrence, and revoked for more than two (2) occurrences for failure to meet all permit renewal requirements by the last day of February of each year and deleting wording "except for 32-22(c)" for clarification and amending section 32-29, suspension and revocation of annual permit, by deleting section 32-29(a)7 and section 32-29(e)2 to avoid conflict with revised section 32-28(a), providing for severability, publication and effective date. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

14. Amending the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) budget by appropriating an additional \$123,805.00 in training & technical assistance funds for a total of \$3,395,441.00 as part of the contract with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA); accepting these additional funds and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related documents in support of the same. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive the final readings of Ordinances 2010-O-140, 2010-O-141, 2010-O-142, 2010-O-143, 2010-O-144, 2010-O-145, 2010-O-146, and 2010-O-147.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

15. 2010-O-140 Authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract and amend the City of Laredo Health Department FY 2009-2010 annual budget by appropriating additional revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$5,894.00 for a total of \$140,236.00 in funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services, an estimated \$25,012.00 of Program Income, and creating one (1) FTE position for the continuation of the Health Department-LaFamilia Primary Health Care Prevention Program term period from September 1, 2010, through August 31, 2011.

Motion to approve 2010-O-140.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2010-O-141 Accepting \$524,539.00 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds and \$350,000.00 in Coordinated Border Infrastructure (CBI) Funds for the Laredo International Airport Industrial Park Project, and to appropriate and allocate funds for said grant; this appropriation includes \$264,322.00 which is pending approval and award from TXDot (refer to 2010-R-078). The grant will be accounted for in the Capital Grants Funds.

Motion to approve 2010-O-141.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2010-O-142 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 9.0 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located north of US Highway 359 and west of Maria Luisa Drive, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District).

Motion to approve 2010-O-142.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2010-O-143 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 3.2 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located north of US Highway 359 and west of Maria Luisa Drive, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District).

Motion to approve 2010-O-143.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2010-O-144 Amending Ordinance No. 94-O-081 of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for a manufactured housing park on approximately 14.83 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located at 301 International Boulevard, by amending the provisions.

Motion to approve 2010-O-144.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2010-O-145 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 10.55 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located at the northeast corner of Bucky Houdmann Boulevard and Loop 20, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District).

Motion to approve 2010-O-145.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2010-O-146 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a grocery store on Lot 5B,

Block 1616, Eastern Division, located at 2718 Chestnut Street; providing for publication and effective date. (As Amended)

Motion to approve 2010-O-146.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2010-O-147 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant from the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) in the amount of \$175,000.00 with \$50,000.00 in matching funds, and \$55,000.00 in in-kind services for a total of \$280,000.00, and amending the City of Laredo's FY2009-2010 Annual Budget for the Environmental Services Department by appropriating the said grant revenue to the appropriate expenditure accounts. Funds will be used to fund a small scale photovoltaic (PV) solar cell panel array system and wind turbine system pilot project at the Environment Services Department.

Motion to approve 2010-O-147.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

X. RESOLUTIONS

16. 2010-R-088 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the State of Texas Governor's Office in the amount of \$200,000.00 for overtime for Laredo Police Officers working under the Operators & Chauffeurs Grant. The grant is to be 100% funded by the State of Texas Governor's Office for the period of November 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011 at no cost to the city. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve Resolution 2010-R-088.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

17. 2010-R-089 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Serving Children and Adolescents in Need (SCAN), Inc., to continue the partnership for services provided by the Department's HIV outreach, HIV testing, pre and post test counseling and pre-treatment services in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the term of October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve Resolution 2010-R-089.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

18. 2010-R-091 Authorizing the City Manager to acquire an approximate 3.90-acre (169,701 sq. ft) tract, or less, of non-aeronautical use land known as Lot No. 3 of Block No. 23 of the Subdivision Plat of Laredo Airport, Laredo, Webb County, Texas. The subject tract is being acquired by the General Fund of the City of Laredo from the City of Laredo Airport Fund at its appraised fair market value of \$1,230,332.00. A credit in the amount of \$769,668.00 will be available to the City of Laredo General Fund for a future acquisition of non-aeronautical use land from the Airport Fund. The City proposes to donate the subject approximate 3.90-acre tract to the University of Texas Board of Regents for the public purpose of, in collaboration with U. S. Veterans Administration, establishing and operating a Veterans clinic. The proceeds in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 will be used to rehabilitate/reconstruct airport streets, and related improvements, such as, drainage systems, sidewalks, utilities, fencing, and demolish building foundations.

Motion to approve Resolution 2010-R-091.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XI. MOTIONS

19. Consideration to authorize a contract with the following vendors:

1. The lowest bidder, M1 Networks, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$58,421.00 for the purchase and installation of video surveillance system;
2. The purchase of the hardware/software networking equipment from Insight Networking, Austin, Texas, through the State of Texas DIR contract SDD-236, in the amount of \$52,943.20.

This equipment and software will integrate with the existing analog camera system at the Police Station to achieve high definition video recording and playback. Funding is available from Police Trust Fund Capital Outlay account.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

20. Consideration to award a Professional Services Contract to Canales, Garza & Baum, PLLC Certified Public Accountants for a period of two (2) years in the amount not to exceed \$85,000.00 for each fiscal year in order to provide audit services for fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 and for fiscal year ending September 30, 2011. Audit fees will be allocated to the professional services line item among the different funds to be audited. This contract is subject to future budget appropriations. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

21. Consideration for acceptance, and release of retainage in the amount of \$479,570.08 to Holloman Corporation for completion of the Jefferson Street Water Treatment Plant Disinfection Facility Project. The total cost of the project is \$4,769,584.79 and is funded under the 2008 Utility Revenue Bond. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

22. Consideration for approval of the selection of consultant Puig Engineering, Laredo, Texas, Laredo Division of Civil Engineering Consultants, in association with Blanton & Associates, Inc., Austin, Texas, for the West Laredo Corridor-Flecha Lane/Las Cruces Intersection for design and preparation of plans and specifications and authorization to negotiate a professional services contract. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund-West Laredo/CPL Road Ph II. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

23. Consideration to amend supply contract number FY09-084 awarded to Leyendecker Materials, Laredo, Texas, for the purchase of asphalt type "D" hot mix and asphalt type "D" hot mix with 1% lime by extending the contract term by ninety (90) days. All materials are purchased on an as needed basis utilizing the Public Works Department, construction projects budget. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

24. Consideration to award a professional services contract to Castle Engineering & Testing, LLC., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$57,990.00 to provide laboratory, sampling and testing services of materials for quality assurance for the Laredo International Airport Runway 17R-35L Extension. Contract time is for the duration of the project approximately two hundred sixty (260) calendar days. Funding is available in the Airport Construction Fund Grant, No. 65. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

25. Consideration for approval of the Tarver Recreational Center Exercise Room Addition as complete, approval of release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$3,953.00 to Millenium Builders, Mission, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$39,570.00. Funding is available in the Parks and Leisure Services Department—Tarver Recreational Center. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

26. Consideration for approval of change order no. 1 a decrease of \$101,515.00 to the construction contract with Zertuche Construction, LLC., Laredo, Texas, for the North Central Park Trailhead Facility for construction work adjustments to improve aesthetics and availability of materials coordination. Current construction contract with this change order is \$458,485.00. Funding is available in the Parks and Leisure Services Department—North Central Park Trailhead Facility. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

27. Award of a construction contract to the lowest bidder WRG Fire Training Simulation Systems, Inc., Sherwood, Oregon, in the amount of \$377,087.00 for the Upgrades/Modifications for the Aircraft and Structural Fire Training Props and Facilities at the Laredo International Fire and Law Enforcement Training Center (Re-Bid) with a construction contract time of one hundred (100) working days; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related contract documents contingent

upon receipt and approval of insurance and bond documents. Funding is available in the 2006, 2007 and 2008 Certificates of Obligation. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

28. Consideration to award a professional services contract to Porras Nance Engineering, Laredo, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 for design and preparation of plans and specifications for the Cuatro Vientos Road—City Street Connectors Sierra Vista and Pita Mangana. Design work is to be on a fast track basis approximately five (5) months. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

29. Consideration for approval to reject the bids received for the Clark Boulevard Turning Lane since the bids were over the budget allotted and authorization to construct the project in-house by Public Works. Funding is available in the 2008 C.O. Issue.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

30. Consideration to award one (1) year contracts to:

1. ServiceWear Apparel, Houston, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$40,000.00 through the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance cooperative purchasing program for the purchase of industrial uniforms and;
2. G&K Services, San Antonio, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$30,000.00 through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purchase of industrial uniforms.

Funding is available in the various department budgets.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

31. Consideration to award contract FY10-081 for the purchase of original equipment manufacturer (OEM) parts for the City's medium and heavy duty trucks to the following bidders:

1. Rush Truck Center, Laredo, TX in the estimated amount of \$180,000.00;
2. Rotex Truck Center, Laredo, TX in the estimated amount of \$75,000.00;

All parts will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget. (As amended and approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

32. Consideration to renew contract FY09-001 awarded to Leyendecker Materials, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$195,000.00 for the purchase of MS1, MS2, and MC-30 emulsified asphalt oils used for street paving projects. All materials are purchased on an as needed basis utilizing the construction project budgets. Funding is available in the Public Works and Utilities Department construction projects budgets. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

33. Consideration to award contract FY10-082, C.W. Tenorio Security Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the estimated annual amount of \$381,628.00 for providing security guard services at various municipal operations. The contract term is for two (2) years and is subject to continued appropriations in future fiscal budgets. Funding is available in the respective departmental budgets. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

34. Authorizing the award of a contract in the amount of \$407,566.20 to Star Operations, Inc. for the CSJ 0922-33-140 Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Integration Project to upgrade the downtown traffic signal cabinets. This is a Federally funded Surface Transportation Earmark administered by the Texas

Department of Transportation and contingent on TXDoT approval. (As amended and approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

35. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding Agreement between the City of Laredo Health Department and the following entities: Gateway Community Health Center for \$71,182.00, Mercy Ministries for \$71,182.00, Doctors Hospital Cancer Institute for \$100,000.00 and Laredo Medical Center Cancer Institute for \$100,000.00 to conduct early cancer detection prevention, health education and diagnostic procedures as part of the Cancer Prevention Institute of Texas (CPRIT) Project and is renewable for another two (2) years contingent on future funding availability. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Liendo Espionza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

36. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a one (1) year service agreement with SunGard Public Sector, Lake Mary, Florida, in the amount of \$133,815.00. The service agreement is for software enhancements and maintenance on the financial applications residing on the City's IBM iSeries computer system for the period of October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011. Funding is available in the Information Technology Fund. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Liendo Espionza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

37. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute contracts with U.S. and Mexico print, billboard and electronic media vendors listed in the enclosed attachment entitled CVB Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Media Buy Plan. Media plan advertisements for the Laredo Convention & Visitors Bureau will be placed beginning October 2010. The total amount is not to exceed \$671,814.00. Funding is available in the CVB FY 2010-2011 Budget. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Liendo Espionza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

38. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to place work orders with several creative services providers during Fiscal Year 2010-2011 for the design and production of advertisements and marketing images to promote Laredo as a destination. Funding is available in the CVB Marketing Division Budget. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Liendo Espionza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

39. Consideration for approval of change order no. 1 an increase of \$625,000.00 to the construction contract with Zertuche Construction, LLC., Laredo, Texas, for the Laredo Independence Hills Regional Park—Phase II for additional park structures. Current construction contract amount with this change order is \$3,125,000.00. Funding is available in the 2007 C.O., 2008 C.O., Capital Improvements Fund and Parks Capital Grants.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

40. A. Request by Council Member Mike Garza
1. Discussion with possible action on the Police Chief's consideration for Captain position for Laredo Police Department.

Cm. Garza thanked the group of City officials who went to Washington to seek funding for the Police Department. He wanted to know what issues would arise with the possibility of adding a Captain position.

Police Chief Carlos Maldonado said that they were down thirty-nine officer positions currently and would have to reclassify to have a Captain. He went on to explain that next year there would be two back-to-back police academies so that they would get more officers, but currently the timing to add a Captain was not right and they could not afford it.

Lieutenant Alfredo Sarmiento, Police Department, said that he felt that the Police Chief was changing the rules and that this was unfair. He went on to explain how he had taken a test for Captain and was next in line for the position that had been presented in the organizational chart, but now the Police Chief was saying that they could not create the position due to funding issues.

2. Discussion with possible action on developing a xeriscaping plan for all right of way areas in the City of Laredo.

Cm. Garza said that he felt that this was important because new developments were required to have grasses and trees, but the subsequent upkeep was expensive.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal responded that they would come back with ideas to take to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

3. Discussion with possible action on supporting the Pony League World Series in 2012.

Cm. Garza said that they had two years to get ready to make this world series happen in Laredo.

Richard Rosas thanked staff for their support of this project.

Assistant City Manager Jesus Olivares explained that they currently had enough inventory to facilitate 85-90 teams.

Cm. Garza went on to explain that this world series could serve as an anchor to building a multisports complex.

Cm. Garcia said that he would rather have the City Manager come back with recommendations instead of having a committee since they already had the Parks and Leisure Advisory Board.

Motion to create a committee to oversee preparations for the Pony League World Series and to eventually expand its role to other sports activities.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

B. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Johnny Rendon

1. Discussion with possible action regarding improvements on Taylor Park with District V Discretionary Funds.

Motion to use District V Discretionary Funds to complete the improvements on Taylor Park.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

C. Request by Council Member Gene Belmares

1. Discussion with possible action completing the widening of Del Mar Boulevard at Zacate Creek.

Cm. Belmares said that there were monies that had not been expended for this widening project and wanted to know the status.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal said that they would bring back this item with a cost estimate and that currently there were \$500,000 available.

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, explained that they did not have right-of-way right now.

Cm. Belmares mentioned that the project needed to be done and that it seemed that the developer had abandoned his responsibility so that the City would take over due to the safety issue.

City Attorney Raul Casso offered to research this issue and bring a response with options back to Council.

Cm. Belmares asked for the traffic department to look into lighting this area because there had been a lot of accidents there.

2. Discussion with possible action on the extension of Springfield Avenue, north of Shiloh.

Cm. Belmares explained that they needed a mechanism to take possession to access that property by the 16th to cut offroad bike trails. He asked City Engineer Rogelio Rivera to take a look at swinging a little left to get the access and for Environmental Services Director Riazul Mia and Community Development Director Ronnie Acosta to take a look at the plans to make a small adjustment. He also asked for a meeting to be scheduled to discuss the matter further.

3. Status report with possible action on all pending speed hump requests located in District VI.

Cm. Belmares said that he received a report from the Traffic department on this issue and noticed that most of the speed hump requests did not qualify.

Traffic Director Roberto Murillo explained that the applications did not meet the criteria but he could provide detailed information to explain those criteria to the Council Member.

Cm. Belmares asked for the Legal department to work on this issue.

4. Status report on sidewalk project on Merlin Street, south of Del Mar Boulevard, with possible action.

Cm. Belmares asked which 300-block of the street was being completed.

Public Works Director John Orfila responded that it was the west side of Merlin.

D. Request by Council Member Cynthia Liendo Espinoza

1. Discussion with possible action on creating a resolution supporting a paddling trail on the Rio Grande.

Eric Elman, Big River Outfitters, presented a sample resolution to Mayor and Council. He spoke about the paddling event that took place during the summer and congratulated them for making it possible. He went on to say that kayaking and paddle sports were a fast-growing industry and asked the Mayor and Council for their support.

Motion to create a resolution supporting a paddling trail on the Rio Grande.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Presentation on National Night Out scheduled for October 5, 2010 at the Laredo Civic Center.

Cm. Liendo Espinoza invited Mayor Salinas, City Council and the public to come out and join them at the National Night Out.

Scott Clemens from Target, one of the sponsors, said that this was a chance to showcase Target's commitment to the community.

XIII. STAFF REPORT

41. Status report by Heberto Ramirez, IST Director, regarding the Time Warner Cable digitizing Public Education Government (PEG) channels.

IST Director Heberto Ramirez mentioned a letter that was received by them in July from Time Warner Cable indicating that they would be converting all their channels to digital, including PEG channels. He went on to explain in detail the City's actions to date in objecting to this decision and asking for time extensions regarding the PEG channels. He also mentioned that the City had joined a coalition of seven cities to fight this change.

Israel Tellez, a local pastor, expressed his opposition to what Time Warner Cable had planned regarding digitizing PEG channels.

Chuck Owen spoke against Time Warner Cable's decision due to his own negative experiences with the company.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XV. 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. Garza

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

42. Consideration to award contract FY10-083, C.W. Tenorio Security Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the estimated annual amount of \$52,124.80 for providing security guard services at the Transit Maintenance Facility. The contract term is for two (2) years and is subject to continued appropriations in future fiscal budgets. Funding is available in the Transit System budget. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

43. Award of a construction contract to the lowest bidder ALC Construction, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the base bid amount of \$115,300.00 for Project No. 43—El Metro Sidewalks (16 Blocks—District I, III, IV & V) with a construction contract time of forty-five (45) working days; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related contract documents contingent upon receipt and approval of insurance and bond documents. Funding is available in the Transit New Freedom Grant and Transit Sales Tax. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XVI. 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.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

I. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Recognitions

- b. Recognizing Miss Ana Christina Rodriguez on being crowned MISS TEXAS USA 2011 on Sunday, September 5, 2010 in a competition featuring 96 contestants from throughout the State of Texas.

Mayor Salinas and City Council presented a certificate of recognition to Ana Christina Rodriguez.

II. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 1. A. Request by Council Member Cynthia Liendo Espinoza
 - 1. Discussion with possible action on setting October 18, 2010 meeting for the presentation of the River Vega Project. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Hector "Tito" Garcia & Mayor Pro-Tempore Johnny Rendon)

Cm. Liendo Espinoza said that she thought that it was time to bring this item forward to Council for approval.

Cm. Garcia asked for a breakdown of the numbers that they had been given.

Environmental Services Director Riazul Mia explained the scoring sheet numbers to show which companies had scored the highest.

Cm. Valdez said that he wished to hear presentations from the companies that had been ranked from one to three.

Cm. Liendo Espinoza said that she didn't want staff to conduct interviews but rather to bring back the top three companies for a presentation.

Motion to bring back the companies ranked in the top three for presentation at the next Council meeting.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 6

Against: 1
Cm. Garcia

Abstain: 0

III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0