

**CITY OF LAREDO
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M2008-SC-014
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
SEPTEMBER 26, 2008
12:15 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present Mayor Raul G. Salinas called the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Raul G. Salinas led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

In attendance:

Raul G. Salinas,	Mayor
Mike Garza,	Council Member, District I
Hector Garcia,	Council Member, District II
Juan Narvaez,	Council Member, District IV
Johnny Rendon,	Council Member, District V
Gene Belmares,	Mayor Pro Tem, District VI
Jose Valdez, Jr.,	Council Member, District VII
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

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

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

V. RESOLUTION

1. 2008-R-115 Supporting and authorizing the City of Laredo's participation in the South Texas Development Council, and authorizing payment of the City of Laredo's assessed membership dues in the amount of \$45,106.80 for the period October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2008-R-115.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Valdez

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IV. MOTIONS

2. Approving the property tax revenue increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2009 budget as required by the Texas Local Government Code, Section 102.007 said increase being \$5,444,937.00 or 9.39%. This additional amount is due entirely to increases in property tax valuations and new property added to the tax roll and NOT to any increase of the current tax rate of \$.637000.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Valdez

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

3. Authorizing the approval of the design of the Buenos Aires Community Center, a joint development project between the City of Laredo and Webb County, (Commissioner Jerry Garza). The existing Interlocal Agreement allows for the review and approval of the design plans prior to initiation of construction. Design of the facility is being produced by FQR Architects.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Valdez

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VI. 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.

4. Request for Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1)(A) to consult with City Attorney regarding pending litigation in the case styled Shustring Productions, Inc.dba LareDos Publishing v. Raul Salinas and City of Laredo, Case No. 5:08-cv-00120, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Laredo Division; and return to open session for possible action.

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1)(A) to consult with City Attorney regarding pending litigation in the case styled Shustring Productions, Inc.dba LareDos Publishing v. Raul Salinas and City of Laredo, Case No. 5:08-cv-00120, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Laredo Division; and return to open session for possible action.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Valdez

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

After Executive Session the Mayor announced that no formal action was taken.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Valdez

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0