

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M2009-R-07
AS AMENDED
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
April 20, 2009
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,	Council Member, District V
Gene Belmares,	Council Member, District VI
Jose Valdez, Jr.	Mayor Pro Tempore, District VII
Cynthia Liendo-Espinoza,	Council Member, District VIII
Carlos Villarreal,	City Manager
Gustavo Guevara,	City Secretary
Cynthia Collazo,	Deputy City Manager
Horacio De Leon,	Assistant City Manager
Jesus Olivares,	Assistant City Manager
Raul Casso,	City Attorney

Motion to excuse Cm. Liendo Espinoza and Cm. Belmares.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of April 6, 2009

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Narvaez
For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Belmares arrived at 5:44 pm.

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Recognitions

- a. Recognizing the following reporters/ journalists for their long-standing and sound journalism careers celebrating the community and people of Laredo.

Mayor Raul Salinas and City Council presented a Certificate of Recognition to:

1. Juan Rodriguez- 30 years of service
KLDO Univision 27
2. Lupita Benavidez- 20 years
KLDO Univision 27
3. Marissa Rodriguez Limon- 20 years
KLDO Univision 27
4. Miguel T. Ramirez- 35 years of service – was not present
Laredo Morning Times

- b. Recognizing Lyndon B. Johnson High School Boys Soccer Team for their 2009 year round accomplishments.

- Brownsville Tournament 5th Place (out of 28 teams)
- Border Olympics Runner-up
- District Champs (undefeated 10-0-0)
- Bi-District Champs
- Area Champs
- Sectional Champs
- Regional Quarterfinals Champs
- Regional Semi Finals Qualifiers

Omar Lopez	Junior	Goalkeeper
Daniel Guerrero	Sophomore	Goalkeeper
Heuy Foley	Sophomore	Defender
Rudy Ramirez	Freshmen	Defender
Pedro Castillo	Senior	Defender
Bertin Montoya	Junior	Defender
Ricky Garcia	Junior	Defender
Francisco Poou	Senior	Forward
Jose Luis Zavala	Junior	Midfielder

Mauricio “Chispis” Castillo	Sophomore	Midfielder
Frank Lara (C)	Senior	Midfielder
Gabriel Muniz	Sophomore	Midfielder
Cristobal Garcia	Senior	Midfielder
Juan Diego Quiroz	Junior	Forward
Abraham Ortiz	Junior	Midfielder
Venancio Jimenez (C)	Senior	Defender
Leonardo Ibarra	Sophomore	Forward
Jose Clemente Aguinaga (C)	Senior	Forward
Yair Ochoa	Freshmen	Forward
Marcos Leon	Junior	Defender
Juan Morales	Senior	Midfielder

(C) Denotes Team Captain

Head Coach:	Eduardo Silva
Assistant Coach:	Adrian Torres
Assistant Coach:	Alvaro Guel

Principal:	Maggie Martinez
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Citizen comments

Pastor Miguel Zuniga, Kiwanis President, extended an invitation to their 4th Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Banquet. It would take place at the Holiday Inn on May 12, 2009 at 12 noon. He requested a donation and mentioned three sponsoring categories: Gold, \$1000; Silver, \$500; and Bronze, \$250.

Cm. Garza indicated that he would sponsor in the bronze category, \$250.

Mayor Raul Salinas that he would also sponsor in the bronze category, \$250.

Cm. Narvaez also indicated interest in sponsoring the bronze category, \$250.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo’s FY 2008-2009 Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE) by reclassifying one (1) Police Sergeant to the position of one (1) Police Investigator in the Laredo Police Department’s High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program. There is no cost to the City of Laredo’s General Fund. Funding is available from within the HIDTA Program Division 223-2317. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Allowing interested persons to comment on the proposed amendment to the City of Laredo's 34th AY, 2008 Consolidated One Year Action Plan to include \$1,490,976.00 in Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) funds authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, made available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The intent of the HPRP program is to assist homeless individuals and families who reside in the community, or those on the verge of becoming homeless, by providing rental assistance, security deposit, utility deposit, utility payments, moving cost assistance, motel and hotel vouchers, and housing relocation and stabilization services. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

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

3. Allowing interested persons to comment on the proposed amendment to the City of Laredo's 2008 Consolidated One-Year Action Plan for the purpose of reprogramming Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds totaling \$1,020,000.00 to facilitate the design and construction of the South Laredo Branch Public Library. Funds to be reprogrammed derive from 27th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, and 34th Action Year CDBG fund balances from completed projects, and the cancellation of certain CDBG funded projects as noted below.

CDBG PROJECT FUND BALANCES

27th AY

Demolition of Substandard Buildings	\$1,856.00
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29th AY

Demolition of Substandard Buildings	\$1,507.00
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Garcia-Vela Park Lighting	\$18,450.00
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Farias Community Center	<u>\$2,206.00</u>
Total 29th AY Fund Balances	\$22,163.00

30th AY

Community Development Administration	\$1,282.00
Housing Rehabilitation Administration	\$390.00
Code Enforcement	\$3.00
Housing Rehabilitation Loans	\$43,900.00
Plaza Theatre Improvements	\$ 1.00
Ejido Street Extension	\$5,458.00
Lafayette Spray Park Improvements	\$833.00
Cigarroa Recreation Center	<u>\$18,478.00</u>
Total 30th AY Fund Balances	\$70,345.00

31st AY

C D Administration	\$919.00
Housing Rehabilitation Administration	\$55.00
Code Enforcement	\$1,732.00
ADA Sidewalk Improvements	\$711.00
Milmo Street Improvements	\$2,800.00
Demolition of Substandard Buildings	\$861.00
Zero Depth Water Park – Lyon & San Francisco	<u>\$704.00</u>
Total 31st AY Fund Balances	\$7,782.00

32nd AY

Community Development Administration	\$37,502.00
Housing Rehabilitation Administration	\$30,910.00
Code Enforcement	\$28,750.00
Graffiti Removal	\$2,061.00
Automotive	<u>\$23.00</u>
Total 32nd AY Fund Balances	99,246.00

33rd AY

Community Development Administration	\$ 48,608.00
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CANCELLED CDBG PROJECTS

Laredo Family Recovery Center (32 nd AY)	\$300,000.00
Laredo Community College Recreational Complex (33 rd AY)	\$150,000.00
Cielito Lindo Park Improvements (34 th AY)	\$100,000.00
Riverhills Parkland Acquisition (34 th AY)	\$220,000.00

TOTAL FUNDS TO BE REPROGRAMMED
\$1,020,000.00 (Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Anthony Petersen spoke in support of the South Laredo Branch Library.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

4. Amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2009 Certificate of Obligation Series 2005 Budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$190,000.00. Available funds are from a reimbursement of a prior period expense. The funds will be used for the acquisition of a time and attendance system including software and hardware and computer hardware for the Fire Department. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

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. Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

5. Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 9 & 10, Block 1703, Eastern Division, located at 2806 Laredo Street, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Commercial District). The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended approval of the zone change. The proposed use is a child day care. District II

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Yolanda Granados explained that she had a daycare with a waiting list in her home, and she indicated that she would accept only a few more children. She spoke in favor of the zone change.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Garcia

6. Amending Ordinance No. 2003-O-052 authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for a welding shop on Lot 1, Block 22, Moreno Addition, located at 1417 Harding Avenue, by amending the provisions to extend the five (5) year expiration date. The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit with extension of the expiration date to one (1) year instead of five (5). District II

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce as amended as long as compliance is observed.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Garcia

7. Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 0.93 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located west of US Highway 83 and north of Riverhill Subdivision, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District). The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended approval of the zone change. The proposed use is commercial. District III

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Landeck

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Landeck

8. Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning the south twenty-eight (28) feet of Lots 3 & 4 and the north twenty-seven (27) feet of Lots 5 & 6, Block 495, Eastern Division, located at 4416 Maryland Avenue, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-2 (Multi-family Residential District). The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended approval of the zone change. The proposed use is apartments or duplex. District IV

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mike Trust asked for approval of this item.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Narvaez

9. Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 3.6 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A," located at 211 E. Ash Street, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Commercial District). The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended approval of the zone change. The proposed use is a bus transportation facility. District IV

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Narvaez

10. Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for the Laredo Independent School District Food Service Facility on all Block 425, Eastern Division, located at 101 W. Saunders Street. The

Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit. District V

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. Rendon

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Rendon

11. Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 1 Prida Plat, located at 7100 Santa Maria Avenue, from B-3 (Community Business District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District). The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended approval of the zone change. The proposed use is a lease for warehouse storage. District VII

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Joe Gloria, local realtor, spoke in favor of the zone change.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Valdez

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Mayor Pro Tem Valdez

12. Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for accessory parking on Lot 13, Block 6, Indian Sunset Subdivision Phase 11, located at 12921 Mohawk Drive. The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended the approval of the Conditional Use Permit with a six (6) month expiration date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Keith Selman, Planning and Zoning Director, asked to postpone this item.

Motion to postpone.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

13. Amending Chapter 32, vehicle for hire, Article II, taxicabs, operating authority, Section 32-20, transfer of operating authority, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo, adding that background checks must be obtained on transferor before any transferring of taxicab permit, that processing time may take up to 60 days, and that all permit transfers shall be processed 60 calendar days before renewal date, otherwise current permit holder shall renew permit and then process transfer, Section 32-29 (H) suspension and revocation of annual permit, adding ten days for revocation appeal to the City Manager, Section 32-35 (I), taxicab driver's license, application, adding "charged or" and replacing the word "permit" with "license", and to provide for severability, publication and effective date. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

14. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Foreign-Trade Zone Operations Agreement with South Texas Traffic, Inc.; as Zone Site Operator of Site No. 3 located at 8501 Killam Industrial Blvd., effective May 1, 2009, and ending on September 30, 2009. Providing for activation, administration and transaction fees to be paid to the City; providing for an effective date. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

15. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Foreign-Trade Zone Operations Agreement with Connections Global Logistics, Inc., as Zone Site Operator of Site No. 3 located at 8202 Killam Industrial Blvd., effective May 1, 2009, and ending on September 30, 2009. Providing for activation, administration and transaction fees to be paid to the City; providing for an effective date. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VIII. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive final reading of ordinances 2009-O-055, 2009-O-056, 2009-O-057, 2009-O-058, 2009-O-059, 2009-O-060, 2009-O-061, 2009-O-062, 2009-O-063, 2009-O-064.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

16. 2009-O-055 Authorizing the City Manager to accept FY 2009 Federal Planning Funds (PL112) in the amount of \$8,429.00 and amending the City of Laredo's FY 2009 General Fund Budget to match PL112's budget by increasing revenues by \$8,429.00 and expenditures by \$8,429.00. The PL112 funds come from the 2008-2009 approved Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2009-O-055

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2009-O-056 Authorizing the City Manager to amend the FY 2008-2009 Transit Capital Grants Budget in the amount of \$1,155,995.00 by appropriating capital funds from the Texas Department of Transportation Vehicle Capital Replacement Grant No. VCR0902(22)042 in the amount of \$959,480.00 in state match and \$196,515.00 in local match.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2009-O-056

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2009-O-057 Amending the City of Laredo FY 2008-2009 budget for the Texas Department of Transportation Reimbursement Agreement for the 2008 Utility Bond by appropriating revenues and project expenditures in an amount not to exceed \$714,678.50, which consists of \$595,268.25 from the 2008 Water Bond and \$119,410.25 from the 2008 Sewer Bond.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2009-O-057

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2009-O-058 Amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2009 Budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$763,873.00 derived from interest earnings for various Certificates of Obligation Bond Funds in order to provide the necessary funding for the Bartlett Extension Project totaling \$2,700,000.00. The closing of various project activities totaling \$1,279,180.00 plus the appropriation of \$763,873.00 will generate the \$2,043,053.00 from Certificates of Obligations Bond Series 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005 and 2006. Other funding sources that will finalize the completion of the project include funding from the Environmental Services Bonds, Water and Sewer Bonds, FTA grant and District II (\$50,000.00) and District V (\$150,000.00) Discretionary Funds. Amounts from these funding sources will be based on the final construction figures.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2009-O-058

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2009-O-059 Authorizing the City Manager to amend the FY 2008-2009 Annual Budget Capital Improvements Fund by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$12,950.00 and generated through cash payments in lieu of parkland dedication for the construction of Independence Hills Park also known as Vaquillas Park.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2009-O-059

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2009-O-060 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant from the Texas Department of State Health Services-Office of Border Health and amending the City of Laredo Health Department FY 2008-2009 annual budget by appropriating revenues and expenses in the amount of \$7,700.00 to support activities of the Los Dos Laredos Council and The Healthy Border 2010 objectives, for the period beginning February 1, 2009 through August 31, 2009.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2009-O-060

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2009-O-061 Amending Sections 13-23 penalty for violation of article and 13-39 (fees) of Division 2 (license) of Article II (food products establishments) Chapter 13, food and food products, of the code of ordinances by increasing the annual license fee paid by a food establishment (which will continue to be based upon the number of employees in an establishment) as follows:

a.) Six (6) and not more than ten (10) employees to increase fee from two hundred dollars (\$200.00) to two hundred eighty (\$280.00) dollars;

b.) More than ten (10) employees, to increase fee from four hundred dollars (\$400.00) to five hundred sixty (\$560.00) dollars;

c.) Increasing the meat and seafood markets to increase fee to one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars;

d.) Increasing the “new food products establishment” increase fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to one hundred (\$100.00) dollars;

e.) Increasing a “request for inspection” fee from twenty five dollars (\$25.00) to fifty dollars (\$50.00);

f.) Establishing a new fee of fifty (\$50.00) dollars for late payment of a food license;

g.) A new fee of seventy five (\$75.00) dollars for additional follow-up inspections.

All fees will be implemented on January 1, 2010 except for the penalty fee of not less than \$300.00 and the re-inspection fee of \$75.00 after second inspection effective 60 days following public hearing and introduction; and providing for publication and effective date. (AS AMENDED)

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2009-O-061

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2009-O-062 Amending the City of Laredo 2008 Homeland Security Grant annual budget by increasing revenues and expenses by \$350,000.00 for a total award amount of \$850,000.00 from the 2008 State Homeland Security Grant Sub-Recipient agreement between the City of Laredo and the Texas Division of Emergency Management. Funding received through the grant agreement will be used to acquire a Mobile Command Unit (MCU) to enhance public safety response. The appropriation of said grant revenue and expenditure will account for grant proceeds and equipment purchased through the grant and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget amendment. The above said grant requires no in-kind matching funds.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2009-O-062

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2009-O-063 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement between the City of Laredo and Laura Salcedo D.B.A. Hot Dog Express for the use of retail space “Suite B” of the “Mercado Square” located at 1000 Hidalgo Street. The lease term is for two (2) years at a rental rate of eight hundred sixteen (\$816.00) dollars per month, for the first year, increasing the second year based on the change in 2009 consumer price index and providing for May 1, 2009, as effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2009-O-063

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2009-O-064 Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to grant an easement to AEP Texas Central Company for the installation of electrical facilities to serve Slaughter Park within Block 707, Eastern Division. The said easement containing 808.48 sq. ft. being out of lot numbers 5 and 6, Block 707, Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas and being described on attached Exhibit 1.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2009-O-064

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IX. RESOLUTIONS

17. 2009-R-015 Accepting the conveyance from San Isidro Amazonia Property Owners Association of Lot 14, Block 1, San Isidro Amazonia Subdivision, Phase V, by Special Warranty Deed dated March 24, 2009, a copy of which is attached to this resolution as Exhibit A; and hereby dedicating said Lot 14, Block 1, San Isidro Amazonia Subdivision, Phase V, as a City park.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2009-R-015.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

18. 2009-R-041 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$2,025,812.00 to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for 2008 Texas Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Funds made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The purpose of the program is to acquire and redevelop foreclosed properties that might otherwise become sources of abandonment and blight, as well as facilitate direct homebuyer assistance to create affordable housing opportunities. NSP funds are provided through a loan/reimbursement process; and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents related to the same.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2009-R-041.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

19. 2009-R-043 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Target Corporation in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the purchase of promotional items for community events sponsored by the department and the Community Relations Unit. The grant is to be funded under the Target and Blue Law Enforcement Program for the period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010 at no cost to the city. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to adopt Resolution 2009-R-043.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

X. MOTIONS

20. Consideration to award supply contract number FY09-042 to the LOW BIDDER, Ferguson Waterworks, Mission, TX in the estimated amount of \$106,087.60 for the purchase of rubber couplings and fittings used for wastewater applications for the Utilities Department. This will be a one (1) year supply contract with an option to extend for an additional year. These materials are purchased on an as needed basis by the Utilities Department—Wastewater Operations for construction and repair projects. Funding is available in the Sewer Department Fund. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

21. Consideration to authorize the purchase of a brush chipper in the total amount of \$74,547.36 from Vermeer Equipment of Texas, Inc., San Antonio, Texas through the BuyBoard's Cooperative Purchasing Program's contract pricing. This brush chipper will compact tree branches into bulk material that is easier to handle and transport. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Department budget. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

22. Consideration for approval of change order no. 1, a decrease of \$42,119.92 for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place, release of retainage, acceptance of the Laurel/Dellwood Storm Water Drainage Improvements Phase I on Laurel Drive from Dellwood Drive to Crestview Drive and Dellwood Drive from Beverly Drive to Laurel Drive and approval of final payment in the amount of \$33,686.30 to Sendero

Industries, LLC., Houston, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$275,787.24. Funding is available in the 2006 & 2007 CO. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

23. Consideration for approval to award a professional services contract to SCS Engineers, Bedford, Texas, for an amount of \$155,800.00 for design and preparation of plans and specifications for the City of Laredo Landfill Monitoring Well Installation and Plugging. Design work is to be done on a fast track basis. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Fund. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

24. Consideration for approval of amendment no. 1 an increase of \$407,950.00 for additional A/E basic and supplemental services to the professional services contract with Brinkley Sargent Architects, Dallas, Texas, for Phase I – Development of program and master plans for Northwest Center Park Site and Phase II – Design and Construction of Recreation Center for the Northwest Recreation Center Park to be located on a 7.027 acre site in Villa San Agustin Subdivision, Unit 3. Current engineering contract amount is \$738,450.00. Funding is available in the 2008 CO Bond. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

25. Consideration to award a construction contract to the lowest qualified bidder, Cantu Electric Company, Inc. in the amount of \$39,500.00, for the installation of a lighting system at Eistetter Park. The project consists of the installation of security lighting for the existing park. Funding is available in the 32nd AY and 33rd AY Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

26. Authorizing the City Manager to award a professional services contract in the sum of \$848,000.00 to LNV Engineering Company, Corpus Christi, Texas in conjunction with

Guerra Engineering & Surveying, Laredo, Texas for the design, bidding and construction services of Booster Station Improvements and New Elevated Storage Tanks. These new improvements are to satisfy the TCEQ requirements under Docket 2007 0441-MLM-E. Funding is available in the 2008 Utility Bond. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

27. Consideration to award contract number FY09-048 to the following low bidders:

1. Leyendecker Materials, Laredo, Texas in the estimated amount of \$640,000.00 for the purchase of asphalt, cold laid material (F.O.B Plant), and the purchase of black base (F.O.B Plant);
2. Brothers Materials, Laredo, Texas in the estimated amount of \$89,300.00 for the purchase of black base (Site Delivered);

for the purchase of materials required for all City paving and construction projects. The term of this contract is for a one (1) year period and is subject to the availability of funds. All materials are purchased on an as needed basis utilizing the Public Works Department and construction projects budgets. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 0

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

28. Consideration for approval to award a construction contract to the lowest bidder Jerry Resendez Enterprises, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$1,062,290.11 for the India Avenue Drainage, Utilities, Widening and Paving Improvements. Funding is available in the 2007 Environmental Services CO and 2008 Bond. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Attorney Ray Rodriguez, representing for Jerry Resendez Enterprises, thanked them for consideration of this item and hoped it would be awarded during the next meeting.

Motion to table until next meeting.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Landeck

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

29. Consideration to ratify the City Manager's approval of an emergency purchase authorization to System Controls and Instrumentation (SCI), Converse, TX, to provide electrical equipment and installation services at the Mary Help of Christians Booster Station, in the amount of \$157,000.00. This emergency purchase authorization was necessary to expedite a portion of the electrical improvements project of the MHOC Booster Station in order to have uninterrupted electrical service for the critical MHOC Booster Station. Funding is available in the 2008 Utility Bond. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

30. Authorizing the City Manager to award a professional services contract in the sum of \$1,326,800.00 to Sherfey Engineering Company, LLC for the design, bidding, construction services, service area analysis and master plan, wastewater discharge permit and flood plain development permit of a 3 MGD Wastewater Treatment Plant located at Sombrettillo Creek on Mines Road. Funding is available in the 2005 Sewer Revenue Bond. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

31. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for contract FY07-090 to the Low Bidder, Eggemeyer Land Clearing LLC., Yoakum, TX, in the estimated annual amount of \$124,500.00 for the grinding of wood waste material (brush, branches, pallets, etc.) at the City landfill. Approximately 90,000 cubic yards of material will be proposed on an annual basis. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Fund. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

32. Consideration to renew contract number FY09-008 awarded to Ferguson Waterworks, San Antonio, Texas in the estimated amount of \$250,000.00, for the purchase of PVC pipe used by the Utilities Department. This is the second of eight, sixty (60) day supply extensions. These materials are purchased on an as needed basis for construction and repair projects. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Budget. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

33. Authorizing the City Manager to award a professional services contract in the sum of \$150,000.00 to Porras Nance Engineering Co. for the design, and management services for the Cuatro Vientos Project, TXDOT Water and Sewer Utilities Relocation Project. This contract is subject to the approval of the Texas Department of Transportation. Funding is available in the 2008 Water & Sewer Revenue Bond. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

34. Consideration for approval to award a construction contract to the lowest bidder Juan Ramirez Investment, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$134,900.00 for the City of Laredo Health Department West Side Parking Lot Expansion. Contract time is sixty-five (65) working days. Funding is available in the West Side Parking Lot Expansion—Improvements Other Than Buildings. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

35. Approval of the general plan for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program and authorizing the City Manager to submit the required full application to the Department of Energy. The general plan will be incorporated into the full application which is required for the City to receive the \$2,083,600.00 in funding from the Department of Energy. These funds can be used towards solar and wind energy projects as well as energy efficiency retrofit projects. A percentage of monies may also be used towards establishing a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) to provide zero interest loans to citizens for energy efficiency projects. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

36. Authorizing the City Manager to 1) amend the 2007 HOME Investment Partnership, Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Contract with Habitat for Humanity of Laredo, Inc. to reflect the addition of \$98,000.60 for a new total of

\$193,632.00 for the construction of an additional 5 homes for a new total of 10 homes at Tierra Prometida. 2) to amend Section 19 (A)(1) to eliminate the requirement that the City maintain a second lien position but rather that the promissory note executed by Habitat contain a covenant that the purchaser will comply with the affordability requirements of the HOME program. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

37. Request authorization to waive \$659.54 of penalty and interest on the property tax accounts listed below, in accordance with Section 33.011(a) of the Property Tax Code. The Webb County Appraisal District committed the act or omission which caused or resulted in the taxpayer's failure to pay the tax before delinquency. These accounts are as follows:

1. JA Laredo Crossing LL (Tax account 953-40001-040) in the amount of \$509.78;

2. Glen E. and Carman Wiese (Tax account 948-30008-030) in the amount of \$51.71;

3. Glen E. and Carman Wiese (Tax account 948-30008-040) in the amount of \$25.84;
and

4. Glen E. and Carman Wiese (Tax account 948-30008-050) in the amount of \$72.21.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

38. Refund of property tax in the amount of \$2,609.50 payable to Maritom Ltd. due to an overpayment. Account #900-90321-022.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

39. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts to be adjusted for the month of March 2009 represent an increase of \$8,483.20. These adjustments are determined by the Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

40. Consideration to award a contract to Calence Insight Network Solutions, Austin, Texas, through the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) cooperative purchasing program, in the amount of \$139,015.08 for the purchase and installation of I-Net network equipment. This equipment is to be installed at the City of Laredo's Telecommunication Center building to upgrade the bandwidth speed on the City's I-Net's backbone infrastructure. Funding is available in the Information Services and Telecommunications Department Budget—Public Education and Government (PEG) Fee Fund. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

41. Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute contracts with U.S. print and electronic media vendors listed in the enclosed Attachment A. Proposed media buy plan regarding advertisements for the Laredo Convention & Visitors Bureau are based on the recommendations of P.M. Design Group (agency of record). Advertisements will be placed thru November/ December 2009 in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00. Funding is available in the CVB Marketing Division Budget. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XI. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

42. A. Request by Mayor Raul G. Salinas

1. Discussion with possible action on co-sponsoring 4th of July Celebration with LULAC Council 14 at Civic Center Grounds & Ballroom and the Veteran's Parade. (Co-sponsored by Council Member Cynthia Liendo Espinoza)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Discussion with possible action on the disposition of a garbage truck to the City of El Cenizo at a salvage value determined to be \$8,750.00. Said amount has been set by previous Council action at 25% of salvage value.

El Cenizo Mayor Raul Reyes thanked the Mayor and Council for this consideration, but requested either a reducing of the price or an allowing to pay in two payments.

Motion to donate at no cost.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

3. Discussion with possible action requesting the City Manager to implement an energy conservation program for all City buildings and facilities.

Mayor Raul Salinas stated that they were in the process of getting \$2,086,600 in grants if they would implement an energy savings initiative in the City. He mentioned that Laredo needed to participate in these grants.

Riazul Mia, Environmental Services Department, reported that what Council just approved would be the plan of action that would be submitted to the Department of Energy. This included an energy audit for all City buildings and a 0% interest loan for homeowners.

B. Request by Council Member Mike Garza

1. Status report on park police with possible action.

Cm. Garza reported that more than a year ago, they had discussed a task force specially assigned to parks.

Chief Navarro reported that there were four officers working as park police. They had completed security surveys and calls-for-service analyses, but the surveys and calls-for-service analyses did not pair up. The calls referred mainly to physical damage, while the surveys referred to vagrants, trespassing and other human violations by people.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal mentioned that they were hoping to add more officers and possibly also relocate peace officers. He was wishing to beef up existing enforcement and get a direct allocation from bridge southbound traffic.

2. Drafting an ordinance to hold the City of Laredo's next general election in May 2010, as currently scheduled, and to change the day of all general elections thereafter to the November uniform election date in the event the Texas Legislature passes H.B. 401 (relating to the authority of certain of political subdivisions to change the date of their general elections).

Cm. Garza stated that as the state representative had mentioned, there was a lot of work at the State Capitol. This was historically the slowest period they had ever had, and he anticipated a special session in June or July. He felt that they should go ahead and hold their election in May, and then afterward to move the date to a November election.

Dr. Xavier Cantu spoke against the proposed ordinance. He did not foresee an improvement in the economy until 2010. He wished for the item to be postponed.

Motion to ask for a resolution draft rather than an ordinance for the election to be in May 2010.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 4	Against: 4	Abstain: 0
Cm. Garza	Cm. Landeck	
Cm. Garcia	Cm. Rendon	
Cm. Narvaez	Cm. Belmares	
Cm. Liendo Espinoza	Mayor Pro Tem Valdez	
Mayor Raul Salinas		

3. Preparation of a resolution in support of the United States Department of Homeland Security's use of the old Mercy Building for their operational activities.

Cm. Garza wished to show Council's support of this item.

Motion to create a resolution in support of the United States Department of Homeland Security's use of the old Mercy Building for their operational activities and bring the resolution to Council for approval.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Valdez

For: 8	Against: 0	Abstain: 0
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C. Request by Council Member Dr. Michael Landeck

1. Discussion with possible action on all issues for Bridge #5.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 7	Against: 0	Abstain: 0
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D. Request by Council Member Juan Narvaez

1. Discussion with possible action on authorizing the City Manager to donate/sell salvage vehicles to our Sister City of Nuevo Laredo, Mexico (Co-sponsored by Council Member Mike Garza)

Motion to authorize the City Manager to donate/sell salvage vehicles to El Cenizo/Rio Bravo rather than Nuevo Laredo.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8	Against: 0	Abstain: 0
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E. Request by Council Member Gene Belmares

1. Presentation with possible action on the proposed design alternatives for the Springfield Avenue and Jordan Intersection.

Cm. Belmares said that he promised the residents that what had been done before was a temporary item for safety's sake, but that he would continue to look for alternatives.

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Department, reported that they had gotten an estimate for a roundabout, the cost of the property itself, \$250,000, and for improvements of \$1.2 million, for a total of \$1.5 million for the project. He mentioned that there was also private, unplatted land that could be obtained to eliminate turning left there.

Cm. Belmares replied that he wished to look at those two possible alternatives before proceeding.

Motion to instruct staff to come back with a cost estimate for alternative B.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Status report with possible action on the proposed facility for the SWAT team located on Airport property.

Cm. Belmares said that he continued to have concerns that SWAT team equipment was exposed, that it took time to get those units ready to roll, and that they had insufficient space at their current facility.

Assistant Police Chief Navarro reported that they had been negotiating with the airport and had reached a consensus. The contract was ready, and they needed only to run it by the legal department before the next meeting.

3. Discussion with possible action on implementing a reverse 9-1-1 system.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal stated that they had been looking into this.

Jessica Hein, C.A.S.S. Director, stated that four years ago, they had done an analysis of two companies. They estimated about \$25,000-30,000 per year.

4. Action appropriating District 6 Discretionary Funds for the construction of various speed humps throughout the District.

Motion to postpone.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- F. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Jose A. Valdez, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action regarding issues related to all committees including but not limited to Ad Hoc Committees, City Council Committees, Charter Approved Committees, Boards and Commissions. (Co-sponsored by Council Member Johnny Rendon)

Mayor Pro Tem Valdez stated that most of the boards and commissions that he had looked at referred to qualifications of members. He felt that that charter recommendations and guidelines and other criteria needed to be examined. He mentioned also that staff had been doing almost three Council meetings by dealing with issues during the committees recently created by Council. He felt that clarification was needed. For example, for the Finance Committee, they didn't want to see any items under \$50,000, but only items with 25% change orders and everything else.

Motion to instruct staff to come back with recommendations to deal with these issues.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Valdez

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Discussion with possible action requesting that the City provide recycled asphalt millings for the parking lot area of the Border Area Nutrition Program located on Bob Bullock Loop.

Cm. Valdez stated that they provided a service to our community and had limited funding.

Motion to instruct staff to provide the millings.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Valdez

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

3. Discussion with possible action to dispose of recycled asphalt millings on Albany Drive from the Bristol Road recycling project.

Cm. Valdez stated that there was a large undeveloped area near there, and the City would leave their dump trucks there and then take the material back to the yard. The church located there had allowed them, through the years, to do this. They wished this time for the millings to be left there rather than brought back to the yard.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal said that they did have a positive recommendation in lieu because they were receiving a tangible benefit from this. He also wanted to make sure that this type of information was always divulged to the public.

Motion to instruct staff to provide the millings.

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

4. Discussion with possible action to utilize District 7 discretionary funds for the installation of “speed cushions” on Atlanta between Fasken Boulevard and Big Bend.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Valdez
Second: Cm. Garcia
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Liendo Espinoza joined the meeting at 8:45 pm.

G. Request by Council Member Cynthia Liendo Espinoza

1. Discussion with possible action to enter into an interlocal agreement with Laredo Housing Authority for improvements on Circle Drive Park using District 8 discretionary funds.

Motion to use \$30,000 from District 8 discretionary funds for improvements.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza
Second: Cm. Garza
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

XII. STAFF REPORTS

43. Staff report with possible action on the pros and cons for selecting a project manager of staff vs. a consultant in order to manage the Utility Department’s bond projects, instructing the City Manager to provide the Utility Department’s current organizational structure to include departmental responsibilities from the supervisory to the director level.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Garza
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

44. Staff report on El Portal Project with possible action.

Cm. Garcia stated that five months more were needed to complete the building’s second floor. He felt that it was fair to give the extension and not charge the full rent to the second story during the remaining five months.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal stated that they had received a communication from the attorney for Khaledi. He said that one of the items was indicating credit for air conditioning, and they stood ready to uphold whatever was in the contract, up to \$250,000. Based on some of the other information, he wanted an opportunity to meet with them to discuss some of the items that had not been substantiated by staff.

Assistant City Manager Jesus Olivares reported that the encroachment on back of the alley was an item on the contract. It took them five months to negotiate to the property owner and reach an agreement with them to create an additional entrance into that facility. At this time, the request for the allowance for air conditioning was quoted in the contract, and the City was willing to reimburse upon receipts.

Alison Hanes, representing Khaledi Properties, said that the letter sent to the City was to identify all issues that remained on the table for discussion. She said that the only basis for requesting a five-month rental abatement for the second story had to do with the turnover of the AUTOCAD files with regard to the first floor and the second floor. For the second floor, they did not receive the AUTOCAD files until mid-March. The abatement had nothing to do with the remaining items for discussion. It also took them two weeks to get their sprinkler system approved and another six weeks for the water pressure testing.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal responded that there were five months of discussion with Assistant City Manager Jesus Olivares before the keys were turned over and then an additional fourteen months after that.

Motion to send back to staff and bring it back as an executive item at a future Council meeting.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

45. Request for authorization by the Laredo Firefighters Union 1390 to place temporary promotional banners for the Margarita Rocks Festival scheduled for May 2, 2009. The banners will be installed at the intersections of Calton Road and Yearly Avenue, Springfield Avenue and Hillside Road, McPherson Avenue and Del Mar Boulevard, Jacaman Road and Sinatra Parkway, Bartlett Avenue and Clark Boulevard, and on San Bernardo Avenue in front of the Civic Center pool to promote the festival. The banner will be installed from April 21, 2009 through May 2, 2009.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

46. Presentation regarding Third Party Funding Applications received for FY2009-2010 with possible action.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XIV. 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. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

48. Motion to approve the distribution of ten thousand (10,000) free bus ride vouchers good on any of El Metro’s bus routes on Thursday, June 18, 2009, in conjunction with the fourth annual American Public Transportation Association’s National “Dump the Pump Day”. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

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

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Belmares

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 29 and they are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council meeting held on April 20, 2009.

Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary