

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M-2010-R-20
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
OCTOBER 18, 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
Michael Landeck	Council Member, District III
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
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 Cm. Garza, Cm. Landeck, and Cm. Belmares.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of October 4, 2010.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Narvaez
For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Belmares and Cm. Landeck joined the meeting at 5:45 pm.

Cm. Garza joined the meeting at 6:28 pm.

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Recognitions

- a. Recognizing Target Stores and Border Media for their co-sponsorship of National Night Out 2010 held on October 5, 2010.

Cm. Liendo Espinoza thanked the co-sponsors and recognized Scott Clemens from Target and also Border Media. She reported that the event was a wonderful success and thanked Parks and Leisure and also the Civic Center staff.

Citizen comments

Xonaldo De Leon, Jr. stated that he was fighting for autism awareness in Laredo. He felt that many people were being pushed around and asked for Council to do something about it.

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- a. Appointment by Mayor Raul G. Salinas of Mr. Freddy Benavides to the Sports Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.

Motion to appoint Freddy Benavides to the Sports Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- b. Appointment by Council Member Mike Garza of Mr. Richard Rosas to the Sports Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.

Motion to appoint Richard Rosas to the Sports Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- c. Appointment by Council Member Michael Landeck of Mr. Fred Villarreal to the Sports Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Landeck

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- d. Appointment by Council Member Juan Narvaez of Mr. Alejandro Campero to the Sports Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.

Motion to appoint Alejandro Campero to the Sports Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.

Moved: Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- e. Appointment by Council Member Gene Belmares of Mr. Alex Aguilar to the Sports Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.

Motion to appoint Alex Aguilar to the Sports Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.

Moved: Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to appoint Roberto Mancha to the Sports Ad Hoc Advisory Committee as per Cm. Rendon.

Moved: Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public hearing and introductory ordinance by the City Council of The City of Laredo, Texas authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of City of Laredo, Texas General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2010; approving and authorizing an official statement and the distribution thereof, a purchase contract, an escrow agreement, and a paying agent/registrar agreement; approving and authorizing all other instruments and procedures related thereto; declaring an emergency; and providing for an immediate effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

Second: Cm. Belmares

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

2. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of Laredo, Texas, Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, New Series 2010, for the purpose of improving and extending the City's combined Waterworks System and Sewer System, approving an official statement, authorizing the execution of a purchase contract, making provisions for the security thereof; authorizing amendment to the City's budget to appropriate such proceeds for purposes authorizing herein; and ordaining other matters relating to the subject.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

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. Narvaez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

3. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of \$10,000,000.00 in aggregate principal amount of "City of Laredo, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2010" for paying all or a portion of the City's contractual obligations incurred for the purpose of
 1. Constructing, improving and repairing City streets and sidewalks, together with drainage, traffic and street signalization and lighting improvements;
 2. Acquisition of municipal equipment and municipal vehicles for various City departments, to wit: City Administration, health and welfare department, engineering department, parks and recreation department, public safety department, and public works departments;
 3. Acquiring, designing, constructing, improving and equipping municipal buildings, to wit: City parks and recreation buildings and facilities, public libraries, and fire administration building, including land acquisition and

right-of-way, construction and design, and major repair and renovations to existing municipal buildings consisting primarily of electrical, plumbing and roofing; and

4. Acquisition of land and interest in land for authorized municipal public purposes for City departments, to wit: City administration department, health and welfare department, parks and recreation department, public safety department, and public works department and for the payment of legal, fiscal, and engineering fees in connection with such projects; securing the payment thereof by authorizing the levy of an annual ad valorem tax; approving and authorizing the execution of all instruments and procedures related thereto including a paying agent/registrar agreement and a purchase contract; approving the form of an official statement; authorizing the City's budget to appropriate such proceeds for purposes authorized herein; and declaring an effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Landeck

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the code of ordinances section 15-5 (fees for influenza, pneumococcal, childhood and other immunizations) by specifying charges and raising the administrative fee from \$4.00 to \$8.00 for children and qualifying adults; section 15-9 (fees for maternal and child health program) by establishing a fee of \$26.00 per visit for early detection, screening, nursing and/or sexually transmitted disease services; section 15-12 (fees for clinical health services provided in the adult health/primary health care, disease prevention, chronic disease services, early detection or sexually transmitted disease services) by adding a first visit fee of \$26.00 and a follow-up general fee of \$15.00; and section 15-13 by increasing the fee of \$15.00 for water bacteriological testing to \$22.00 and repealing ordinances 2008-O-163 and 2000-O-169; and this action was accepted by motion or as part of the budget during the budget workshop and will allow for additional patient care services needed to assure appropriate care, protect the public's health and to prevent disease outbreaks; and providing for public hearing, publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

6. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 12 & the west three (3) feet of Lot 11, Block 1627, Eastern Division, located at 2720 Ross Street, from 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 II

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Garcia

7. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 10 and East ½ of Lot 11, Block 925, Eastern Division, located at 1706 Chihuahua Street, from R-O (Residential/Office District) to B-1 (Limited 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 III

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Landeck

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Landeck

8. 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 on Lots 5, 6, and 7, Block 1, San Isidro Business Park, located at 410 Crossroads Street; providing for publication and effective date.

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

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Belmares

9. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 5, Block 1950, Eastern Division, located at 3113 Clark Boulevard, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

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

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Landeck

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Gerardo Gutierrez, property owner for 17 years, stated that he needed the lot to be commercially zoned. He felt that it had much traffic and great earning potential if the zoning were changed.

Motion to close the public hearing and go with the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission to deny.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Landeck

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VIII. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive the final readings of Ordinances 2010-O-148, 2010-O-149, 2010-O-150, 2010-O-151, 2010-O-152, 2010-O-153, 2010-O-154, 2010-O-155, 2010-O-156, 2010-O-157, 2010-O-158, 2010-O-159, 2010-O-160, and 2010-O-161.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

10. 2010-O-148 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.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2010-O-148.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2010-O-149 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.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2010-O-149.

Moved: Cm. Belmares
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2010-O-150 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.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2010-O-150.

Moved: Cm. Belmares
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2010-O-151 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.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2010-O-151.

Moved: Cm. Belmares
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2010-O-152 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 approve Ordinance 2010-O-152.

Moved: Cm. Belmares
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2010-O-153 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.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2010-O-153.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2010-O-154 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 ineligibles 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.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2010-O-154.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2010-O-155 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 approve Ordinance 2010-O-155.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2010-O-156 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

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.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2010-O-159.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2010-O-160 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.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2010-O-160.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2010-O-161 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.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2010-O-161.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IX. RESOLUTIONS

11. 2010-R-090 Authorizing City Manager to issue a release of lien in the form and consent of Exhibit A to confirm release of paving liens made or attempted to be made under a pre-paving ordinance adopted on October 6, 1959 and a post-paving ordinance of June 7, 1960 in the

absence of any record of the paving liens having been actually imposed and due to the passage of more than fifty years since their enactment.

Motion to approve Resolution 2010-R-090.

Moved: Cm. Belmares
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

12. 2010-R-092 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a memorandum of agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit A, between the Office of the Inspector General, Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) and the Laredo Police Department for the lawful purpose of facilitating the coordination and sharing of inter-agency technology applications.

Motion to approve Resolution 2010-R-092.

Moved: Cm. Belmares
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

13. 2010-R-093 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a memorandum of agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit A, between the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and the Laredo Police Department for the purpose of participating in the Law Enforcement Analysis Portal (LEAP).

Motion to approve Resolution 2010-R-093.

Moved: Cm. Belmares
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

14. 2010-R-094 Dissolving of the Laredo Affordable Housing Corporation (LAHC) and the transfer of all corporation assets to the City of Laredo HOME program at the instruction of the LAHC Board in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and further authorizing the LAHC Board President to execute all documents providing for LAHC's dissolution. LAHC current assets include \$1,251,454.88 located in a BBVA Compass account and the ownership of a property located at 2406 Severita with an appraised value of \$95,420.00.

Motion to approve Resolution 2010-R-094.

Moved: Cm. Belmares
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

15. 2010-R-096 Authorizing the City Manager to request proposals for construction contractors to implement Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) energy efficiency measure at qualified households within the City of Laredo in accordance with section 252.021 (c) of the local government code which allows municipalities to use alternative procurement methods. Funding is available in the Community Development Weatherization Grant.

Motion to approve Resolution 2010-R-096.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

16. 2010-R-097 Amending the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Laredo and the Laredo Housing Authority regarding the playground module located on Circle Drive at Davis Avenue to reflect that neither party will assume any liability beyond that provided by law, and providing that the City and Housing Authority shall purchase and maintain general liability insurance in the amount of one-million dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

Motion to approve Resolution 2010-R-097.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

X. MOTIONS

17. 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.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

18. Consideration to authorize the purchase of computers, computer hardware, computer software, and other services offered through the State of Texas, Department of Information Resources (DIR) cooperative purchase contracts. The City is a member of the State of Texas—Texas Procurement and Support Services (TPASS) Cooperative Purchasing program which allows the City of Laredo to take

advantage of approved State contracts. Funding for cooperative purchase contracts and services are available in the respective departmental budgets.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

19. Consideration for approval of change order no. 1 an increase of \$445,397.38 to the construction contract with Zertuche Construction, LLC., Laredo, Texas, for the Upper Zacate Creek Multi-Purpose Detention Pond Drainage Channel Improvement Project from Gale Street to Jacaman Road to add full concrete channelization to the project to improve drainage flow and control erosion and to add two hundred seventy (270) calendar days to the construction contract time, as follows: one hundred thirty-seven (137) days for rain delays and one hundred thirty-three (133) for added scope of work. Current construction contract amount with this change order is \$2,227,068.44. With approval of this change order this contract is due to be completed in late January 2011. Funding is available in the Zacate Creek Detention Pond Project. Funding is available in the 2007 Bond.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

20. Consideration for approval to ratify amendment no. 6 an increase of \$38,500.00 to the professional services contract with Architectura SA, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, for the Clinical/Laboratory Expansion and Renovation for the City of Laredo Health Department for additional services for extended construction administration services and re-design of the Clinical Areas – Phase II. Current engineering contract amount with this amendment is \$767,036.64. Funding is available in the 2008 Certificate of Obligation – Health Complex Phase II.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

21. Consideration to award contract FY10-097 for the purchase of original equipment manufacturer (OEM) parts for the City's fleet vehicles to the low bidder Paul Young Chevrolet Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the estimated annual amount of \$60,000.00. All parts will be purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.

Motion to approve.

25. Consideration for acceptance of a risk-free, no cost, AMR (Automatic Meter Reading) and AMI (Advanced Metering Infrastructure) Preferred Customer FlexNet Pilot Program from Aqua Metric Sales Company for evaluation of this system to demonstrate that FlexNet should be the preferred AMR and AMI system choice for the City of Laredo Utilities Department. The total cost for this pilot program to the City of Laredo will be zero.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

26. Consideration for acceptance of the 12" Water Line Replacement Project along Flecha Lane; and approval for final payment and release of retainage in the amount of \$72,562.15; and approval of credit on Miscellaneous allowance of \$25,000.00 to be incorporated in change order no. 1 to Qromex Construction Granite Shoals, Texas. The final contract amount is \$142,196.50. Funding is available in the 2009 Utility Bond-Line Rehabilitation Account no. 557-4186-538-0359.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

27. Authorizing the City Manager to approve change order no. 1 in the amount of \$18,007.00 and increasing the total contract price from \$2,091,776.65 to \$2,109,786.65 to DEH Construction, Co., LLC, Laredo, Texas. This change order will upgrade capacity size and voltage to the Hendricks Booster Station Generator and is subject to approval by Texas Water Development Board. Funding is available in the Utilities Department ARRA Grant.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

28. Authorizing the City Manager to terminate the existing contract between the City of Laredo and SLC Construction, LLC, for the 8" Waterline Replacement at various locations project and allow Liberty Mutual (SAFECO) Insurance Alliance to complete the project. The total amount of the Contract was \$6,680,503.08 and is approximately fifty (50) percent complete.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Narvaez

Funding is available utilizing grant funding from the Department of Energy—SECO Grant.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
 Second: Cm. Garza
 For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

37. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement between Texas Engineering Extension Service/Emergency Services Training Institute (TEEX) and the City of Laredo Fire Department to define the responsibilities for both parties for the education instructional activities to be offered to Firefighters, non Firefighter trainees and out-of-country first responders at the Laredo International Fire/Law Enforcement Training Center. The period of performance under this agreement is specified as the date of the last signature on the Agreement through December 31st of 2011, unless sooner terminated in accordance with the terms in the agreement.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
 Second: Cm. Garza
 For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

38. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts to be adjusted for the month of September 2010, represent a decrease of \$25,077.27. These adjustments are determined by the Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

39. Authorizing the City Manager to execute individual contracts with the following Hotel/Motel Tax Fund Recipients totaling \$419,685.00 for FY 2010-2011. Funding is available in the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund.

Border Olympics	\$70,000.00	Chamber of Commerce/Cola Blanca	\$25,000.00
Laredo Ctr. For the Arts	\$150,000.00	Laredo Heat Youth Soccer Asso.	\$20,000.00
Laredo Phil. Orchestra	\$23,400.00	Lulac 12	\$ 5,000.00
Lulac 7	\$ 4,000.00	Mexican Cultural Institute	\$ 7,500.00
Society of Martha Wash.	\$10,000.00	Streets of Laredo	\$15,000.00
WBCA	\$ 59,785.00	Webb County Heritage Found.	\$30,000.00
TOTAL			\$419,685.00

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Valdez
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

40. Authorizing the City Manager to execute individual contracts with the following Third Party Funding Recipients, totaling \$364,200.00 for FY 2010-2011. Funding is available in the General Fund:

Area Health Ed. Ctr.	\$11,250.00	BEST	\$ 7,500.00
Bethany House	\$21,000.00	BigBrother/Sister of So.TX	\$ 3,750.00
BANC	\$28,450.00	Boys' & Girl's Clubs	\$30,750.00
Boys Scouts of America	\$ 3,750.00	Casa de Misericordia	\$16,000.00
Children's Advocacy Ctr	\$27,825.00	Girl Scouts of So.TX	\$ 3,750.00
Habitat for Humanity	\$10,500.00	Imaginarium of So.TX	\$10,300.00
Kidney Foundation	\$20,000.00	Laredo Amateur Boxing	\$ 7,500.00
Laredo CrimeStoppers	\$ 1,000.00	Laredo Little Theatre	\$ 6,000.00
Laredo Reg. Food Bank	\$ 8,000.00	LISD CrimeStoppers	\$ 7,000.00
Literacy Volunteers	\$ 3,000.00	Sacred Heart Childrens Home	\$15,000.00
SCAN	\$13,500.00	So. TX Food Bank	\$35,875.00
Special Olympics	\$ 7,500.00	STCADA	\$ 5,000.00
TX Migrant SafeHaven	\$10,000.00	Veteran's Coalition	\$50,000.00
TOTAL			\$364,200.00

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

41. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with the Laredo Development Foundation in the amount of \$341,743.00 for FY 2010-2011. Funding is available from the General Fund in the amount of \$258,443.00, and the Bridge Fund in the amount of \$83,300.00.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

42. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with the Laredo Animal Protective Society otherwise known as the Laredo Animal Shelter, totaling \$300,000.00 for FY 2010-2011. Funding is available in the General Fund.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

43. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Laredo Main Street in the amount of \$50,000.00 in support of the Laredo Main Street Program. Funding is available from the Hotel-Motel Fund and General Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XI. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

44. A. Request by Mayor Raul G. Salinas

1. Discussion with possible action regarding ongoing efforts to provide airline services from Laredo, Texas to Mexico City.

Jose Flores, Airport Director, reported that they had recently sent out letters to four airlines in Mexico that use small planes. He went on to explain that Mexicana airline had filed for bankruptcy and that owing to this, Nuevo Laredo had only two flights daily to Mexico City. He concluded that they wished to have a meeting with airline CEO's to make a case for direct flights out of Laredo, especially since most of Laredo's trade was with Mexico. He gave the following presentation:

Letters requesting a meeting with the following airlines were sent last week:

- Interjet
- VivaAerobus
- Volaris
- AeroMexico
- Staff is in almost constant communications with Continental, American and Allegiant.
- Mayor and staff met with CEO of Alma de Mexico in Guadalajara.
- Mayor and staff met with CEO of Mexicana (Click Airlines) in Guadalajara.
- Mayor and staff met with CEO of Aviacsa Airlines in Monterrey.
- Global economic recession of the past two years slowed airline expansion, with some airlines reducing or eliminating service.
- During 2008 passenger enplaned activity declined 5.5% compared to 2007.
- During 2009 passenger enplaned activity declined 1.8% compared to 2008.
- During 2010 passenger enplaned activity is up 8.8% compared to 2009.
- Airlines only recently started to report a profit.
- Mexicana Airlines filed for bankruptcy protection and suspended all flying, including service to Nuevo Laredo.
- There is speculation as to whether or not Mexicana will resolve its financial problems and resume flying.
- Currently only Aeromexico is flying to Nuevo Laredo with two daily regional jet flights.
- Certainly an opportunity exists to fill the Mexicana void.

- More and more local residents and businesses are requesting direct flights from Laredo, Texas to Mexico City.
 - Currently locals are flying to Houston or DFW and then continuing on to Mexico City or to other Mexican destinations. This route is both expensive and time consuming.
 - Now is the time to redouble our efforts to secure air service to Mexico and determine from these meetings what commitments from the City the airlines require to initiate the requested air service. One scenario is to secure one or two year commitments from the private sector to commit to pre-purchase airline tickets and/or air cargo.
 - Current City of Laredo Incentives:
 - Waive 100% rental obligation and landing fees for one year for new service to new destinations and/or upgrade service to mainline jet service
 - Assist with advertising and promotion
2. Request for a coordinated effort between TXDoT, Union Pacific Railroad, and KCS Railroad to install railroad crossing warning signals to ease congestion within the City.

Mayor Salinas stated that recently they had seen quite a bit of congestion and that there was also a safety issue in some areas with railroad crossings. He added that they wanted to move traffic as quickly as possible and wanted to know what they could do by meeting with KCS Railroad, Union Pacific and TxDOT. He went on to say that other issues included kids crawling under the trains.

Carlos Villarreal replied that they would like to meet with the rail lines, both Union Pacific and Kansas City, because some railroad crossings were in pretty bad shape, and the ordinance indicated that they were supposed to be in charge of maintenance of those areas.

3. Presentation by Mr. Manuel G. Sanchez, Jr. and Mr. Arturo Diaz, Jr., People with Ideas of Love, Liberty, Acceptance and Respect (PILLAR) Project Founders.

Manuel Sanchez, co-founder of PILLAR, stated that they were there to proudly announce the establishment of PILLAR which was a nonprofit educational and counseling resource center that would focus on providing services to youth and adults experiencing problems due to their sexual identity.

B. Request by Council Member Dr. Michael Landeck

1. Presentation by the DIGIKIDS project organizers regarding the expansion of a digital safety ID and databank of children in Laredo in order to possibly increase their safety and eventual increase the success of their possible recovery and possible action by the Council members.

Sara Hinojosa with DIGIKIDS gave the following presentation:
If your Child were missing...

- Would you be prepared?
Would you know what to do?
- Why be prepared?
- How many children are reported missing each year in the United States?

According to the U.S. Department of Justice NISMART 2 report released in October 2002:

- Over 800,000 each year
- Or 2,200 children each day
- Or two every minute

In Laredo

Statistics from the Laredo Police Department

- 2008: 876 reports of missing persons and runaways
- 2009: 924 missing persons and runaways
- Are you really prepared?

In May 2003, the NCMEC and ADVO Inc. released the results of an online survey.

34% could not recall or know the height, weight and eye color of their children.

- Even though 66% knew these facts, would you be able to recall accurate information under duress?

The first 20 minutes and then 3 hours are key to a safe and speedy recovery

Types of missing child emergencies:

- Runaways
- Family Abductions
- Lost, Injured or otherwise missing children
- Non-family Abductions

Most dangerous

< 1% (Qualify for Amber Alert)

Can you depend on the Amber Alert?

- August 2002 to August 2005
- About 3 million reported missing children
- About 303 Amber alerts issued

Why so few?

- Police use very strict criteria
- Child under 18
- Reasonable belief an abduction has occurred
- Law enforcement believes child is in imminent danger
- Sufficient descriptive information about the child and abductor

Be Prepared

NCMEC Guidelines:

Write down physical characteristics

- Hair color
- Eye color
- Weight
- Eyeglasses
- Age
- Date of Birth
- Height
- Health concerns

- Allergies
- 2. Digital photos from different angles
 - Portrait and Profile
 - Small file size < 100Kb
 - Head and Shoulders
 - Candid
 - UPDATE every six months

(See our website)

Be Prepared – Going Mobile

- Create an ID card
- Heavy paper or card stock
- Credit card Size
- Laminate it
- UPDATE every 6 months

Why do you need it?

- Quick Reference
- Don't rely on memory

Does DIGIKIDS Have a Database?

NO.

The following is a question posted on the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children FAQ page:

Should the information be stored in a central database?

NO.

Only parents and guardians should store and have access to these items and/or test results of their child(ren). The NCMEC does not support storage of these items or test results for the purpose of providing child identification by law enforcement, government, schools, or any commercial company or third party, either for profit or not-for-profit.

(http://www.missingkids.com/missingkids/servlet/PageServlet?LanguageCountry=en_US&PageId=3440)

- DIGIKIDS could make a copy of each ID to provide it to the Laredo authorities.
- That would be a first in the country!
- We deliver peace of mind with the most advanced and effective child ID program available today!

DIGIKIDS in Laredo

- Since 2008
- Counties of Webb, Jim Hogg, Zapata, Starr and portions of Hidalgo
- Speakers at Women's City Club, Laredo Daybreak Rotary Club, Laredo Gateway Rotary Club

Members of...

- Laredo Chamber of Commerce
- Tiny Toes of Laredo Medical Center
- Kids Salud of Doctors Hospital
- Corporate Partners with Laredo Bucks
- Public Events
- Harmony Science Academy International Festival
- Laredo Bucks Family Fun Day
- UISD Parent Festival

- LCC Family Fun Fest
- Fun in the Sun to benefit JDRF
- Dia de los Niños Laredo Public Library
- Gateway Community Center Health Fair

Sponsors

- Texas State Representative Richard Peña Raymond
- DA Isidro “Chilo” Alaniz
- Cm. Michael Landeck, District III
- Judge Oscar Martinez
- HEB
- Cricket Wireless
- AT&T
- Laredo Energy
- STI
- State Farm
- Webb County Head Start Project
- First Head Start in the US to have a digital ID
- Low income families
- 21 centers and 1,218 children
- Special price \$13 per child
- Funds for 482 children
- Partnering with the Imaginarium of South Texas
- Beginning November

Main Sponsors for the Project

- DA Isidro “Chilo” Alaniz
- HEB
- National Educational Systems

Please take the time to be prepared in case your child should ever be missing.

Learn more at:

WWW.DIGIKIDS-ID.COM • 1-888-DIGIKIDS (344-4543)

C. Request by Council Member Gene Belmares

1. Discussion with possible action on a future acceptance of the JSJ Detention Pond.

Cm. Belmares stated that they had been working with the subdivision that had a detention pond that had sort of fallen through the cracks. He explained that it had been originally brought in when the development was done and prior to the Homeowners Association taking control of the subdivision. He went on to say that the long-term upkeep of that detention pond could be at risk because typically the city would maintain it, but in this case the Homeowners Association had control of it.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal asked if there was any way that they could get a transition period and asked how much the association was currently spending on it.

Baldemar Garcia, Jr., Homeowners Association president, said that they had had it cleaned once or twice so far but did not yet have a cost estimate.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal asked if they could sit down with the group to discuss the matter.

Cm. Belmares replied that they wanted to do just that and had already had some discussions with Environmental Services Director Riazul Mia and his staff.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal responded that they would like to meet with them to work out a transition period so that they could eventually take it over.

Cm. Belmares said that this was typically done by a monitored maintenance agreement.

2. Discussion with possible action on improving the City's retiree insurance program.

Cm. Belmares said that he brought the item to Council because he had a concern that whatever a person insurance program had at the time of retirement, there was no provision for adding additional insurers. He felt that they may have been leaving some of their good people without the ability to get the kind of good insurance that they could get were they active employees.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal replied that he would like to go back a few years and put a snapshot to see if they could accommodate his request.

Cm. Belmares said that there was an enrollment period for retirees to add additional insurers, but the current policy did not address the issue of spouses.

Human Resources Director Dan Migura reported that he had an opportunity to discuss these issues with Cm. Belmares and with the City Manager and City Attorney. He explained that there were a number of different health plans because through the different administrations, there had been some retirees that had been given coverage by Council at no cost, partial cost and full cost. He went on to say that today, a retiree had an opportunity to come into the City's health plan but also restricted reentry under the Texas local government code.

Cm. Garcia said that they sat on the Health and Benefits Committee and had asked for that report. He explained that it would take millions to bring everybody up-to-date, and there were so many different plans that it was not possible to bring everyone together in one. He went on to recommend that the committee bring that information to Council.

Cm. Belmares asked if they could overlay the new health care reform and see what changes would be mandated to them, such as the re-entry issue. He also asked if they would be able to offer re-entry to the retirees at cost.

Human Resources Director Dan Migura said that they would have to work with Chapter 175 and the Legal department on those restrictions. He also said that under the Health Care Bill, retirees with dependents under age 26 could reenter the health plan.

XII. STAFF REPORTS

- 45. Presentation on selection of consultants for the design and engineering services for the Rio Grande River Vega, Phase-1 project, with possible action. Funding is available in EDA grant account.

Russell Ford, LAN Team, reported that the team that they had put together had hands-on experience in this type of work. He went on to explain that the Rio Grande was a live river, not flood-controlled and that there were structural issues due to building on top of a previous landfill area. They presented a slide show and a handout to Mayor Salinas and City Council.

This presentation can be viewed at the City Secretary’s Office, 1110 Houston St., Laredo, TX 78040.

Frank Rotnowsky, FAI Team thanked Mayor Salinas and City Council for the opportunity to make their presentation. He went on to explain that they were a local company that had assembled the best local talent in Laredo for this team. He presented a slide show and a handout to Mayor Salinas and City Council.

This presentation can be viewed at the City Secretary’s Office, 1110 Houston St., Laredo, TX 78040.

Rio Vega Partners, Kell Muñoz/Hickey Peña/Sasaki gave the following presentation:

This presentation can be viewed at the City Secretary’s Office, 1110 Houston St., Laredo, TX 78040.

Motion to go with FAI.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Landeck

For: 7

Against: 1

Cm. Garza

Abstain: 0

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XIV. RECESS AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO PUBLIC FACILITY CORPORATION (LPFC)

Motion to recess as the Laredo City Council and convene as the Laredo Public Facility Corporation (LPFC).

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

46. Discussion with possible action to address organizational requirements of the LPFC including: election of officers; adoption of articles and by laws; establishment of the fiscal year; selection of a depository bank; designation of Counsel; authorizing a resolution approving a Tri-Party Memorandum of Understanding among the Corporation, NRP Holdings LLC., and Ejido Holdings LLC., regarding the La Terraza Del Sur Apartments; and, any related matters.

Mr. Jim Plummer, attorney for Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P., said that he wanted to brief them on the motions. He explained that they had created the Laredo Public Facility Corporation so that they could be part of a tax credit project to finance 128 units of affordable housing. In August, they had received funding from the state to begin this project. He concluded that they would conduct the organizational meeting for this corporation and elect officers.

Motion to nominate Cm. Garza as President of the LPFC.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez
Second: Cm. Garcia
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to nominate Cm. Liendo Espinoza as Vice President of the LPFC.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to nominate Mayor Pro Tem Rendon as Secretary of the LPFC.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Belmares
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to nominate Cm. Narvaez as Treasurer of the LPFC.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Belmares
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to nominate City Manager Carlos Villarreal as Executive Director of the LPFC.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

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

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

47. Consideration to award a contract to AT&T Business Communication Services, for the purchase and installation of telecommunication equipment at the Transit Center and the El Metro Maintenance facility in the total amount of \$55,418.24. This equipment will be purchased utilizing the State of Texas DIR-SDD-232 contract. Funding for this project will be from Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant number TX-04-0040.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

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

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Narvaez

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 32 and they are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council meeting held on October 18th, 2010.

Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary