

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M2007-R-14
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
JULY 9, 2007
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
Michael Landeck,	Council Member, District III
Johnny Rendon,	Council Member, District V
Gene Belmares,	Mayor Pro Tem, District VI
Juan Chavez	Council Member, District VII
Juan Ramirez,	Council Member, District VIII
Susan E. Herrera,	Deputy City Secretary
Carlos Villarreal,	City Manager
Cynthia Collazo,	Deputy City Manager
Horacio De Leon,	Assistant City Manager
Jesus Olivares,	Assistant City Manager
Anthony McGettrick,	Acting City Attorney

Motion to excuse Cm. Garcia and Cm. Amaya

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IV. MINUTES

None.

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Recognitions

- a. Recognition of Odie Arambula, of the Laredo Morning Times for being an outstanding journalist and for his contributions to public service.

Mr. Arambula was not present.

- b. Recognition of Ricardo Gomez of the Community Development Department on his selection as July 2007 employee of the month.

Elizabeth Alonzo, Municipal Housing Director, recognized Ricardo Gomez on his selection as the July 2007 employee of the month. She stated that he is a customer service oriented individual who takes pride in his work. He was hired as a Building Maintenance Mechanic and since then has mastered many other areas.

- c. Recognition of the 2007 Texas Certified Public Manager (CPM) Program city employee graduates for the successful completion of the program.

Dan Migura recognized the following 2007 Texas Certified Public Manager Program employee graduates:

Humberto Delgado, Financial Services
Arturo Diaz Jr., Health Department
Jose A. Gamboa, Fire Department
Gregorio E. Hernandez, Bridge Department
Ivette Limon, Bridge Department
Gilberto Navarro, Police Department
Thomas L. Ochoa, Municipal Court
Rena Ren, Public Library
Ellie Reyes, City Manager's Office
Leopoldo, Rodriguez, City Manager's Office
Linda Teniente, Human Services Department

The following graduates were not able to attend:

Ernesto Elizondo Jr., Solid Waste Department
Ivan Sanchez, Bridge Department
Maria G. Solis, Public Library

Communiqués

Mayor Salinas congratulated Council Member Ramirez for an outstanding job organizing the Fourth of July parade on San Bernardo Avenue. He also congratulated Council Member Rendon on his parade. He mentioned his meeting with Nuevo Leon's State Governor Jose Natividad Gonzalez. He also reported that he has been visiting areas that have been affected by the flooding and assured the citizens that help is on its way. He stated that the City will meet with citizens concerned about the tax appraisals. He inquired about working jointly with both school districts to help teenagers finish school after hearing at the Mayor's Conference that 52 per cent of Hispanic teenagers are not graduating from high school.

Cm. Garza mentioned that he was not able to attend the parades. He acknowledged the staff's organization of the events. He thanked everyone who helped at the fundraiser held for Ms.

Reyes who passed away. He also thanked the individuals and City Departments that helped preventing people from crossing barriers during the recent flooding. He mentioned that he attended the National Conference for Latino Association Elected Officials. He asked for support for the Latino Museum in Washington, D.C..

Cm. Landeck commented on developing an ordinance for the Civil Service. He mentioned that employees who are presently “at will” will now need to go through a new process.

Cm. Rendon thanked all the participants who help on the Fifth Annual Neighborhood Parade. He thanked Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares for assisting in the parade. He congratulated the Rio Grande Rockies who won first place in the championship. He thanked Carlos Villarreal, City Manager, and his staff for hand delivering the message to the Governor that the City is in a disaster area.

Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares congratulated all the Little Leaguers who participated this season. He thanked the Parks and Recreation for maintaining the fields. He encouraged everyone to attend the production of *Fiddler on the Roof* at the Civic Center.

Cm. Chavez thanked Thomas Rodriguez, Utilities Department Director, and his staff for responding to a recent situation at the Mines Road.

Cm. Ramirez thanked everyone involved in the parades and the Fourth of July Celebration. He presented a video on the festivities.

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.

Fernando Solis spoke on the flooding of the Colonia Chaparral. He requested the City’s help to build a retention pond.

Hector Treviño stated the he is a Calton Gardens resident and has lived there for 32 years. He mentioned that in all those years there has never been any flooding. He thanked the City for the \$2,000.00 grant given to him and his family. He added that he needs help.

Franklin Leal, a local reporter, asked the Council for their support to help fund his appearance in the reality show called *Mision Reportar* in Miami, Florida. He stated that he is the finals and was the only one chosen from Texas. He presented a video.

Wanda Reyes from PMDG Advertising gave a recap on the sponsorship for the Hispanic Media awards held on May 24, 2007. She mentioned that this was a great opportunity to inform the media about Laredo. She added that the value of the advertising was worth \$114,000 and the City’s investment was only \$7,000.00.

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Appointment by Mayor Raul G. Salinas of Rafael Tawil to the Transportation & Traffic Safety Advisory Committee.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1.

A. Request by Mayor Raul G. Salinas

1. Status report on the installation of a traffic signal light at the International Airport and Bob Bullock Loop, with possible action.

Tony Garcia from the Traffic Safety Department reported that the merchandise for the construction of the traffic signal light has been ordered and the first load will be received at the end of the month, or within the first two weeks of August. He also reported that the second study analysis for the traffic signal has been executed and a letter is to be sent out for review and approval from the Texas Department of Transportation. He stated that the traffic signal light will be ready in approximately three months.

B. Request by Council Member Mike Garza

1. Discussion with possible action to consider hiring a firm to evaluate the Santo Niño Branch Library construction options with possible funding coming from interest income.

Cm. Garza reported that through an inspection that was done of the Santo Niño Branch Library, structural issues were found. He stated that there have been discussions to replace the facility that exists and suggested to have a study done. He added that the money would come from the interest income from the sale of the Bond.

Motion to hire a firm to evaluate the Santo Niño Branch Library construction options with possible funding coming from interest income from the Bond Sales.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Discussion with possible action on a resolution in support of the National Hispanic Museum in Washington, D.C.

Motion to have a resolution at the next City Council meeting in support of the National Hispanic Museum in Washington, D.C.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

C. Request by Council Member Dr. Michael Landeck

1. Discussion and possible action regarding cooperation with the “Laredo Broncos” professional baseball team for the construction of a baseball stadium. Presentation by representatives of the Broncos organization.

Brad Wendt, principal owner of the United League Baseball, stated that there have been several discussions to locate a new ball park. He suggested implementing a public/private partnership where the United League Baseball leases the land on a long term basis and in return the League will construct and pay for the Minor League Ball Park. He mentioned that the estimated cost that the League will incur is between \$5,000,000.00 and \$7,500,000.00. He mentioned that field turf would be installed on the playing surface in order for the ballpark to be used year round. He added that the community would be able to use it at cost when it is not being used by the primary tenant which will be the Laredo Broncos. Finally, he commented that he wants the Laredo Broncos to be pushed to the next level and he sees this as a great opportunity for the citizens of Laredo.

The following handout was given to the City Council:

City of Laredo, Texas
Multi-Use Ballpark Complex

- **Complex Overview**
 - Location-Laredo Entertainment Center Parcel
 - 40-acres
 - 10 acres shared parking
 - Long term ground lease to United Sports
 - City Owns facility and retains ownerships of land
- **Community Facility**
 - Usage
 - United League Baseball (15%)
 - Laredo Community (85%)
 - Potential Constituents
 - City of Laredo
 - Laredo Independent School District
 - Texas A&M International University (TAMIU)
 - Youth and Community athletic

- **Field Turf**
 - 3rd generation *Astroturf*
 - Immediately configurable to all sports
 - Women softball
 - Youth baseball
 - High School football
 - Soccer
 - Facilitates 24/7 usage

- **Complex Costs**
 - Sole responsibility of United Sports
 - Construction
 - Operating
 - Maintenance

- **Complex Revenues**
 - Within 40-acres boundaries United Sports
 - Entitled to, collect, and retain all revenues
 - Reimbursement Agreement for City levied
 - Fees and assessments
 - Taxes

Motion to authorize City Manager to discuss and negotiate with the “Laredo Broncos” professional baseball team the construction of a baseball stadium and have staff bring back a recommendation to City Council.

Moved: Cm. Landeck

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

D. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Gene Belmares

1. Status report on the dedication of right-of-way and the extension of Shiloh.

Keith Selman, Planning and Zoning Department Director, reported that the roadway is ready for construction and it will allow for north and south movement. He mentioned that there is a section where there is a flood plain and the developer proposed to make an amendment to it to add a drainage system. He stated that when the water course is altered the developer needs to go to FEMA to get the map revised. He added that they are currently in the process of doing that. He stated that in order to put in a culvert or do any improvements in the flood plain, a map revision and an application to FEMA needs to be done.

Riazul Mia, Environmental Services Director, stated that they will be sending out an RFQ and the contract will be given to Council in August 2007. He stated that there are major drainage issues that need to be addressed.

Rogelio Rivera, Engineering Department Director, reported that the Real Estate Division has already made contact with the property owners. He stated that the RFQ that will be sent out will include all work necessary to bring the project forward.

Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares stated that it has been more than a year since the landowners said that they were willing to make a dedication and talk to someone. He emphasized that Real Estate was given the directive to begin acquiring those tracks. He stated that two of the landowners have never heard from the City. He mentioned that he is concerned that they may not be in a giving mood. He emphasized that this project needs to move forward. He then instructed City Manager to begin negotiations with the landowners in earnest.

2. Status report on the water main replacements for the Regency Subdivision.

Thomas Rodriguez, Utilities Director, stated that the water main replacement from Stratford to Windsor will commence in 90 days. He commented that it would take that long because he is asking Council to amend the Ordinance to be able to hire 20 people for the construction of water and sewer lines. He mentioned that this would be funded by the Bond Series 2007 and some funds from the 2006 Bond Series. He added that no line breaks have taken place in May or June, but they do need to be replaced since they are made from cast iron.

Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares stated that the water pressure is not what it used to be. He stated that the resurfacing streets are pending the water lines get replaced. He inquired if it will be done in house.

Thomas Rodriguez stated that no time will be wasted in hiring an engineering firm since it will be done in-house.

E. Request by Council Member Juan Chavez

1. Motion to instruct the City Manager to draft a letter to the Federal Railroad Administration and the Texas Department of Transportation and copy our representatives at the Federal and State level, addressing the Union Pacific Railroad reluctance to understand the safety issues and concerns caused by their standing trains to the citizens, especially the children, of District 7 and District 8, with possible action. **(Co-sponsored by Mayor Raul G. Salinas and Council Member Juan Ramirez)**

Motion to instruct the City Manager to draft a letter to the Federal Railroad Administration and the Texas Department of Transportation and copy our representatives at the Federal and State level, addressing the Union Pacific Railroad reluctance to understand the safety issues and concerns caused by their standing trains to the citizens, especially the children, of District 7 and District 8.

Moved: Cm. Chavez

Second: Cm. Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

F. Request by Council Member Juan Ramirez

Discussion with possible action regarding the removal of loading zones in front of vacant buildings in the downtown area and substitute these zones with the placement of parking meters.

Cm. Ramirez reported that the property on the 900 Block of Lincoln St. is vacant and has a sign that reads "No Parking Loading Zone". He suggested placing meters there.

Tony Garcia, Traffic Safety Department, stated that they are in the process of evaluating different areas downtown. He reported that they should have a response in a couple weeks. He added that the merchants will be informed.

1. Discussion with possible action on installing brick pavers at the Civic Center in front of the auditorium.

Miguel Pescador, Parks and Recreation Director, reported that there are several options being considered which are: adding to the concrete slabs that are already there; adding a trail similar to the San Agustin Plaza; or fix the turf for drainage. He requested more time to come back to Council.

Cm. Garza recommended incorporating a green space.

Cm. Rendon suggested placing and selling bricks with family names.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the City of Laredo FY 2006-2007 annual budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$30,000.00 of additional funds to the Health Department's budget from the Texas Department of State Health Services to the Title V Family Planning Services grant for a total amount awarded of \$91,068.00 for a term from September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Hamilton Hotel - Section 108 Loan Repayment	\$163,154
Cielito Lindo Park	\$225,000
Slaughter Park Construction	\$400,000
Shade Structures along Zacate Creek	\$100,000
Sidewalks (District IV)	\$125,000
Sidewalks (District V)	\$125,000
Fire Truck (Station #4)	\$340,000
EMS Ambulance (Station #1)	\$180,000
Eistetter Park Multi-purpose Field Improvements	\$100,000
Dryden Park Expansion	\$225,000
Canizales Park Pavilion and Improvements	\$100,000

2007 HOME Investment Partnership Grant \$1,290,876 and \$60,006 in Program Income

HOME Program Administration	\$129,087
Downpayment Assistance	\$697,683
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	\$330,480
Community Housing Development Organizations	\$193,632

2007 American Dream Downpayment Initiative \$12,841

Downpayment Assistance	\$12,841
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2006 Emergency Shelter Grant \$160,079

ESG Program Administration	\$ 2,600
Homeless Prevention Program	\$48,000
Homeless Shelter Program (Operations and Rehabilitation)	\$69,479
Essential Services	\$40,000

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Chavez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 5

Against: 1
Cm. Landeck

Abstain: 0

IX. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

- 5. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the lease agreement approved by Ordinance No. 2004-O-184 dated August 2, 2004 between the City of Laredo, as Lessor, and Ronny Salamon d/b/a Avionics Services, as Lessee, for approximately 5,980 square feet constituting Hangar No. 1307 located at 4400 Maher Avenue at the Laredo International Airport. Said amendment will extend the lease term five (5) years ending on July 31, 2012 and increase the monthly rental to \$1,675.00 and will be adjusted annually according to changes in the Consumer Price Index. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged and in effect; providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 6. Amending Section 3(a) of Ordinance 2007-O-097 to reflect that the allowable monthly reimbursement for transportation/vehicle cost for the Mayor is \$1,200.00, instead of \$500.00; and ratifying reimbursement of the amount of \$1,200.00 for the June 2007 payment for same.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

X. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive the Final Reading of Ordinances: 2007-O-123, 2007-O-124, 2007-O-125, 2007-O-126, 2007-O-127, 2007-O-128, 2007-O-129.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

7.

- 2007-O-123 Amending Chapter 30 (Taxation) Section 4 (Credit Card Processing Fee) of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances clarifying conditions under which a credit card payment convenience fee will apply and amending the fee from 1.8% to 3% of the transaction amount, thus assessing a fee which is in line with other taxing units.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-O-123.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2007-O-124 Amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Health Department's annual budget by reducing the amount of \$2,000.00 to reflect the actual amount awarded of \$132,342.00 due to realignment of Fiscal Year 2007 funds by the Texas Department of State Health Services to the City of Laredo Health Department La Familia Health Care Program for the period of September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007.

Moved: Pro Tempore Belmares
Second: Cm. Garza
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

11. 2007-R-055 Supporting the financing, construction and operation of a Fifth International Bridge in South Laredo, Webb County, Texas and a Railroad Bridge at Colombia through the joint efforts of Webb County and the City of Laredo, Texas.

Motion to approve Resolution 2007-R-055.

Moved: Pro Tempore Belmares
Second: Cm. Garza
For: 5 Against: 1 Abstain: 0
 Cm. Ramirez

XII. MOTIONS

12. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Denton, Navarro, Rocha & Bernal, a professional corporation for legal services to assist the Acting City Attorney, such assistance to include legal advice, counsel evaluation, ordinance and document preparation and litigation services for the City of Laredo until there is sufficient staff in the legal department. The firm will charge a rate \$220.00 per hour for the shareholders, \$180.00 per hour for associates and paralegals at the rate of \$65.00 per hour. Expenses will also be submitted such as hotel and other reasonable fees for reimbursement. This contract is estimated not to exceed the amount of \$75,000.00. Funding is available in the Legal Department Budget.

Motion to remove the word “estimated” and approve as amended.

Moved: Cm Garza
Second: Cm. Rendon
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

13. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to retain private counsel, Albert Lopez, to represent the City and the Firemen’s and Police Officers Civil Service Commission in the case of Jorge A. Almazan v. City of Laredo, et al in Cause No. 2001-CVQ-869 in the 49th District Court. Funding is available in the Legal Department Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Rendon
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

14. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to retain private counsel, Albert Lopez, to represent the City in the case of Laredo Fraternal Order of Police, et al v. City of Laredo and Laredo Police Officers Association, in Cause No. L-04-CV-134 in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas. Funding is available in the Legal Department Budget.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

15. Consideration to award a supply contract number FY07-134 to the lowest bidder, HD Supply Waterworks, San Antonio, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$170,646.99 for the purchase of water meters for the Utilities Department. The bid pricing will be fixed for a one (1) year period and will allow the department to purchase meters on an as needed basis. Funding is available in Utilities Department budget.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

16. Consideration to amend contract FY06-003 currently awarded to Delta Motor Repairs, Freer, Texas, in the amount of \$45,000.00 for providing electric motor repair service for the Utilities Department. Due to an increase in pump and motor repairs, the proposed amendment would increase the current contract to \$225,000.00 in order to provide funding for the remainder of the contract term. Funding is available in the Utilities Department budget.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

17. Consideration to ratify the emergency purchase order issued to ITT Flygt Corporation, Pittsburgh, PA in the total amount of \$39,985.00. The City Manager has authorized an emergency purchase of a 65 HP submersible pump for availability upon emergency failures. This pump is needed to prevent reduction in treatment capacity at the Jefferson Water Treatment plant. Funding is available in the Utilities Department-Water Treatment Division budget.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

18. Consideration to authorize the purchase of seven (7) street sweepers from Tymco International, LTD., in the total amount of \$1,058,822.63 through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program's contract pricing. These sweepers are assigned to the Public Works Department. Funding is available from 2007 Certificates of Obligation bond proceeds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

19. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one (1), GMC cab and chassis with water tank from Rush Truck Centers of Texas L.P., in the total amount of \$67,451.00 through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program's contract pricing. This truck will be assigned to the Public Works Department. Funding is available from 2007 Certificates of Obligation bond proceeds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

20. Consideration to authorize the purchase of four (4), 2008 GMC cab chassis for brush loaders from Rush Truck Centers of Texas L.P., in the total amount of \$240,472.00 and four (4) dump body units with grapple attachments from Heil of Texas in the total amount of \$208,192.74 through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program's contract pricing. These trucks will be assigned to the Solid Waste Department. Funding is available in the 2007 Certificates of Obligation bond proceeds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

21. Consideration to authorize the purchase of diesel engine driven back up power generator from Waukesha-Pearce Industries, in the total amount of \$58,584.22 through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program's contract pricing. This will be a replacement generator that will be installed at the World Trade Bridge. Funding is available in the Bridge System budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

22. Consideration to reject the sole bid received for bid FY07-111, mechanical bar screen equipment for the Utilities Department's Wastewater Treatment Plant and authorizing the City Manager to solicit new bids. The bid amount exceeds the budgeted amount. The bid specifications for this project will be modified in order to stay within the budget allocation for this project.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

23. Consideration to authorize the purchase of three (3), pothole patcher units from Bergkamp, Inc., in the total amount of \$164,886.75; and three (3), GMC cab and chassis for the pothole patcher unit from Rush Truck Centers of Texas, L.P., in the total amount of \$159,600.00 through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program's contract pricing. Funding is available in the 2007 Certificates of Obligation bond proceeds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

24. Consideration for approval to award a professional services contract to GPS Engineering, L.L.C., Laredo, Texas, for an amount of \$36,000.00 for design and preparation of plans and specifications for the Hydrology and Hydraulic Study for Flood Control at the North Heights Subdivision. Funding is available in the Environmental Services Storm Water Improvements Fund-Consultant Fees.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

25. Consideration to award contract FY07-117 to the following providers: primary vendor-Bound Tree Medical; secondary vendors: Southeastern Emergency, Matrix Medical, Tri-Anim Health Services, Moore Medical, First Line, L.L.C., 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 a twelve (12) 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. Garza

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

26. Refund of property tax in the amount of \$1,100.69 to the following taxpayers: A refund of property tax in the amount of \$600.00 payable to Countrywide Home Loans due to an

overpayment. Account # 922-50017-110. A refund in the amount of \$500.39 payable to Closner Construction due to an overpayment. Account # 801-03020-113.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

27. Ratify action taken by the City Manager to approve the purchase and installation of new electrical and instrumentation control equipment for the Jefferson Water Treatment Plant (WTP) filter control system for System Control & Instrumentation, Ltd. (SCI) in the amount of \$74,445.00. Funding is available in the 2006 Revenue Bond.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

28. Ratifying the action taken by the City Manager of the award of a contract to Wade & Associates in a sum not to exceed \$200,000.00 to provide the emergency sanitary sewer cleaning of debris, sand, and grit of 24", 30", 15", and 12" segments of collectors along the Mines Rd and I-35 sections. Funding is available in the 2006 Sewer Bond Issuance account.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

29. Consideration to authorize the purchase of two (2), boom mower tractors from the John Deere Company (Barbee Neuhaus Implement Company) in the total amount of \$178,089.46 through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program's contract pricing. These mowers will be assigned to the Public Works Department. Funding is available in the 2007 Certificates of Obligation bond proceeds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

30. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an annual contract with Motorola Inc. in the amount of \$134,349.96 for the maintenance agreement of the City of Laredo's 800 MHz. Trunked Radio Communications System, as described in exhibit "A" attached. In general, the contract provides annual maintenance for the infrastructure equipment, support, and software upgrades. Funding is available in the Information Technology and Support Service Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Ramirez

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.

31. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (1) (B) to consult with Tax Attorney representing the City of Laredo regarding pending litigation; Cause No. 2005-CVQ00883-D1 Ramona Uvalle Ibarra vs City of Laredo, et al, in the 49th Judicial District of Webb County, Texas and return to open session for possible action.

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (1) (B) to consult with Tax Attorney representing the City of Laredo regarding pending litigation; Cause No. 2005-CVQ00883-D1 Ramona Uvalle Ibarra vs City of Laredo, et al, in the 49th Judicial District of Webb County, Texas and return to open session for possible action.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

32. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (1) (B) to consult with our attorney regarding pending litigation: Cause No. 2004-CVF001677-D2 Marcos Ibarra, et al vs. City of Laredo, et al, in the 111th Judicial District of Webb County, Texas and return to open session for possible action.

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (1) (B) to consult with our attorney regarding pending litigation: Cause No. 2004-CVF001677-D2 Marcos Ibarra, et al vs. City of Laredo, et al, in the 111th Judicial District of Webb County, Texas and return to open session for possible action.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

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

33. Consideration to award contract FY07-135 to the lowest bidder, Texas Fleet Supply in the estimated amount of \$25,000.00 for providing inventory automotive batteries for El Metro buses, vans and support vehicles. This contract will be for a period of one (1) year with the option for two (2) additional one-year periods. All batteries will be purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the El Metro Operations Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

34. Consideration to award an annual miscellaneous auto parts contract number (FY07-113) to the following Multiple Bidders, in the estimated amount of \$9,000.00 each for the purchase of miscellaneous auto parts for El Metro. They are as follows:

1.	Andy's Auto & Bus Air, Laredo, TX	\$9,000
2.	New Flyer Industries, Winnipeg, MB. Canada	\$9,000
3.	C. C. Battery, Co. Inc., Corpus Christi, TX	\$9,000
4.	O'Reilly Auto Parts, Inc., Laredo, TX	\$9,000
5.	D&D Automotive Paints, Laredo, TX	\$9,000
6.	Paul Young Chevrolet, Laredo, TX	\$9,000
7.	Full Service Auto Parts, Laredo, TX	\$9,000
8.	Rush Truck Centers of Texas-LA, Laredo, TX	\$9,000
9.	Gonzalez Auto Parts, Inc., Laredo, TX	\$9,000
10.	Sames Motor Co., Laredo, TX.	\$9,000
11.	Laredo Wholesale, Laredo, TX.	\$9,000
12.	Texas Fleet Supply, Laredo, TX	\$9,000
13.	Muncie Reclamation & Supply, Muncie, IN	<u>\$9,000</u>

Total: \$117,000.00

This contract establishes discount percentage pricing for those miscellaneous auto parts not covered in the Automotive Parts contracts FY07-060 and FY07-019. These vendors have offered percentage discount pricing from their general catalogues. All items will be purchased on an as needed basis and funding will be secured from El Metro budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

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

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Time: 10:00

Second: Cm. Garza

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 21 and they are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council meeting held on July 9, 2007.



Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary