

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M2007-R-02
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
JANUARY 16, 2007
5:30 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Pro Tempore Ramirez, called the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tempore called the meeting to order.

III. ROLL CALL

In attendance:

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| Mike Garza, | Council Member, District I |
| Hector Garcia, | Council Member, District II |
| Michael Landeck, | Council Member, District III |
| Johnny Rendon | Council Member, District V |
| Gene Belmares, | Council Member, District VI |
| Juan Chavez | Council Member, District VII |
| Juan Ramirez, | Mayor Pro Tem, District VIII |
| Gustavo Guevara, Jr., | City Secretary |
| Cynthia Collazo, | Acting City Manager |
| Rafael Garcia, | Assistant City Manager |
| Horacio De Leon, | Assistant City Manager |
| Valeria Acevedo, | City Attorney Interim |

Motion to excuse Mayor Salinas and Cm. Amaya.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IV. MINUTES

None.

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Recognitions

- a. Recognition of the City of Laredo Sisters Cities Youth Committee.

Postponed.

- b. Recognition of Department, Esther Garcia, Community Development Department, on her selection as January 2007 Employee of the Month.

Ronnie Acosta, Community Development Director, reported that Ester Garcia has been working for the Department of Community Development in different capacities for nine years. She said that she has grown with the department starting as a housing eligibility technician in the housing rehab program and has become a vital part of administrative staff as an Administrative Assistant II. She said that Ester Garcia plays a major a roll in preparing the City's consolidated plan which serves as an application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for CDBG home and ESG program funding which this year represented over five million dollars in funding to the community of Laredo. She also serves as a project manager for multiple projects which is an activity funded through the development block grant and helps to ensure compliance with federal program requirements. In addition, she oversees the emergency shelter grant program and works very closely with service providers in our community in helping address local homeless needs. She is exceptionally reliable and diligent when given an assignment. You can count on her to get the job done with minimal supervision. She is a team leader and sets an example that others can follow. In addition to her normal work load she has been selected recently to participate in the City of Laredo's Leadership program. During December 2006 she was instrumental along with fellow department staff in coordinating a very successful holiday celebration for the 189 elderly residents who live at the Hamilton Housing Apartments. Her efforts in coordinating activities in contributions from different individuals and private entities provided Hamilton residents an afternoon of festivities, entertainment, and gifts. The elderly residents truly enjoyed themselves and were greatly appreciative.

Communiqués

- a. Presentation by the Streets of Laredo regarding 2007 Popeyes Jamboozie Festival

Rafael Torres, Chairperson for the Festival, extended an invitation to the Mayor, City Council, and all the citizens of our community to the 2007 Jamboozie Festival during January 27th.

- b. Presentation by Minita Ramirez, President Elect, regarding the 2007 Washington Birthday Celebration.

Minita Ramirez, President Elect of the Washington Birthday Celebration, reported that it was her honor to represent the many volunteers that make up the yearly celebration. It is through the efforts of countless volunteers, the cooperation of many different organizations and the financial support from the great community that makes WBCA an exciting month long celebration comprised of over 28 events held to promote the City. She thanked the City Council for their support. WBCA is the affirmation of local, state, national, and international initiatives and recognizes positive efforts of the schools, youth, business community and religious organizations. Most important she thanked the City leaders and the numerous city staff members that support the events.

Citizen comments

Citizens are required to fill out a witness card and identify themselves at the microphone. Comments should be relevant to City business and delivered in a professional manner. No derogatory remarks will be permitted. There is a time limit of three minutes per speaker.

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- a. Appointment by Council Member Hector Garcia of Triana Volpe to Parks and Recreation Committee.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 1. A. Request by Council Member Hector Garcia

- 1. Discussion with possible action on allowing the use of City owned vacant lots located at the Laredo International Airport during the Jalapeño Festival.

Cm. Garcia explained that he had placed this item on the agenda to assure that the City of Laredo will be free from liability during the Jalapeno Festival.

Jose Flores, Airport Director, said that he had placed information regarding the item in the Council’s Friday packet. The information included the noticeable element of the lease agreement and liability insurance was one of the concerns. WBCA will insure the festivities and the event at the airport. He further explained that there is a rent assessment of \$200 a day for two days.

Motion to allow the use of the City owned vacant lots located at the Laredo International Airport during the Jalapeno Festival to the WBCA.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2. Discussion with possible action on allowing one street banner during the WBCA festivities.

Motion to allow a one street banner during the WBCA festivities.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Landeck

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

B. Request by Council Member Gene Belmares

1. Discussion with possible action regarding the streets to be included in the 2006-2007 Street Recycling Project for District VI.

Cm. Belmares said that the Engineering Department has prepared a street paving program which has been issued to Council over the last four years. He advised that he has some blocks pending from 03-04 and 04-05 fiscal year; however, he said that he would like to switch some of the blocks. He asked staff to delay street recycling in the Regency area because they are pending a water line and to concentrate on five blocks around the baseball fields. He asked the Acting City Manager to take primary interests in resurfacing the principal arterials.

Alejandro Lambrada, Public Works Director, said that Cutler will be in Laredo by February 2007. The deadline to change orders for some of the streets would be March 1, 2007 if no milling is required.

Cm. Belmares informed Council that he would review the list with Alejandro Lambrada and return to Council with street change recommendations for District V.

2. Discussion with possible action on creating isolation fencing for the swimming pool ordinance.

Cm. Belmares said that the City of Laredo has adopted the International Construction Code 2006 which speaks to a lot of changes in the Ordinance that the City of Laredo wanted to make regarding pool safety. He advised that there are items missing that other municipalities throughout Texas abstract from the ICC and put into separate ordinances. He suggested remanding the item back to City staff to review the material and search for overlapping or gaps that may need strengthening and return to City Council with recommendations.

3. Discussion with possible action regarding deteriorating street conditions in District VI.

Cm. Belmares advised that he had met with several engineers regarding the streets of Laredo. He said that he was puzzled as to why the streets conditions seem to be worse in the last couple of years as opposed to prior years. He asked if it was a question of specifications that the City of Laredo is asking the development community to place in the roads or are there other issues causing the deteriorating.

Rogelio Rivera, Engineering Director, said that the deteriorating street conditions has to do with a conglomeration of issues. He said that the budgetary constraints of Public Works has taken them away from the maintenance. He said that the watering and over watering of yards also take a tremendous toll on Laredo streets. He also discussed the problems with the Metro bus taking the route on the streets that are not constructed for that type of traffic.

Cm. Belmares instructed the City Manager to step up the enforcement on the irrigation systems in the City. He also asked the City Manager to step up the enforcement on the truck route. Finally, he instructed staff to look at the current specifications for roads.

4. Discussion with possible action on implementing a water distribution action plan for Summer 2007.

Cm. Belmares said that it is early in the season and the City of Laredo is not using a lot of water but acknowledged a lot of water breaks. He said that the City needs to be proactive and have a plan for the summer month water breaks.

Carl Schwing, Utilities Director, said that on March 15, 2007 the TAMIU tank will be in service. By that time, all river water intake pumps will have been rebuilt including the motors and switch gear and returned to service. Staff would have repaired valves to the high service pumps. He too agreed that the City of Laredo needs to actively enforce the conservation levels which is a requirement by the Texas Water Development Board. He further commented that staff has replaced the pumps at Lago Vista and they will be replacing switch gear pumps, motors and valves at the Hendricks and Lyon facilities. Finally, he said that they are in the final stages of establishing a program for water loss studies by zone throughout the city.

Cm. Belmares instructed the Acting City Manager to return to Council with a drafted plan addressing the water distribution action plan for Summer 2007. He reminded the City that the City of Laredo is under the stage III conservation.

Acting City Manager explained that the City is issuing PSA's reminding the viewing public that the City is under a stage III water conservation plan.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a budget amendment appropriating operating funds from the Federal Transit Administration Grant No. TX 90X706 from Fiscal Year 2005-2006 in the amount \$526,487.00 to be used for operating expenses in Fiscal Year 2006-2007 increasing the Federal contribution from \$3,700,000.00 to \$4,226,487.00 and decreasing the sales tax match for operations from \$5,693,440.00 to \$5,166,953.00 and amending the Transit Sales Tax Fund by transferring \$526,487.00 into Transit Sales Tax Fund by transferring \$526,487.00 into Sales Tax Reserve and reducing transfer to operations by \$526,487.00.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Chavez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

3. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo FY 2006-2007 annual budget by decreasing the grant award amount by \$66,618.00 due to an 8 month award pending full application from the Texas Department of State Health Services for the Prevention Services for HIV Prevention Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for a total amount of \$133,236.00, contract period beginning January 1, 2007, through August 31, 2007, and amending the Full-Time Equivalent positions by deleting one unfilled Community Service Aide position to reallocate funds for other program personnel.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City's Capital Improvement Fund-Los Obispos Remediation Project FY 2006-2007 Budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$36,000.00. The revenues derive from the settlement agreement between the City of Laredo and Mario Gonzalez, d/b/a MG Builders.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Landeck

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Belmares
For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 budget by allocating the Utility late fees and appropriating revenues and expenses in the amount of \$131,290.00 to the Utility Billing Division provided by projected increases in the Utility Late Fees. Funds will be used to purchase an Automated Interactive Voice Response (IVR) Customer Service System and cover temporary personnel costs for the non-deposit special revenue collection project.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

6. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending Ordinance 2004-O-291, which established the rental rates on all multi-family apartment properties acquired through the FAR Part 150 Airport Noise Compatibility Program and managed by the Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation (LMHC) by revising the rental rate structure to ensure the units' marketability.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares
Second: Cm. Garza
For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

7. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending Ordinance 2003-O-143, which established the rental rates for the single-family properties purchased through the Laredo International Airport FAR Part 150 Noise Compatibility Program and managed by the Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation by revising the rental rate structure of vacant properties to ensure the marketability of the properties.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Chavez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

8. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit and drilling permit for oil and/or gas extraction on 4 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located east of Interstate Highway 35 south of termination of South Unitec Drive. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the Special Use Permit. (District VI)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Chavez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Belmares

9. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a child daycare center on Lot 687, Block 41, Del Mar Hills, Section 3, Area "A" Subdivision, located at 804 Eden Lane. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended denial of the zone change. (District VI)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ron Whitehawk, on behalf of Mr. & Mrs. Jose Reyes, stated that this is an older neighborhood and that only one person protested against the noise change request. He requested that the zone change request for a child daycare be approve.

Cm. Belmares expressed the concerns of the neighbors and asked that there be a couple of restrictions including prohibiting a message boards and the request of brick pavers for the parking areas.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce with the following amendments:

1. The Conditional Use Permit shall be issued to Jose Homero and Sylvia Reyes and is non-transferable.
2. The Conditional Use Permit is restricted to the letter, Exhibit "A", which is made part of hereof for all purposes.
3. The Conditional Use Permit is restricted to the site plan.
4. The site shall comply with all parking requirements.
5. The site shall provide trees and shrubs.
6. Signage will be limited to a 3' x 4' sign attached to the building.
7. No message boards are allowed.
8. Brick pavers must be used for parking areas.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Chavez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Belmares

IX. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

10. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement by and between the Laredo Transit Management, Inc., and the City of Laredo Department of Community Development for the lease of 6,628 sq.ft. of building space at the Laredo Transit Center located at 1301 Farragut (East), second and third floors (East) for a monthly sum of \$4,586.44 for a term of three (3) years commencing on February 1, 2007. This action is contingent upon the continued availability of funding.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

X. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive the reading of Ordinance # 2007-O-001, # 2007-O-002, # 2007-O-003, # 2007-O-004, # 2007-O-005, # 2007-O-006, and #2007-O-007.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

11. 2007-O-001 Amending the City of Laredo's FY 2006-2007 annual budget by authorizing the addition of one (1) Investigator position by reclassification of one (1) officer position in the Laredo Police Department's High Intensity Drug Trafficking Agency (HIDTA) program. There is no cost to the City of Laredo's General Fund. Funding is available from within the HIDTA program.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2007-O-001.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2007-O-002 Amending the City of Laredo FY 2006-2007 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$257,702.00 in additional funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services for the Public Health Preparedness and Epidemiology Program-Pandemic Influenza Work Plan of the City of Laredo Health Department for a total grant amount of \$932,099.00, and extending the grant period which ends December 31, 2006, an additional eight (8) months. The term period from September 1, 2005, through August 31, 2007; amend the FY 2006-2007 full-time equivalent positions, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2007-O-002.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2007-O-003 Amending the City of Laredo FY 2006-2007 Annual Budget for the South Texas Regional 9-1-1 System Fund by adding one (1) full time equivalent (FTE) position. The position would be responsible for assisting the four county region of Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb, and Zapata counties with 9-1-1 database matters. Funding in the estimated amount of \$22,000 for the remaining eight months of the fiscal year is available in the 9-1-1 Regional Fund.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2007-O-003.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2007-O-007.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XI. RESOLUTIONS

12. 2007-R-001 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a donation from Wal-Mart Corporation in the amount of \$500.00. Funds will be deposited in the Friends of the Library Fund and used to expand the Laredo Public Library's Summer Reading Program.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2007-R-001.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

13. 2007-R-003 Declaring the City of Laredo's intent to work in partnership with Webb County on the construction of a fifth international bridge crossing joining the Mexican State of Tamaulipas and the State of Texas and to be located within the corporate limits of the City of Laredo for the purpose of meeting the needs of the area's growing populous; and authorizing the city manager to hold formal discussions with Webb County for the purpose of drafting a memorandum of understanding that will further reflect the intentions of both parties and which will further the best interests of both city and county residents; and rescinding Resolution no. 2002-R-025 and Resolution no. 2004-R-067.

Postponed.

14. 2007-R-004 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute an Interlocal Governmental Agreement pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 791, between the City of Laredo and the County of Webb, in which the Webb County Sheriff's Department and the Laredo Police Department require the formation of a mutual aid law enforcement task force to mutually assist each other in the areas of the traffic control, crowd control, and general law enforcement both within and beyond the city limits during the various Washington's Birthday Celebration festivities scheduled from January 25, 2007 to February 18, 2007.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2007-R-004.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XII. MOTIONS

- 15. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one truck in the total amount of \$28,439.00, through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (H-GAC) cooperative purchasing program's contract pricing. This truck will be purchased from Philpott Ford and will be assigned to the Public Works creek cleaning operation which is funded by the Solid Waste department. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Fund.

Motion to approve with correction to buy from Cooperative Board Program.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 16. Consideration to authorize the purchase of Trackwise Application Software, Release 6.0 from Sparta System, Inc. in the total amount of \$44,640.00. The Trackwise Software is a web based tracking system that electronically logs, manages and follows the action items of the citizen complaint reports. Funding for this software upgrade is available from the 2006 Public Property Finance Contractual Obligation (PPFCO) bond proceeds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 17. Consideration for approval of change order no. 2 an increase of \$58,005.00 for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place and to add thirty-three (33) calendar days to the construction contract time, acceptance for substantial completion of the Los Obispos Unit-5 Remediation Project, Phase II and approval of payment in the amount of \$118,896.15 to LEH Contractors, Inc., San Antonio, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$1,375,828.00. Funding is available in the Los Obispos Phase II.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 18. Consideration for approval to award a construction contract to the sole bidder Cutler Repaving, Inc., Lawrence Kansas, in the bid amount of \$625,753.70 for the 2006-2007 Street Recycling Project (160 Blocks). Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

19. Consideration for approval of change order no. 1, an increase of \$86.53 for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place and to add one hundred eighty one (181) calendar days to the construction time, acceptance of the Santa Rita Park Phase I, Project 1 and approval of final payment in the amount of \$41,296.91 to Zertuche Construction, Inc. Funding is available in the Community Development 27th and 28th Action Year Grant.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

20. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for an additional three month period for contract number FY06-092 awarded to the low bidders, Hollon Oil Company, Weslaco, Texas and Arguindequi Oil Company, Laredo, Texas, for the purchase of lubricants for the Fleet Maintenance Division. The bid pricing will be firm for a three-month period and all items will be purchased on an as need basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

21. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for one (1) additional year for contract number FY06-013 to vendors, Gulf Coast Paper, Corpus Christi, Texas, Patria Supply, Laredo, Texas; and Laredo Janitorial Solutions, Laredo, Texas; for providing general janitorial supplies for all City departments. This contract establishes the contract pricing for those janitorial supplies most commonly utilized by City departments. All items will be purchased on an as needed basis and funding will be secured from the user department budgets.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

22. Consideration for approval of change order no. 1 a decrease of \$7,854.00 for balance of quantities actually constructed in place, acceptance of the Fire Fighting/Public Safety Training Facility Phase II and approval of final payment in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Marshall Company, Ltd., Corpus Christi, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$1,389,869.32. Funding is available in the General Fund/Fire Department.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

23. Consideration for approval to award a professional services contract to Chapman & Associates, Inc., Magnolia, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$89,400.00 for the Resident Project Representative (RPR) for the Laredo International Airport Projects. Funding is available in the Airport Construction Fund/Grant #49-Project Engineer Fees.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

24. Consideration for approval to award a professional services contract to South Texas Laboratories, Inc., Laredo, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$74,800.00 to provide laboratory, sampling and testing services of materials for quality assurance of the Laredo International Airport Construction of Northeast Cargo Apron (Phase II) General Aviation Apron (Phase II) and Southwest Cargo Apron Concrete Pads. Funding is available in the Airport Construction Fund-Grant #49.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

25. Authorizing the City Manager to amend the 2005 Consolidated One Year Action Plan by canceling the Central Laredo Senior Citizen Center Project totaling \$45,000.00 in 31st Action Year (AY) 2005 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, and reprogramming the \$45,000.00 for the construction of sidewalks in District IV.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

26. Consideration to award a consultant contract to Pemberton Professional Services, LLC in the amount of \$83,000.00 for the update of City of Laredo Parks and Open Space Master Plan. Funding is available in the Parks and Recreation Department Fiscal Year 2006-2007 operating budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

27. Authorizing the City Manager to approve payment from the City's Arena Renewal and Replacement Account for repairs done to the roof due to high winds causing damage to the roof membrane in a total amount not to exceed \$2,200.00. Funding is available in the Sports and Community Venue Account.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

28. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amount to be adjusted for the month of December 2006 represents a decrease of \$61,423.54. These adjustments are determined by Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

29. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for contract FY06-027 to Southern Sanitation, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated annual amount of \$68,513.04, for providing trash collection services for large volume containers. These services will be required for various City operations such as the Airport, Bridge System, Civic Center, Parks and Recreation, Public Access, Fleet Management, Traffic, Transit, Municipal Housing, Environmental Engineering, Fire, and Utilities. The contract vendor is also required to provide these containers for special events such as the household collection event. Funding is available in the respective departmental budgets.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

30. Consideration for approval of change order no. 6, an increase of \$268,878.99 for additional modifications to Building E to the construction contract with Leyendecker Construction, Laredo, Texas, for the City of Laredo Bridge of Americas Modification Project (El Portal). Funding is available in the Improvements Other Than Buildings – Bridge System.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

31. Consideration for approval of the selection of consultant SCS Engineers, Bedford, Texas, for the New Type I Cell in the City of Laredo Municipal Landfill located at 6912 Hwy. 359 and authorization to negotiate a professional services contract. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

32. Consideration for approval of amendment no. 6 an increase of \$75,906.00 to the architectural/engineering contract with Frank Architects, Inc., Laredo, Texas, for the Gateway to the Americas Bridge (Bridge I) Access, export lot and parking lot modifications for additional professional services to design and provide construction phase supervision. Funding is available in the Architectural Fees/Bridge System – Construction Projects.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

33. Consideration to authorize the emergency purchase of one (1) American LaFrance custom liberty pumper truck from American LaFrance Gulf Coast, Houston, TX in the estimated total amount of \$352,874.00 through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Government's (H-GAC) cooperative contract. This is a replacement for the fire pumper truck that was damaged beyond repair in the vehicle rollover on IH 35. This replacement fire truck will be delivered within 120 – 150 calendar days. American LaFrance will also loan a fire truck to the City of Laredo for \$1.00 until this replacement truck is delivered.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XIII. 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.

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. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

34. 2007-RT-001 Authorizing the City of Laredo to file an application with the U. S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, Section 5309 earmark for Fiscal Year 2006-2007, in the amount of \$1,943,557.00 for design and construction of the proposed new administrative/ operations/maintenance facility, and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related documents.

Motion to approve 2007-RT-001.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

35. Consideration to award contract number FY07-022 to the low bidder, Mitchell Adding Machine Co., Inc. /DBA Mitchell Time & Parking, Austin, Texas, in the total amount Of \$103,810.00 for the purchase and installation of parking garage toll equipment at the Transit Center. A trade in allowance for the existing toll equipment in the amount of \$25,000.00 will reduce the total purchase cost to \$78,810.00. The equipment will be purchased utilizing grant funding.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Chavez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XV. ADJOURNMENT

**Supplemental Agenda
January 16, 2007**

I. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Request by Council Member Mike Garza

1. Discussion with possible action on allocating up to \$35,000 from District III Discretionary Funds for additional improvements at Century City Park. These funds will be reimbursed by District One Discretionary Funds upon receipt of the proceeds from the bond issue.

Motion to allocate up to \$35,000 from District III Discretionary Funds for additional improvements at Century City Park. These funds will be reimbursed by District One Discretionary funds upon receipt of the proceeds from the bond issue.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

B. Request by Council Member Hector Garcia.

1. Discussion with possible action on extending the deadline for the Parks Dedication Ordinance.

Motion to return to City Council within thirty days with the Parks Dedication Ordinance.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6

Abstain: 0

Against: 0

II. Staff Report

2. A. Presentation by Miguel Pescador, Parks Department Director, regarding Parks Dedication Ordinance, with possible action.

Motion to postpone.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Chavez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

III. Executive Session

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IV. Adjournment

Time: 8:08

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Chavez

For: 6

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 20 and they are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council meeting held on January 16, 2007.



Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary