

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M2007-R-016
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
AUGUST 20, 2007
5:30 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor R. Salinas called the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor R. Salinas led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

In attendance:

Raul Salinas,	Mayor
Mike Garza,	Council Member, District I
Hector Garcia,	Council Member, District II
Michael Landeck,	Council Member, District III
Johnny Amaya,	Council Member, District IV
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
Gustavo Guevara, Jr.,	City Secretary
Carlos Villarreal,	City Manager
Cynthia Collazo,	Deputy City Manager
Horacio De Leon,	Assistant City Manager
Jesus Olivares,	Assistant City Manager
Melissa Saldaña,	Assistant City Attorney

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of May 7, 2007 and May 14, 2007.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Recognitions

- a. Recognition of the Laredo Independent School District, on their 125th Anniversary Celebration.

Mayor Salinas read a Proclamation celebrating the Laredo Independent School District's 125th anniversary.

Superintendent Veronica Guerra, Jesus Guerra, Mina Montes, and Peter Montalvo were present to receive the Proclamation.

- b. Recognizing Jesse Sanchez III, a UISD boxing student for winning the Ring Side World Championship in Kansas, Missouri on August 3, 2007.

Mayor Salinas and the City Council presented a Seven Flags recognition to Jesse Sanchez III from Davalos Boxing Gym.

- c. Recognizing Margaret Ann Garza for winning both Miss Belleza Latina 2008 and Most Photogenic in Orlando, Florida on July 2007.

Miss Garza was publicly recognized by Mayor Salinas and City Council.

- d. Recognizing David Silva, a Library Department Employee, for being inducted into the U.S. Martial Arts Hall of Fame with a Silver Live Award in Las Vegas, Nevada on August 4, 2007.

Mayor Salinas and City Council recognized David Silva for his award.

- e. Recognition of the Budget Department on receiving the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the 16th consecutive year.

Mayor Salinas and City Council publicly recognized the Budget Department.

- f. Recognition of Alejo Q. Gutierrez of the Bridge Department, on his selection as August Employee of the Month.

Mayor Salinas presented Alejo Q. Gutierrez with a Certificate of Recognition for being selected as the August Employee of the Month.

Communiqués

Mayor Salinas asked for a moment of silence for Lauro Valdez, an El Metro Employee who passed away in August, 2007.

Cm. Garza stated that Mr. Lauro Valdez was considered part of our family and sent out his condolences to his family. He congratulated the Del Mar Softball Little League team.

He concluded by stating that public schools will be starting and to be careful with kids going to school.

Cm. Garcia asked to contact the Traffic Department if problems arise in traffic control. He congratulated Franklin Leal for his success in the Galavision journalist competition.

Cm. Landeck congratulated Franklin Leal. He also congratulated the Laredo Independent School District on their 125th anniversary.

Cm. Amaya reported that on Monday, September 3, 2007, the 4th Annual Backpack Giveaway will take place. He stated that they will be issuing 200 backpacks filled with school supplies to the less fortunate students.

Cm. Rendon gave his condolences to the Valdez family. He reported that the Supply Our Students program was very successful. He reported that over \$18,000 was collected and it will be divided by the school districts.

Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares extended his condolences to the Valdez family. He congratulated the Del Mar little League.

Cm. Chavez reported that he will be riding around District VII and will be handing out 75 backpacks. He mentioned that on Friday he will be taking several students to Wal-Mart for a shopping spree.

Cm. Ramirez gave his condolences to the Valdez family. He congratulated Franklin Leal for his performance in Florida. He congratulated the Laredo Independent School District on their 125th anniversary.

Citizen comments

Tonie Gamboa and Araceli Loredó spoke on behalf of the Laredo U.S. Army Reserve wives and invited the Mayor, Council and public in welcoming home six soldiers returning to Laredo on September 7, 2007 at Caesar's Reception Hall.

Dr. J.J. Godines and Dr. Hector Gonzalez spoke on keeping Laredo a smoke free city as per a report from the Blue Ribbon Health Committee "Exhibit A".

Exhibit A:

Report From; the City of Laredo
Blue Ribbon Panel on Public Health.

To: Honorable Raul G. Salinas, Mayor
Members of the City Council

Date: August 17, 2007

We had previously given you our recommendation to keep the current ordinance that prohibits smoking in all public places in its current form and that you make no

amendments. We would like to reiterate this recommendation to maintain a smoke free environment in all public places and keep the ordinance as is with no amendments.

As your “Public Health Issues Blue Ribbon Committee” with mission statement of “As concerned health care leaders, the Blue Ribbon Committee on Health Issues is committed to promoting the health and safety of Laredo by identifying existing and emerging health and health care issues, recommending specific actions to the Mayor and City Council”; we are recommending that it is imperative we safeguard the health and well being of our community, especially as we continue to plan and recommend strategies for a healthier Laredo.

At a time when the entire nation is moving toward a smoke free environment, Laredo has taken a pivotal step toward protecting our public health, please do not go backward.

Thank you for your trust in us and we look forward to working with you on this committee.

Janet Bowman from Tennessee, and who is now a teacher in Laredo, spoke about the robberies downtown.

Christopher Craddock from Stop Child Abuse and Neglect spoke on the smoking ordinance. He asked to keep it as a model for other cities.

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- a. Appointment by Council Member Johnny Amaya of J.J. Perez to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- b. Appointment by Council Member Johnny Amaya of Gilbert Mancha Jr., to the Transportation & Traffic Safety Advisory Committee.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1.

- A. **Request by Mayor Raul G. Salinas**

1. Discussion with possible action on the status of the Ethics Committee and the naming of the Mayor's and City Council Member's appointees to this Commission.

Mayor Salinas stated that he wants to make sure that we are the watch dogs of the City. He suggested having an open discussion to discuss the guidelines and objectives of this committee.

Cm. Garza reported that Council had received examples of ethic commissions from other cities. He commented that a timeline be set up. He stated to go forward and establish the commission.

Carlos Villarreal, City Manager, stated that if the information does not exist, he will make sure to get it. He commented that he will get similar ordinances from different cities.

Motion to have the Ethics Committee consist of one appointee from each Council Member and one from the Mayor.

Moved: Cm. Landeck

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

B. Request by Council Member Mike Garza

1. Discussion with possible action on requesting all City employees to report public works issues and/or problems.

Cm. Garza stated that the wording used in the item does not do justice to what he was requesting. He suggested that every city employee fill out a form reporting any problems at the end of the day. He stated that there are approximately 2,700 employees that can help report problems.

Carlos Villarreal, City Manager, agreed with Cm. Garza and stated that a simple form will be done for each department.

C. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Gene Belmares

1. Discussion with possible action interpreting, defining and amending the truck route ordinance.

Keith Selman, City Planning Director, reported that the point in question is on Del Mar and McPherson where the H.E.B.'s are located. He stated that if a truck servicing the HEB by I-35 could continue to travel down Del Mar to the other H.E.B. located at Del Mar and McPherson as opposed to leaving H.E.B. and getting back on the truck

route then taking an alternative route and accessing the other H.E.B. by going through the base, going down Gale St. and then getting on McPherson.. He mentioned that the Ordinance states that in that type of situation where there is a multiple destination, the least amount of travel on a roadway that is not designated as a truck route must be taken. He added that because of this, the truck servicing H.E.B. must go on the truck route, get on Gale and then get on McPherson to its destination.

Carlos Villarreal, City Manager, reported that he spoke with Police Chief Augustin Dovalina about having the Public Information Officer call the businesses and inform them that they should not use Del Mar. He requested that Chief Dovalina place someone there to send a message to the truckers. He recommended having a stronger Ordinance that restricts the number of hours that they can have all this movement. He suggested having movement from midnight till 6:00 a.m.

2. Discussion with possible action on installing speed humps on Denmark Street between International Boulevard and Woodridge Drive.

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Department Director, reported that he is proposing three speed humps at a cost of \$7,400.00 total. He stated that each speed hump costs \$1,800 and a device that was replaced cost \$2,000.

Motion to approve and use Cm. Belmares's discretionary funds.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

3. Discussion with possible action on appropriating funds for a Street light on Canterbury Lane and Downing Street in the Regency Subdivision.

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Department Director, reported that the cost of the labor will be \$3,100.

Motion to approve and use Cm. Belmares's discretionary funds.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

D. Request by Council Member Juan Ramirez

1. Discussion with possible action on the status of the El Portal Project.

Mario Maldonado, Bridge Director, reported that they provided a staff report on Friday's package. He stated that the retail space is complete and they are in the process of turning the property over to the Kaledis'. He commented that the Building Department did a final inspection and a Certificate of Occupancy will be issued as soon as the interior is complete.

2. Discussion with possible action on placing the water park project on the upcoming election ballot.

Cm. Ramirez stated that he will continue with the petition

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** authorizing the City Manager to accept a contribution from San Isidro Southeast, Ltd., in the amount of \$53,736.00 and to amend the City of Laredo Capital Improvement Fund Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures for park improvements within the San Isidro Subdivision.

Motion to postpone for next meeting.

3. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant, Section 5307, TX-90-X758, in the amount of \$3,658,679.00 for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 and amend the Transit System's Operating Budget by decreasing the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 FTA Operating Grant Contribution from \$3,700,000.00 to \$3,658, 679.00 and increasing the Transit Sales Tax match for operating expenses from \$5,166,953.00 to \$5,208,274.00 and providing for grant funds to be deposited in the City of Laredo Transit Fund.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm.Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Landeck
Second: None

Motion failed to pass due to a lack of a second.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce with the amendment to expand the grant scope of work to include the rehabilitation of a portion of runway 14132. The revised allocation is as follows:

\$4,315,673 - Rehabilitate a portion of General Aviation Apron
\$2,000,000 - Noise Abatement
\$ 197,771 - Rehabilitate a portion of Runway 14132
For a total of \$6,513,444

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares
Second: Cm. Garza
For: 7 Against: 1 Abstain: 0
 Cm. Landeck

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Garcia

- 6. Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Public Works Department approved Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions by creating twenty-nine (29) full time positions for an estimated cost of \$898,084.00 per year. These employees will be assigned for the construction, improvements and repairs of streets. Funding is available in the 2007 Certificates of Obligation bond proceeds.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

There was no public input

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Ordinance Introduction: CityCouncil

- 7. Public hearing and introductory ordinance** authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant from the Texas Department of State Health Services Office of Border Health and amending the City of Laredo Health Department Fiscal Year

2006-2007 Annual Budget by appropriating revenues and expenses in the amount of \$21,500.00 to support activities of the Los Dos Laredos Council and the Healthy Border 2010 Objectives for the period beginning October 1, 2006 through December 31, 2007.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

8. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the City of Laredo Health Department Fiscal Year 2006-2007 annual budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$134,342.00 in funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services, and an estimated \$22,597.00 from Program Income from the Health Department La Familia Health Care Program for the period of September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

9. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the City of Laredo Health Department Fiscal Year 2006-2007 budget by appropriating revenues and

expenditures in the amount of \$231,609.00 in funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services for partial support of the Public Health Preparedness and Epidemiology Program (Pandemic Influenza) for the City of Laredo Health Department. These funds are for the period of September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008, including approved Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) positions and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract. Additional supplemental funds for Pandemic Influenza and Early Warning Infectious Disease Surveillance (EWIDS) will be provided in November 2007 to the Health Department.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

10. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the current contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDHS) for the Women, Infants and Children Program for the period beginning October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007 to extend the contractual service area to include Duval, Jim Hogg, and Zapata counties for a period from September 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007; amending the City of Laredo Health Department Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Annual Budget by appropriating revenues and expenses in the amount of \$50,000.00 from TDSHS and amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions by adding eight (8) full time positions; and providing for an effective date.

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. Garza
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

11. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the City of Laredo Health Department Fiscal Year 2006-2007 annual budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$140,125.00 in funds from the Texas Department of Health Services, which includes \$10,804.00 from an estimated amount of program income for the Tuberculosis Elimination Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Rendon
Second: Cm. 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. Rendon
Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares
For: 8
Ordinance Introduction: City Council

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

12. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** authorizing the City Manager to transfer \$20,861.00 from the City of Laredo - Public Library Fiscal Year 2006-2007 budget to the Friends of the Library Account. The \$20,861.00 includes \$15,010.00 (the required City of Laredo's match of 11% of the \$136,448.04 Universal Service Program Grant applied for with the Schools & Libraries Division/Universal Services Company/ Federal Communications Commission) plus \$5,851.00 (for ineligible or non-funded needed items). This 10th Round (year) of this multi-year grant is currently in the initial review stage and official funding confirmation is still pending.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Rendon
Second: Cm. Amaya
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. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

13. **Public hearing and introductory** ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a parking lot on Lot 7, Block 6, Moonlight Subdivision, located at 2101 Puscas Court. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit.

Motion to postpone.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IX. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

14. Designating a one-way westbound the 1200 block of Rosario Street; and designating as one-way southbound the 900 block of Stone Avenue; and said designations to be in effect only during the peak hours of 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday during school days, and providing for the installation of appropriate signs to indicate one-way traffic in the westbound direction and southbound direction; and providing for publication and an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

Cindy Collazo, Deputy City Manager, stated that the item should read “designating a one-way eastbound” instead of westbound.

Motion to accept as amended.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

15. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Lease Agreement with T-Mobile West Corporation, A Delaware Corporation, 2106 Mexico Avenue, for use of antennae facilities, an equipment building and related facilities. Term of the lease is five (5) years, with four (4) successive renewal terms of five (5) years. Annual base rent shall be \$15,000.00 with a five percent (5%) increase on each anniversary of the commencement date; and providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

16. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Webb County (Floyd Day Care) for approximately 1.0128 acres of land located at 4704 Naranjo Street at the Laredo International Airport. Lease term is for five (5) years commencing on August 1, 2007 and ending on July 31, 2012. However, the lease may be terminated by either party upon giving a 180-day written notice from the party terminating to the other. Monthly rent shall be \$1,990.00 and will be adjusted annually according to changes in the Consumer Price Index; providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

X. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive the Final Reading of Ordinances: 2007-O-137, 2007-O-138, 2007-O-139, 2007-O-140, 2007-O-141, 2007-O-142, 2007-O-143, 2007-O-144, 2007-O-145, 2007-O-146, 2007-O-147, 2007-O-148, 2007-O-149, 2007-O-150, 2007-O-151, 2007-O-152, 2007-O-153, 2007-O-154.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

17. 2007-O-117 Amending Ordinance No. 2006-O-073, Chapter 15 Health and Sanitation, Article VI "No Smoking In Public Places", of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo, Texas by amending sections 15-78 through 15-81; "no smoking in public places"; to include declared and approved establishments by the City of Laredo Health Department as providing services solely to patrons age 21 and older, who have applied and been granted a permit as a 21 years of age and older place of business. Approved businesses will pay an application fee and a permit fee to allow smoking. The ordinance also provides for violations, penalties, and enforcement of the policies of this chapter, and for providing severability and an effective date and publication. (As amended)

Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares questioned that if an establishment is currently acting as a Bar and Grill, and engaged primarily in the restaurant business, will they be allowed to apply for the 21 and over permit.

Hector Gonzales, Health Department Director, replied by saying no. He stated that the business has to be a 21 and over establishment.

Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares stated that the business has to be a stand alone bar which is currently located at a B-4 or in areas that have a B-3, Conditional Use Permit.

Mr. Gonzalez stated that it could include food establishments that only cater to those 21 and older.

Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares asked if an establishment like Hal's Landing would be allowed to apply if they requested for a 21 and Over Permit.

Mr. Gonzalez stated that they would have to adhere to the requirements of only serving those 21 and over.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-O-117.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 3

Against: 5

Abstain: 0

Cm. Garza

Cm. Landeck

Cm. Garcia

Cm. Rendon

Cm. Amaya

Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Cm. Chavez

Cm. Ramirez

Motion failed.

2007-O-137 Amending the Fiscal Year stated on Ordinance 2007-O-110, this grant affects one (1) month of Fiscal Year 2006-2007 (September 1 thru September 30, 2007) and continues in Fiscal Year 2007-2008 (October 1 thru August 31, 2008). The City of Laredo Health Department is amending the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 annual budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$70,000.00 in funds from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to operate and maintain three (3) continuous air monitoring stations (CAMS) by the Health Department for the term period beginning September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-O-137.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2007-O-138 Authorizing the City Manager's acceptance of additional grant monies from the South Texas Development Council (STDC) in the amount of \$8,322.00 with no matching funds and amending the City of Laredo's Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Annual Budget for the Environmental Services Fund by appropriating the said additional grant revenue to the appropriate expenditure accounts. The grant funds will be used for additional purchase of recycling containers.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-O-138.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2007-O-139 Amending the City of Laredo FY 2006-2007 Annual Budget for the Waterworks System Operating Fund by increasing twenty (20) Full Time Equivalent positions (FTE's) for a total estimated amount of \$ 69,000.00 for the remainder of the fiscal year. These employees will be assigned for the construction of water and sewer line replacements. Funding is available through the 2006 Revenue Bond.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-O-139.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2007-O-140 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 7 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located on the North side of F.M. 1472, 3.5 miles west of Las Tiendas Road, from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District); providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-O-140.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2007-O-141 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 15.95 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located east of Highway 83 and south of Cielito Lindo Boulevard, from R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) and B-1 (Limited Commercial District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-O-141.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2007-O-142 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for sand/gravel sales, storage, and/or extraction, on 15.95 acres as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located east of Highway 83 and south of Cielito Lindo Boulevard; providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-O-142.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2007-O-143 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 1.53 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located on the southeast corner of F.M.1472 and Camino Colombia Toll Road, from AG (Agricultural District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-O-143.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2007-O-144 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 1.2 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located west of F.M. 1472 and north of Riverbank Drive, from AG (Agricultural District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-O-144.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2007-O-145 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 4.15 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located west of F. M. 1472 and north of Riverbank Drive, from AG (Agricultural District) and B-1 (Limited Commercial District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-O-145.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2007-O-146 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 4.78 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located west of F.M. 1472 and north of Riverbank Drive, from AG (Agricultural District) and B-1 (Limited Commercial District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-O-146.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2007-O-147 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 1.13 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located west of F.M. 1472 and north of Riverbank Drive, from B-1 (Limited Commercial District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-O-147.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2007-O-148 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 5 and 6, Block 1625, Eastern Division, located at 2719 Ligarde Street, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Commercial District); providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion tabled.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares
Second: Cm. Garza
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2007-O-149 Authorizing the City Manager to accept Grant Funds from the South Texas Development Council (STDC) in the amount of \$8,322.00 with matching funds of \$541.00 and to amend the Solid Waste Fund to appropriate said grant awarded from STDC in the

amount of \$8,322.00 with \$ 541.00 matching funds. Funds will be used to buy a billboard advertisement at a cost of \$8,863.00 that will be set up in south Laredo to further educate the public on recycling.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-O-149.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2007-O-150 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Lease Agreement with Cricket Communications, Inc. for 8711 McPherson, for use of antennae facilities, an equipment building and related facilities. Term of the lease is five (5) years, with four (4) successive renewal terms of five (5) years. Annual base rent shall be \$16,000.00, with a five percent (5%) increase on each anniversary of the commencement date; and providing for effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-O-150.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2007-O-151 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the lease approved by Ordinance No. 2004-O-038 dated February 17, 2004, and as amended by Ordinance No. 2006-O-158 dated July 17, 2006, between the City of Laredo, as Lessor, and Webb County Juvenile Board, as Lessee, for the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) school campus for an approximate 100,357 square foot tract of land located on Block No. 11 of the Airport Subdivision Plat at the Laredo International Airport. Said amendment will extend the lease term 18 months ending on December 31, 2008. All other terms and conditions of the lease remain unchanged and in effect; providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-O-151.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2007-O-152 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a permit and right of entry for access agreement by an off-airport rental car business with Laredo Car Rental, Inc., D/B/A Alamo Rent-a-Car, as Permittee, as the Laredo International Airport. Term shall

commence on May 1, 2007 and end on July 31, 2011. Permittee shall pay \$1,500.00 per year plus 8% of annual Gross Receipts Derived from airport revenues; providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-O-152.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2007-O-153 Amending Chapter 19-410 Truck Routes designated, of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, by deleting and replacing the entire Section of Division 2 in order to clarify the existing ordinance language and by designating an additional truck route, Bustamante Street eastbound between Daugherty Avenue and U.S. 59 (Saunders Street) providing for severability, publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-O-153.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2007-O-154 Amending Section 32-29(E)(1) suspension and revocation of Annual Permit, of the Code of Ordinance, in order to clarify section, providing severability and for an effective date and publication; and
1. Amending section 32-43.1(d)(5) suspension and revocation of taxicab license, of the Code of Ordinances, in order to clarify section, providing severability and for an effective date and publication; and
 2. Amending section 32-68 fares of Mexico, of the Code of ordinance, in order to clarify section, providing severability and for an effective date and publication; and
 3. Amending Section 32-80.1(c) violations, in order to clarify ordinance section; and providing for severability and for an effective date and publication.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-O-154.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XI. RESOLUTIONS

18. 2007-R-059 Authorizing our Delinquent Tax Attorney to arrange for the auction by the Webb County Sheriff, pursuant to Section 34.05 of the Tax Code, of the properties listed on the exhibits A and B; and subject to the minimum bids specified herein.

Motion to postpone.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

19. 2007-R-063 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a funding agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation and to disburse a payment in the amount of \$389,750.93 as the City's contribution to the costs of preliminary engineering, construction and contingencies for the rehabilitation or replacement of the bridge over the Kansas City Southern (KCS) Railway Company crossing on Meadow Avenue. Funding is available in the Meadow Bridge Crossing Account #101-4323-535-4262

Motion to approve Resolution 2007-R-063.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

20. 2007-R-066 A resolution of the City Council in support of H.R. 512 and S. 500 for the creation of a commission to study the potential establishment of a National Museum of the American Latino in Washington, D.C.

Motion to approve Resolution 2007-R-066.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XII. MOTIONS

21. Authorizing the City Manager to extend the current contract for one year with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (THHSC) to provide a Medicaid Eligibility Specialist employed by the THHSC, stationed at the Health Department, 40 hours a week. The Health Department will reimburse THHSC the total amount of \$31,261.00 for this service for the term of October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008. Funding is available in the Health Fund/Administration Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

22. Consideration to authorize payment to ten (10) vendors, (Embarq, Intrado, DIR, AT&T, Sprint PCS, Nextel Partners, Verizon, Jim Hogg County, Starr County and Zapata County) for providing existing 9-1-1 telephone network, database, wireless, and equipment maintenance services for our county regional 9-1-1 system in the projected amount of \$476,115.00. Payments are for the period of September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008. Funding is available in the 9-1-1 Regional Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

23. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract between the City of Laredo (City), South Texas Development Council (RPC), and Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) for the period beginning September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008 to administer the 9-1-1 program on behalf of the RPC Counties of Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb and Zapata.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

24. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one sewer line TV inspection truck from Kinloch Equipment and Supply, Inc., Pasadena, Texas, in the amount of \$145,606.00 through the Buy Board Cooperative Purchasing Program's contract pricing. This equipment will be assigned to the Utilities Department. Funding is available from the 2007 Certificates of Obligation Bond proceeds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

25. Award of a professional services contract, Phase I with Gilpin Engineering Company in the amount of \$387,000.00 to provide consulting services for the Manadas Creek Multi-purpose Drainage Improvement Project for the City of Laredo, Texas. Funding is available in the 2005 & 2007 Certificates of Obligation Bonds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

26. Approval of the 2007 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 2007, and setting the public hearing dates of September 4th and 10th, 2007 for the proposed tax rate of \$0.637000/\$100 value.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

27. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts to be adjusted for the month of July 2007, represents an increase of \$2,444.27. These adjustments are determined by Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

28. Refund of property tax in the amount of \$1,684.37 payable to Alfredo and Irma Gabriela Flores due to an overpayment. Account # 945-00841-387.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

29. Consideration to authorize approval of contract amendment No. 2 to the professional services contract dated February 21, 2007 with Puig Engineering, L.L.C., of Laredo, Texas, for the performance of engineering services related to the West Laredo Multimodal Corridor Phase II-Flecha Lane/Las Cruces Drive Realignment Project, increasing the fee by \$248,000.00, in order to allow for additional professional services, and to extend the contract by an additional 450 days. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund.

Motion to postpone.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

30. Consideration for approval to award an engineering contract to Sherfey Engineering Company, L.L.C., Laredo, Texas, for an amount of \$101,400.00 for the boundary and acquisition, platting, surveying, design and preparation of plans and specifications for the Shiloh Boulevard Extension 1,400 linear feet of the 100 ft. right-of-way (63 ft., back-to-back) from its current terminus at Wyndum Subdivision to the Killam west property line. Funding is available in the 2000A Certificates of Obligation – Shiloh Boulevard Extension.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

31. Consideration for approval of acceptance of the Ejido Avenue Extension Project (Pita Mangana Boulevard-Chacota Street) and approval of final payment in the amount of \$82,182.81 to Ramos Industries, Inc., Pasadena, Texas. Final contract amount is \$1,643,656.14. Funding is available in the Community Development Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

32. Consideration for approval to award a construction contract to the sole bidder ALC Construction, L.L.C., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$72,380.00 for the Sidewalk and ADA Ramps Improvements along Matamoros Street from Santa Maria Avenue to Flores Avenue (4 blocks) approximately 1200 linear feet of construction. Funding is available in the Community Development Block Grant - 31st Action Year.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

33. Authorizing the City Manager to conduct a Public Sale of Block No. 2 of the Subdivision Plat of the Laredo Airport and consisting of approximately 5.8529 - acres, more or less, located at the Laredo International Airport with a minimum bid amount of \$1,708,180.14 being the appraised fair market value. Block No. 2 is

bounded by Maher Avenue to the east, Hillside Road to the north, Thomas Avenue to the west and Cherry Hill Drive to the south.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

34. Concurring with the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Record of Approval dated June 22, 2007, 14 C.F.R. Part 150 Noise Compatibility Program for the Laredo International Airport, Laredo, Texas and authorizing the City Manager to implement the FAA approved elements. Laredo's FAR Part 150 Noise Compatibility Program is funded by 95% FAA Grants and 5% local match. The Remedial Land Use Measures include three (3) voluntary elements being Fee Simple Acquisition, or Acoustical Treatment of residential dwellings in exchange for an Avigation Easement or Avigation Easement Acquisition.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

35. To authorize the submittal of project eligibility review applications to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in order to secure project approval for funding under the Coordinated Border Infrastructure (CBI) Program. The projects to be submitted for review include: the Industrial Parks Street Reconstruction Project, Bridge IV - toll booth expansion, and Cuarto Vientos – right of way acquisition. In general, projects funded by the CBI Program result in a federal contribution of eighty (80%) percent of the total project cost, and a twenty (20%) match requirement. Therefore, if approved, selected, and fully funded: the Industrial Parks Street Reconstruction Project is estimated at \$20,000,000, in total project costs will result in \$16,000,000 in federal funding, and \$4,000,000 in matching funds required; the Bridge IV – toll booth expansion is estimated at \$4,041,400 in total project costs results in \$3,233,120 federal funding, and \$808,280 matching funds required; and the Cuatro Vientos – right of way acquisition project estimated at \$6,000,000 in total project costs results in \$4,800,000 in federal funding, and \$1,200,000 in matching funds required.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

36. Authorizing the City Manager to allocate an additional \$18,000.00 to pay legal services related to the existing retainer agreement with the Law Offices of William M. Mckamie, P.C., for the lawsuit styled Carlos Blanco, Jr. and Maria Gloria Gonzalez v. the City of Laredo, Cause No. 2004-CV-000760-D2, in the District Court 111th Judicial District, Webb County. Funding is available in the General Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

37. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one scraper in the amount of \$688,817.00 and one landfill compactor in the amount of \$553,976.00 through the BuyBoard's cooperative purchasing program's contract pricing from Holt Cat, Laredo, Texas. This is replacement equipment for the Solid Waste operation. Funding is available from Solid Waste – 2007 Certificates of Obligation Bond proceeds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

38. Consideration to award contract number FY07-145 to the low bidder, Delta House Electric, Freer, Texas, in the estimated annual amount of \$240,000.00 for providing electric motor repair service for the Utilities Department motors with horsepower ratings from 1/8 HP to 400 HP and will service the many electric motors used in the water and wastewater operations. All repair work will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

39. 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 Division and other departments as needed by adjusting the hourly rate from \$7.00 to \$7.70 effective August 10, 2007. The federal minimum wage hourly rate was increased on July 24, 2007 from \$5.15 to

\$5.85. The contract terms and conditions allow for a rate adjustment in the amount of increase in the federal minimum hourly wage.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

40. Consideration to ratify the purchase contract with Group One Automotive DBA Dallas Dodge, in the total amount of \$26,370.00, for the purchase and installation of vehicle graphics package for fifty four (54) police sedans. A new graphics package was installed on the new vehicles. Funding is available in the Police Department budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

41. Consideration to award annual supply contract number FY07-148 in the estimated amount of \$2,923,649.50 for the purchase of unleaded and ultra low sulfur and high sulfur diesel fuel for the City of Laredo's fleet to the low bidder, Arguindegui Oil Co., Laredo, Texas. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

42. Consideration to award contract number FY07-136 to the following low bidders, Southern Tire Mart, Laredo, Texas in the estimated amount of \$24,331.00 and Gray's Wholesale Tire, Fort Worth, Texas in the estimated amount of \$28,456.27 for the purchase of passenger truck and industrial tires for the Fleet Department. All tires will be purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

43. Consideration to award contract FY07-129 for the purchase of dealer repair parts to Paul Young Chevrolet Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the estimated annual amount of

\$40,000.00; and Clark Chevrolet, McAllen, Texas in the estimated annual amount of \$10,000.00. All automotive parts will be purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

44. Consideration to authorize the purchase of two (2), 2008 Peterbilt 240 trucks for roll-off containers from Rush Truck Centers of Texas L.P., in the total amount of \$230,088.00 through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (H-GAC) cooperative purchasing program's contract pricing. These trucks will be assigned to the Solid Waste Department. Funding is available from 2007 Certificates of Obligation Bond proceeds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

45. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one asphalt paver in the total amount of \$328,189.00 through the Buy Board cooperative purchasing program's contract pricing from Holt Cat. This equipment will be assigned to the Public Works Department. Funding is available from 2007 Certificates of Obligation Bond proceeds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

46. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one milling machine in the total amount of \$440,596.00 through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (H-GAC) cooperative purchasing program's contract pricing from Wirtgen America Inc. This equipment will be assigned to the Public Works Department. Funding is available from 2007 Certificates of Obligation Bond proceeds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

47. Consideration to authorize the purchase of (2) two, American La France custom ambulances and one, American LaFrance fire pumper truck from American LaFrance Gulf Coast, Houston, TX., in the total amount of \$787,781.00 through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (H-GAC) cooperative purchasing program's contract pricing. These are replacement units. The ambulances will be assigned to Stations #7 located at 1120 Calton Road and #8 located at 510 Del Mar Boulevard and the fire truck will be assigned to Station #7. Funding is available from 2007 Certificates of Obligation Bond proceeds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

48. Consideration to authorize the purchase of three (3) cargo vans from Philpott Motors, in the total amount of \$56,581.00, through the Buy Board cooperative purchasing program's contract pricing; and three (3) Chevrolet Suburbans from Caldwell Country Chevrolet, in the total amount of \$119,334.00, through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (H-GAC) cooperative purchasing program's contract pricing. The cargo vans will be assigned to the Public Works Department and the Suburbans will be assigned to the Fire Department's EMS Division. Funding is available from 2007 Certificates of Obligation Bond proceeds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

49. Consideration to award contract FY07-147 to the following low bidders:

- a) Planet Ford, Houston, TX., in the total amount of \$485,359.00 for the purchase of thirty (30) vehicles;
- b) Tommie Vaughn Auto Country, Weimar, TX., in the total amount of \$422,641.92 for the purchase of twenty three vehicles (23), and
- c) Caldwell Country Chevrolet, Caldwell, TX., in the total amount of \$150,573.00 for the purchase of nine ((9) vehicles, for a total of \$1,058,573.92.

The purchase of vehicles, including passenger cars, trucks, and vans authorized for the Building, Fire, Public Works, Human Resources, Engineering, Parks and Recreation, Health, Airport, Civic Center, Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Solid Waste, and Utilities Departments, all as authorized in the 2007 Certificate of Obligation (CO) schedule; including four (4) vehicles which were approved for purchase for the Utilities Department with 2006 Waterworks revenue bond

proceeds. Funding is available from 2007 certificates of obligation bond proceeds and 2006 Waterworks Bond proceeds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

50. Consideration to reject all bids received for bid number FY07-146 – heavy equipment and authorizing the City Manager to purchase this equipment through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (H-GAC) cooperative purchasing program from :

- a) Nueces Power Equipment in the total amount of \$451,228.41 for the purchase of seven (7) backhoes and two (2) skid steer loaders; and
- b) Volvo Construction Equipment and Services in the total amount of \$259,474.61 for the purchase of one soil compactor, one pneumatic roller, and one double drum roller for a total purchase of \$710,703.02.

Six (6) backhoes and one skid roller will be assigned to the Utilities Department, and one backhoe, one skid roller, one pneumatic loader, one soil compactor and one double drum roller will be assigned to the Public Works Department. Funding is available from 2007 Certificates of Obligation Bond proceeds and 2006 Waterworks Revenue Bond proceeds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

51. Consideration to award contracts to the following bidders for the purchase of industrial uniforms for various departments of the City:

- a) Cintas, Corpus Christi, Texas in the estimated annual amount of \$60,027.84;
- b) Safety & Security International Services, Franklin, Tennessee, in the estimated annual amount of \$41,885.65.00;
- c) G&K Services, San Antonio, Texas in the estimated annual amount \$17,039.90; and
- d) Aramark-Wearguard, Burbank, California in the estimated annual amount of \$1,625.00.

The term of the contract for each of the bids under FY07-122 shall be for one year with an option to extend each for one additional year term at the same contract pricing and under the same terms and conditions. Funding is available in the various department budgets.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares
Second: Cm. Ramirez
For: 8

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.

52. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (2) by Assistant City Attorney to discuss with city's delinquent tax attorney, some legal aspects of Resolution No. 2007-R-059 of this agenda; and return to open session for possible action.

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (2) by Assistant City Attorney to discuss with city's delinquent tax attorney, some legal aspects of Resolution No. 2007-R-059 of this agenda; and return to open session for possible action.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion to authorize the City Manager to amend the minimum bids on Resolution Number 2007-R-059 as follows and resubmit for approval at the next scheduled City Council Meeting:

Property 4 \$94,804
Property 5 \$31,640
Property 6 \$14,812

Moved: Cm. Landeck
Second: Cm. Garza
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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 Municipal Housing Corporation.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

53. Consideration to award an annual supply contract number FY07-150 for the purchase of unleaded and low sulfur diesel fuel, for the transit system's fleet to the low bidder, Arguindegui Oil Co., Ltd., Laredo, Texas. Approximately \$388,000 is budgeted on an annual basis in the Transit Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion to adjourn.

Time: 9:54

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares


Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

I, Gustavo Guevara, Jr., City Secretary, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes contained in pages 01 to 32 and they are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council meeting held on August 20, 2007.



Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary