

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M2008-R-015
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
AUGUST 4, 2008
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,	Mayor Pro Tem, District VI
Jose Valdez, Jr.,	Council Member, District VII
Cynthia Liendo-Espinoza,	Council Member, District VIII
Carlos Villarreal,	City Manager
Gustavo Guevara, Jr.,	City Secretary
Cynthia Collazo,	Deputy City Manager
Horacio De Leon,	Assistant City Manager
Jesus Olivares,	Assistant City Manager
Raul Casso,	City Attorney

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of May 5, 2008 and May 19, 2008.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Recognitions

- a. Recognition of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on their 100th Year Anniversary.

Mayor Raul Salinas read a Proclamation before the public on the history of the FBI and congratulated them on their 100th anniversary. He also presented the FBI representative, Mr. Norman Townsend, with a Seven Flags Certificate of Recognition.

- b. Recognition of the Laredo South American 9-10 year old Girls Softball League for placing 3rd at the State Tournament.

Mayor Raul Salinas and Council recognized the following coaches: Roberto Rodriguez, Mundo Martinez and Miguel Saito as well as players Kimberly Cervantez, Karina Moreno, Veronica Medina, Deneen Rodriguez, Cristina Loreda, Denise Collado, Cassey Sanchez, Belinda Ugarte, Gloria Funes, Esmeralda Lopez, and Analy Hernandez.

- c. Recognition of the Gateway Girls Softball League on winning at the State Tournament in Pearsall, Texas, on July 12, 2008.

Cm. Rendon announced that they are still in the playoffs.

- d. Recognizing Veronica “Roni” Cantu for her service with the City of Laredo as Legislative Liaison and for her service as Committee Member of the Planning & Zoning Commission for District V.

Mayor Raul Salinas and City Council publicly recognized Roni Cantu and presented her a certificate of recognition.

- e. Recognizing the City of Laredo “Nadadores” coached by Abdul Mohammed, for successfully participating in the Texas Age Group Swimming (TAGS) State Championships held at the Texas Swim Center in Austin, Texas.

Mayor Raul Salinas and City Council recognized Ayeesha Mohammed, Aneesa Mohammed, and Lauren Baxter-Homan for their participation in the championships.

Communiqués

Mayor Raul Salinas gave condolences for the family of Lacy Cigarroa Keck and for Pedro and Memo Castro, family of Jose “Joe” Mullenbrack, Jr. The Mayor requested a moment of silence.

Cm. Garza thanked the Public Works, Utilities and Traffic departments for their good work in District I. He wanted to have billboards up about the projects they were doing so that people knew that their tax dollars were not going into a vacuum.

Cm. Garcia thanked Public Works for their work in his district, and Parks and Leisure for their activities and enthusiasm. He felt they would finish the summer on a good note and mentioned the annual Banana Split Day coming up.

Cm. Landeck said that one of the most exciting things that he was seeing was Parks and Recreation working diligently on developing the Slaughter Park. He hoped they would continue at that speed.

Cm. Narvaez said that he met with Commissioner Jerry Garza and former Cm. Johnny Amaya and Eduardo Quiroga regarding the Buenos Aires Recreation Center and wanted an update for that project for the next City Council meeting.

Cm. Rendon announced that Laredo Gateway won their two games and are going for the last game tomorrow for the championships, and if they win, they will go to the World Series. He thanked the Public Works and Utilities departments for all their commitment to help them out with their projects.

Mayor Pro Tem Belmares congratulated the Del Mar All Stars and those who participated in the Emergency Management Center during the recent storms. He thanked his children for their work in the past week regarding the church.

Cm. Liendo Espinoza recognized those of Laredo Commission for Women who were present and thanked them for their work.

Citizen comments

None.

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- a. Appointment by Council Member Mike Garza of Michael Barron to the Historic District/Landmark Board.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- b. Appointment by Council Member Jose A. Valdez, Jr. of Rebecca C. Sepulveda to the Historic District/Landmark Board.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- c. Confirming the appointment of Annie Rendon, Alfonso Herrera, Priscilla Herbst, Lizbeth Cardenas and Michael Conner to the Keep Laredo Beautiful Board of Directors.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Health Department FY 2007-2008 full-time equivalent positions by creating one (1) full-time Clerk III position and one (1) Building Maintenance Mechanic. Funds are available through the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) contract between Health Department and the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio Dental School.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

2. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to instruct the City of Laredo Health Department to provide Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) services with testing, education, treatment, follow-up and prevention and establishing a fee schedule (see attached schedule). An STD clinic will be conducted on a weekly basis assisted by staff and contract medical providers.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Health Department FY 2007-2008 annual budget by authorizing the City Manager to accept, execute and appropriate revenues and expenditures for the continuation of the Local Public Health System-Office of Public Health Practices (OPHP) continuation grant in the amount of \$306,835.00 to continue to provide prevention, disease control, and health promotion activities from the Texas Department of State Health Services and \$171,526.00 in program income; and amending the 2007-2008 full-time equivalent positions by adding one (1) FTE Registered Nurse II. The term period for the grant is from September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Valdez

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Health Department FY 2007-2008 annual budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$223,188.00, funds the Texas Department of State Health Services, for continuation of the Immunization Action Plan (IAP) Program of the Health Department, including a projected amount of Program Income of \$62,891.00, for the period from September 1, 2008, through August 31, 2009.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Valdez

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1 and the west one-fourth (1/4) of Lot 2, Block 1548, Eastern Division, located at 2601 Clark Boulevard, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-O (Residential Office District). The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended denial of the proposed zone change. The proposed use is a weight loss clinic. District IV

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ron Whitehawk, representing the property owners, stated that the property owners live at this address and were desirous of a zone change originally. However, there were problems with some of the neighbors who do not understand what it is they are trying to do at this location. He asked that City Council would allow them to go back to Planning and Zoning for a Conditional Use Permit. This would allow them to attach reasonable restrictions to the use of the property.

Motion to close the public hearing and deny the zone change request.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2005-O-236 authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for an outdoor amusement—sports establishment on Lot 2B, Block 1A, McPherson Acres Subdivision, Unit 1, located at 603 Amistad Court, by amending the site plan. The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit with the provision that alcohol be prohibited from the premises. The proposed use is an outdoor amusement establishment—sports. District V

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Landeck

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Greg Guerra, from Guerra Engineering, was present to answer any questions the Council might have. Mauricio Lopez, property owner, explained the use of the property.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce as per Planning and Zoning recommendations.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

9. Public hearing and introductory ordinance accepting a contribution in the amount of \$5,000.00 from International Bank of Commerce and \$10,000.00 from Webb County for funding the Avery Johnson Basketball Camp that was conducted by the Parks and Leisure Services Department on July 23, 2008 and amending the City of Laredo 2007-2008 General Fund budget in the amount of \$15,000.00.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Garcia

10. Public hearing and introductory ordinance accepting the grant from the Flood Protection Planning Program of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), FY07-08 in the amount of \$160,000.00 with City designating \$240,000.00 in cash and in-kind matching funds for the Zacate Creek Flood Protection Plan and amending the Annual Budget FY 07-08 for the Environmental Services Fund by appropriating the said grant revenue to the appropriate expenditure accounts. The grant would enable a comprehensive evaluation of the entire Zacate Creek with all the recent improvements (Upper Zacate Creek Detention Pond, Alexander detention pond, proposed channel improvements around the Canal Street) and focus on more frequent storm analysis rather than 100 year storm for FEMA.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

11. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant, Section 5307, TX-90-X800-00, in the amount of \$3,952,369.00 for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 and amending the Transit System's Operating budget by increasing the Fiscal Year 07-08 FTA Operating Grant contribution from \$3,658,679.00 to \$3,952,369.00 and decreasing the Transit Sales Tax match for operating expenses from \$4,877,549.00 to \$4,583,859.00 and providing for grant funds to be deposited in the City of Laredo Transit Fund.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

12. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant, Section 5307, TX-90-X800-00, in the amount of \$3,952,369.00 for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 and amending the Transit System's Operating budget by increasing the Fiscal Year 07-08 FTA Operating Grant contribution from \$3,658,679.00 to \$3,952,369.00 and decreasing the Transit Sales Tax match for operating expenses from \$4,877,549.00 to \$4,583,859.00 and providing for grant funds to be deposited in the City of Laredo Transit Fund.

This item was the same as item 11.

VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

13. Amending Chapter 19, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic", Article VIII; Stopping, Standing or Parking, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo: specifically Section 19-364, restricted parking areas, establishing a "No Parking Anytime/Tow Away Zone" along Sonterra Drive between McPherson Road and Serene Drive, within city limits of Laredo; providing severability and for an effective date and publication.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive the final reading of Ordinances: #2008-O-152, #2008-O-153, #2008-O-154, #2008-O-155, #2008-O-156, #2008-O-157, #2008-O-158, #2008-O-159, #2008-O-160, #2008-O-161.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

14. 2008-O-152 Amending the City of Laredo Health Department Fiscal Year 2007-2008 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$264,059.00 in funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services for the Health Department-Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program. These funds are for the term period of August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009 and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents resulting from the same.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2008-O-152.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2008-O-153 Amending the City of Laredo Health Department Fiscal Year 2007-2008 annual budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$10,000.00 of additional funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services for the Health Department Title V Family Planning Services Grant for a total amount awarded of \$71,068.00 for the period of September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2008-O-153.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2008-O-154 Amending the City of Laredo 2007-2008 Autotheft Annual Budget in the amount of \$10,358.00 to fund the Laredo Autotheft Task Force and accepting an award in the amount of \$346,000.00 from the Texas Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority. The City of Laredo will be designating \$274,599.00 in matching funds, and Webb County will be designating \$48,459.00 in matching funds for a total grant amount of \$669,058.00. This grant is effective from September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2008-O-154.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2008-O-155 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 5, Block 8, Moreno Addition, located at 3319 Guerrero Street, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District); providing for publication and an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2008-O-155.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2008-O-156 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 4.92 acres as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A," located approximately 600 feet south of State Highway 359 and 1,580 feet east of Old Milwaukee Road, from R-2 (Multi-Family District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District); providing for publication and an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2008-O-156.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2008-O-157 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a children's amusement establishment on Lots 4, 5, and 6, Block 700, Eastern Division, located at 1220 Guatemozin Street; providing for publication and an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2008-O-157.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2008-O-158 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for Used Auto Sales on Lots 10, 11, and 12, Block 4, Calton Mims Gardens Subdivision, located at 4701 Gallagher Avenue; providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2008-O-158.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2008-O-159 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 2.94 acres as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A," located approximately 1,000 feet south of State Highway 359 and 1,580 feet east of Old Milwaukee Road, from R1-A (Single Family

Motion to approve Resolution # 2008-R-086.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

16. 2008-R-087 Accepting the donation of one (1) utility easement from Jose G. Trevino for Rancho Peñitas West Subdivision Easement Acquisition Project; being 0.17 acres of land more or less out of 7.748 acres, Jose G. Trevino, recorded in Volume 588, Page 97, Official Public Records of Webb County. Situated in Porcion 8, Blas M. Diaz, Abstract 40, Webb County, Texas and being more particularly described by metes and bounds and survey attached as Exhibits A and B, respectfully.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2008-R-087.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

17. 2008-R-088 Accepting the donation of one (1) utility easement from Jose G. Trevino and wife, Maria Dolores Trevino for Rancho Peñitas West Subdivision Easement Acquisition Project; being 0.40 acres of land more or less out of 27.01 acres, Jose G. Trevino and Maria Dolores Trevino, recorded in Volume 588, Page 97, Official Public Records of Webb County. Situated in Porcion 8, Blas M. Diaz, Abstract 40, Webb County, Texas and being more particularly described by metes and bounds and survey attached as Exhibits A and B, respectfully.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2008-R-088.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

18. 2008-R-089 Accepting the donation of one (1) utility easement from James Morrison and wife, Consuelo Morrison for Rancho Peñitas West Subdivision Easement Acquisition Project; this being a 0.05 acres of land more or less out of 17.50 acres, James Morrison and Consuelo Morrison, recorded in Volume 1555, Page 377 Official Public Records of Webb County. Situated in Porcion 8, Blas M. Diaz, Abstract 40, Webb County, Texas and being more particularly described by metes and bounds and survey attached as Exhibits A and B, respectfully.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2008-R-089.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

19. 2008-R-092 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a non-exclusive Memorandum of Understanding attached to this resolution as Exhibit A, between the City of Laredo and Desarrollo Inmobiliario Bosques Del Rio, D/B/A Meridian 1000, a company established in Colombia, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, to cooperate with each other to promote and to foster economic development opportunities for the benefit of our region being the ports of Colombia, Nuevo Leon; Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas and Laredo, Texas.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2008-R-092.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 7

Against: 1

Abstain: 0

Cm. Landeck

20. 2008-R-094 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Federal Aviation Administration in the amount of \$390,964.00 and to accept said grant, if offered, for the preparation of engineering plans and specifications for the modernization of the Airport's electrical vault that services the air operations areas of the airport and for the preparation of engineering plans and specifications to rehabilitate a portion of Runway 35L at the Laredo International Airport. The City's local match in the amount of \$20,577.00 (5%) is available through the land purchased in Fiscal Year 2006 (Rash Tract).

Motion to approve Resolution # 2008-R-094.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XI. MOTIONS

21. Approval of the 2008 Appraisal Roll from the Webb County Appraisal District for the development of the City's tax roll, acceptance of the effective and rollback tax rate calculations for the Tax Year 2008, and setting the public hearing dates of August 25th and September 2nd, 2008 for the proposed tax rate of \$0.637000/\$100 value.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

22. Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tempore as per Ordinance 90-O-101. City Council shall confirm one of the Council Members who shall be known and designated as Mayor Pro Tempore.

Motion to approve Cm. J. Valdez as Mayor Pro Tempore.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

23. Approving the submission of the 2008 One Year Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in request for funding through the 34th Action Year, and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents as a result of the Plan's submission. The Action Plan identifies the projects proposed to be funded by HUD through entitlement program funds and anticipated program income, which are as follows:

34th AY Community Development Block Grant	
Community Development Administration	\$668,337
Housing Rehabilitation Administration	\$237,256
Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program (\$96,066 derived from CDBG Program Income)	\$437,089
Code Enforcement	\$494,794
Graffiti Removal Program	\$ 51,286
Hamilton Hotel - Section 108 Loan Repayment	\$182,236
Anna Street Community Baseball Field	\$215,000
Sidewalks (District I)	\$120,000
Cielito Lindo Park Improvements	\$100,000
Azteca Zero Depth Splash Park	\$220,000
Bethany House Shelter Expansion	\$100,000
Riverhills Parkland Acquisition	\$220,000
East Hachar Parking Lot Acquisition and Construction	\$220,000
Eistetter Facility Expansion Improvements	\$125,000
Taylor Parking Improvements (Phase II)	\$ 80,053
Andy Ramos Park Improvements	\$215,000
Total	\$3,686,051
2008 HOME Investment Partnership Grant	
HOME Program Administration	\$123,603
Down payment Assistance (\$60,006 derived from HOME Program Income)	\$657,445
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	\$340,000
Community Housing Development Organizations	\$187,243
Total	\$1,308,291
2008 American Dream Down payment Initiative	
Down payment Assistance	\$5,188
2008 Emergency Shelter Grant	
ESG Program Administration	\$ 2,500
Homeless Prevention Program	\$35,000
Homeless Shelter Program (Operations and Rehabilitation)	\$81,316
Essential Services	\$41,106
Total	\$159,922

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

24. Consideration to amend contract FY06-106, awarded to C.W. Security Laredo, Texas, for providing security guard services for the Bridge System, City Hall, Health Department, Parks and Recreation Department - Civic Center, Solid Waste Department, the Municipal Housing Department, and other departments as needed by adjusting the hourly rate from \$7.70 to \$8.40 effective July 25, 2008. The contract terms and conditions allow for a rate adjustment due to an increase in the federal minimum hourly wage.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

25. Consideration to renew contract number FY08-022 awarded to HD Supply Waterworks, San Antonio, Texas in the estimated amount of \$250,000.00, for the purchase of PVC pipe used by the Utilities Department. This contract renewal includes a 5% price increase from the previous contract period due to the unstable pricing climate for PVC materials. This is the third of four (4) 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.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

26. Consideration to amend contract FY07-121, awarded to C.W. Tenorio Security Laredo Texas, for providing security guard services for the Utilities Department. Due to an increase in the hourly minimum wage, the adjusted hourly rate will increase from \$7.70 to \$8.40 effective July 24, 2008. The Federal minimum wage was increased on July 24, 2008 from \$5.85 to \$6.55. The contracts terms and conditions allow for rate adjustments if there is an increase in the federal minimum hourly wage. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

27. Consideration to award a contract to Dell Inc., in the total amount of \$107,243.82 for

the purchase of hardware and software for a Storage Area Network (SAN) solution. This will provide needed drive space for our email server and enhance the City's email capabilities. This contract is being secured utilizing State of Texas - Department of Information Resources (DIR) contract pricing. Funding is available in the 2007 Contractual Obligation bond.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

28. Consideration to exercise the one (1) year renewal option for annual supply contract FY07-117 awarded by the City Council on July 9, 2007 to the following providers:
- 1) Primary vendor - Bound Tree Medical;
 - 2) Secondary vendors: Southeastern Emergency, Matrix Medical, Tri-Anim Health Services, Moore Medical, First Line LLC, School Health Corp., Dealmed Inc., and Ever Ready First Aid for the purchase of medical supplies used by the Fire Department – Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Division. This contract establishes a fixed contract price for twelve months term and allows the Fire Department to purchase medical supplies as needed throughout the contract period. Approximately \$118,000.00 is purchased on an annual basis. Funding is available in the Fire Department – EMS Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

29. Consideration to amend the purchase order issued to Godwin Pumps of America Inc, Bridgeport, New Jersey by increasing the total to \$72,312.35, which is an increase of \$7,324.91 for one (1) additional month rental of a 12" service pump. The pump is currently being utilized as a booster station while the manhole at San Francisco Avenue and Canal Street is being repaired. Due to the complex nature of this repair, the continuous rental of this pump is essential to the completion of this project. Funding is available in the Utilities Department-Waste Water Treatment Division Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

30. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for one (1) additional year for contract number FY07-129 awarded to Paul Young Chevrolet Inc., Laredo, Texas, on August 20, 2007, in the estimated annual amount of \$40,000.00 for the purchase of dealer repair parts for the fleet operation. All automotive parts will be purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

31. Consideration for approval of change order No. 1 a decrease of \$10,494.00 for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place, release of retainage, acceptance of the Laredo Street Drainage Improvements Phase II and approval of final payment in the amount of \$78,411.10 to ALC Construction, LLC., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$465,970.00. Funding is available in the 2006 C.O. Issue.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

32. Requesting authorization to execute a contract with the Laredo Chamber of Commerce for the administration of payments to operate the Laredo Trade & Travel Center, D/B/A Casa Laredo, in Monterrey, Mexico for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 with the option of automatic renewal for a one (1) year term, upon the agreement of both parties. Funding for the agreement is available upon approval of the City of Laredo CVB, Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Annual Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

33. Consideration to approve amendments No. 1 to Gilpin Engineering for an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 for the Phase 2 Manadas Creek Multi-purpose Drainage Improvements Project. The Phase 2 services includes the master planning of Manadas Creek watershed, identifies the green space preservation areas according to the City's Green Space Preservation Ordinance, identifies the active and passive recreational opportunities to include hike/bike trails, ecosystem restoration along the creek corridor. The total contract amount will be \$687,000.00 with these amendments. Funding is available in the 2007 Contractual Obligation Bond Proceeds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

34. Consideration to award annual maintenance contract FY08-098 to the sole proposer System Controls & Instrumentation, Converse, Texas in the estimated amount of \$266,025.00 for providing professional services in the maintenance of all water and wastewater Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition monitoring and electrical

controls under preventive maintenance and emergency response objectives. The proposal price is based on a flat hourly rate for management/professional, technician, electrician, CAD Draftsman, and clerical services. Funding is available under Water and Wastewater Operational Funds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

35. A. Request by Council Member Mike Garza

1. Discussion with possible action to designate \$150,000.00 in reprogrammed project fund balances from the Community Development Block Grant Funds as a contribution towards the LCC South Campus Recreational Complex Project and requesting that staff prepare a sub recipient agreement as required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. (Co-sponsored by Council Member Hector J. Garcia)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

B. Request by Council Member Hector J. Garcia

1. Discussion with possible action on waiving the Civic Center fees and possible donation for the One City, One Book reception and lecture with book's author.

The author is Gerda Weissmann Klein and her book is "All But My Life," a memoir.

Motion to approve and to help them with a reception.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

C. Request by Council Member Dr. Michael Landeck

1. Discussion with possible action on:

A. Establishing a dollar figure representing the sum that the city expended directly on developing the presidential permit proposal for Bridge V "site 2" that will be the base for the City's claim for reimbursement from the Mexican government (entities).

Cm. Landeck said they had discussed in previous meetings the issue of authorizing the City Manager to start negotiations with authorities in Mexico and Webb County to move forward the issue of Bridge #5. During the last discussion, they had mentioned some principles for those who want to follow the reimbursements they want from the Mexican authorities. They spoke about excluding whole costs they may have had on legal expenses and consulting, but they couldn't come to final figures because City Manager said he needed some time to look and see if there are any other expenses. Cm. Landeck said that they would like to finalize that number and help City Manager to have an exact figure to work with. He asked if City Manager had any numbers to share that he didn't have last time.

City Manager replied that he did not have an exact figure yet, but that they would be looking at expenditures pretty soon. He said that he was given 120 days to finalize. He explained that some of the expenditures might be missing from the list and that they wanted to make sure to do a good and thorough job before bringing back a figure of what they consider to be part of the Presidential Permit Process. He said that they still had to work on the budget for another 45 days, and meanwhile he could not negotiate any numbers.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Landeck

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- B. A detailed historically based estimate of the total cost of developing a Presidential Permit request for the D.D. Hachar site 3" location and any other issue pertaining to Bridge V.

City Manager, Carlos Villarreal, said he felt that a legitimate amount of money in his estimation depends on how many players are involved, but he wanted to know if the Mexican side could partner in the expense, looking at a \$1.5 million to \$2 million dollar expense with the City doing some of the work. He recommended that Mexico be an equal partner in this.

Cm. Landeck said that he would like a price estimate based upon data and cost estimates, itemized data based on something beyond his own personal experiences. He wanted a price for the project based upon independent people and what they would charge.

D. Request by Council Member Johnny Rendon

1. Discussion with possible action on placing speed humps on Mayberry Street and Los Ebanos Drive by using District V Discretionary Funds.

Motion to approve.

3. Status report on the baseball field stadium, with possible action.

Carlos Villarreal, City Manager said that they have written to the Attorney General already about this matter and that they would know very soon. He said that they had until the 26th of August to be able to come back with items. He mentioned that they were already getting language for different aspects. He said it was a big project and that they were going to do it right; furthermore, he mentioned that they couldn't be urged to do something for which they either needed Council approval or an election to take care of it.

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

1. Discussion with possible action regarding a City Charter amendment for the Civil Service Commission, other possible charter amendments, and any other matters incident thereto. (Co-sponsored by Council Member Mike Garza and Council Member Dr. Michael Landeck)

Cm. Valdez stated that the committee wants to know what direction they want to take. He said that they had the final say-so and wanted to know if the final authority was given to the commission for being terminated or reinstated. If they want to give final authority to the commission, then they need a Charter amendment.

Hilario Cavazos, Laredo Community College Board of Trustees official, stated that he supported the item in that Civil Service was long overdue and that the charter needed to be amended.

Rene de la Vina, Laredo Community College Trustee, stated that they had been working on this for a year, and that they did need to amend the charter because of the contradiction.

Dan Migura, Human Resources, reported that there is a procedure already that is governed under the local government code Chapter 143. It is a statutory provision that addresses all aspects of the Civil Service system, as well as collective bargaining agreements with both the police and firefighters. He said that the provision for the employees is in a draft stage right now.

Cm. Valdez said what he was proposing, or what the committee had proposed, was that they would have final say-so in reversal of suspensions or terminations. If they want to go that route, then they would have to put it before the voters to amend the charter.

Motion to instruct the committee to look at different options of having the final say-so and have a meeting as an agenda item.

Cm. Valdez amended to reflect that there would be an appeals process for suspensions and terminations, and that they would have the final say-so.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council hereby reserves the right to go into executive session at any time during this public meeting, if such is requested by the City Attorney or other legal counsel for the City, pursuant to his or her duty under Section 551.071(2) of the Government Code, to consult privately with his or her client on an item on the agenda, or on a matter arising out of such item.

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

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

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

37. 2008-RT-006 Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute the Texas Department of Transportation Grant No. 51922F7052, for Fiscal Year 2008-2009, in the amount of \$667,509.00, from the State Public Transportation funds for transit operating assistance.

Motion to approve # 2008-RT-006.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

38. 2008-RT-007 Authorizing the City Manager to apply for Section 5309 Vehicle Capital Replacement (VCR) Grant with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in the total amount of \$1,161,100.00 for the purchase of seventeen (17) type 2 paratransit vans with bus lifts. The grant will consist of \$959,480.00 in federal funds and matching Transit Sales Tax funds of \$201,620.00; providing for grant contract funds to be deposited in the City of Laredo Transit Fund Account.

Motion to approve # 2008-RT-007.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

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

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Supplemental Agenda

I. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATION

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

1. Discussion with possible action on increasing the number of supervisory positions at the Police Department in order to meet our community's needs. (co-sponsored by Council Member Hector J. Garcia.)

Cm. Valdez stated that he placed this item for these reasons: people in the community have concerns that police won't take their report, and there is a serious need for supervisory positions. They wanted, since they are in the budget process, to have Council look at the information that they have received and then come back and see what they can come up with.

Motion to instruct staff to come back with a recommendation on the numbers they have seen, clarifying that within the budget process.

Moved: Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Garza stated that his concern was whether the item should be on the supplemental agenda. He reminded Council that they had voted by motion not to have supplemental agendas, and so he asked that they would honor that request and discuss it at the budget hearing.

City Attorney Raul Casso stated that they could entertain it if they wanted. If they didn't want to, they didn't have to. They could redefine their policy or perhaps put that on a subsequent agenda.

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III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0