

**CITY OF LAREDO  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
M2007-R-18  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1110 HOUSTON STREET  
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2007  
5:30 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ROLL CALL**

In attendance:

I	Mike Garza,	Council Member, District
District II	Hector Garcia,	Council Member,
District III	Michael Landeck,	Council Member,
District IV	Johnny Amaya,	Council Member,
District V	Johnny Rendon,	Council Member,
VI	Gene Belmares,	Mayor Pro Tem, District
District VII	Juan Chavez	Council Member,
District VIII	Juan Ramirez,	Council Member,
	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
	Raul Casso,	City Attorney

Motion to excuse Mayor Raul G. Salinas.

Moved: Cm. Amaya  
Second: Cm. Rendon

0 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain:

**IV. MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes of May 21, 2007, June 25, 2007 and August 15, 2007.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain:

0

**V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**Recognitions**

a. Recognition of SSGT. Esteban Garcia, Sgt. Victor Altamarino, Sgt. Juan Gonzalez, Sgt. David Loredo, Sgt. Guadalupe Medina Jr., and Specialist Eduardo Rubio; for their safe return on September 7, 2007, stemming from an 18 months tour in Iraq.

Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares and the City Council welcomed the soldiers home after returning from an 18 month tour in Iraq.

b. Presentation by the Texas Department of Transportation, for the donation of a check of \$4,000.00 to the Laredo Police Department Traffic Division, from an incentive grant, to upgrade software in the Accident Reconstruction Program.

A Texas Department of Transportation representative thanked the City of Laredo for participating in the program. He reported that 130 Police Departments competed in this program and only 10 were selected. He mentioned that Laredo was one of the cities selected. He presented a check to the City of Laredo.

c. Recognizing Sgt. Margarito Garcia, of the Laredo Police Department, for his 34 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Laredo.

Sgt. Margarito Garcia was introduced to the City Council by Chief of Police Agustin Dovalina. Chief Dovalina stated that they are extremely honored to present him his retiring badge and gun.

**Communiqués**

Cm. Garza reported that the Mayor is back in the hospital. He mentioned that on Friday he attended the Welcoming Back Ceremony for the soldiers. He thanked the Public Works Department and the Parks and Recreation Department on behalf of District I for mowing the tall grass we have in our city.

Cm. Garcia wished the soldiers well. He thanked Jesus Olivares, Assistant City Manager; and Miguel Pescador, Parks and Recreation Director, for finishing the Villa del Sol Park improvements.

Cm. Landeck mentioned that he is very appreciative of the soldiers for serving the country and welcomed them home.

Cm. Rendon mentioned that part of Jacaman Road is being reconstructed again and asked those driving in that area to be extra careful and patient. He mentioned that he received very good news regarding the canal. He stated that because of the extra help, everything is prepared by where the houses are located. He added that the concrete will be poured today or tomorrow.

Cm. Chavez reminded people that around Bristol area there will be construction on the bridge and will take 120 days to be completed.

Cm. Ramirez congratulated the Mexican Consulate on the celebration of El 16 de Septiembre at San Agustin Plaza. He mentioned that the Laredo Soccer League had their awards presentation for the winners on Sunday.

Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares congratulated Jorge Verduzco from the International Bank of Commerce for bringing the I-69 Corridor board meeting to Laredo. He congratulated Black Stone Dillworth and TxDot for their great work in creating the San Isidro parkway off-ramp that connects to McPherson right off of I-35. He commented that this will help alleviate the traffic. He mentioned that El 16 de Septiembre has been the biggest event for quite awhile. He thanked Tony Reyes and the motorcycle clubs of Laredo. He mentioned that there were 350 motorcycles and over 500 riders that participated in the Freedom Run.

### **Citizen comments**

Cesar G. Hernandez appeared before the Council to present a plaque to the City of Laredo and El Metro System from Convergys.

Richard Geissler spoke on the needs for the Animal Shelter; they need a new shelter of 6 acres; he thanked Council for their assistance.

Monica Perales Garcia, Board Member of the Animal Protective Society, asked for funding in the amount of \$300,000.

## **VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

a. Appointments to Ethics Ad Hoc Committee of:

Anthony Treviño by Mayor Pro-Tempore Gene Belmares.  
Pastor Miguel Zuñiga by Council Member Mike Garza.  
Imelda T. Rodriguez by Council Member Juan Chavez.  
Jose S. Tellez by Council Member Juan Ramirez.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

## VII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

### 1. A. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Gene Belmares

1. Status report on the widening of McPherson from Mahogany Court to Shiloh Drive, with a time table for construction and completion.

Rogelio Rivera, reported that they are having a last minute coordination with the Utilities Department. He stated that sub-surface explorations are currently being done. He commented that markings have been done. He stated that by the end of the month the plan we will go out for bids if no changes are made. He reported that the final plans should be done in the next 30 days if there are no changes. He added that it would take 45 days for the bid. He added that the award would take two to three weeks following the bid. Finally, he stated that the construction would take six months.

2. Status report on the widening of Del Mar Boulevard from Country Club Drive to Bob Bullock Loop and the installation of a traffic light at Alexander Estates and Winfield Subdivision, with a time table for construction and completion.

Rogelio Rivera reported that what started out as a big project has ended up as five projects altogether making the work and coordination more difficult. He stated that the water line project on the Windfield and Alexander area has been installed all the way to the loop. He mentioned that the Alexander subdivision will be doing their own widening and will be starting early next month. He commented that bids will be received until October 4, 2007. He added that he spoke to Howland Engineers that are doing the plans for the section going to McPherson and the area by the reserve. He mentioned that he has not received an answer from them as of yet.

Thomas Rodriguez reported that the 24 inch water line started on the west side of the entrance to Windfield and as of Friday they had reached the gasoline station at the loop. He mentioned that today they started from the west side of

Windfield moving towards the reserve. He added that they would take ten days to finish. He proceeded to say that they would go back to Bob Bullock and connect the water line. Finally, he said that from there they would go west to McPherson.

Robert Murillo, Traffic Department Director, stated that the traffic light was taken out of the Windfield widening project because there is a contractor on board and it would be quicker. He reported that they are going to start in early October on the actual widening on the southside in front of the Windfield/Alexander intersection. He mentioned that for the other project, the bid will be awarded in October and then the actual work will start in November. He added that in between this project the traffic light will be worked on.

3. Discussion with possible action on setting street recycling priorities for the district.

Cm. Belmares stated that he wants to focus on major thoroughfares and use some type of a ceiling program for the neighborhood streets for District VI. He stated that the neighborhood streets that need recycling will be done in-house.

Carlos Villarreal agreed that some recycling can be done in-house. He commented that once the equipment is in place, a schedule will be worked out. He mentioned that staff would then meet individually with the Council Member from each district to find out what needs to be achieved.

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, reported that they have done field surveys on different areas of the city which includes: the residential areas; major thoroughfares; truck routes; and industrial areas. He reported that the older residential areas have been targeted first. He commented that 1500 blocks have been identified and another 1500 blocks have been identified in major thoroughfares and roadways which includes the truck routes and industrial areas. He pointed out that in the past they had a six year program where 50 to 60 blocks per district were presented to the Council for their input.

B. Request by Council Member Johnny Amaya

1. Discussion with possible action on appropriating \$300,000.00 from the 2007 Bond Series for the joint project between City of Laredo and Webb County

(Commissioner

Jerry Garza) for a Community Center on Lexington Avenue adjacent to the City of Laredo Health Department.

Motion to appropriate \$300,000.00 from the 2007 Bond Series for the joint project between City of Laredo and Webb County (Commissioner Jerry Garza) for a

Community Center on Lexington Avenue adjacent to the City of Laredo Health Department.

\$50,000 from Cm. Garza  
\$25,000 from Cm. Chavez  
\$225,000 from Cm. Amaya

For a combined total of \$300,000.00

Moved: Cm. Landeck

Second: Cm. Chavez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

C. Request by Council Member Juan Chavez

1. Discussion with possible action on the transferring of the airport traffic tower to the Federal Aviation Administration, with possible action.

Cm. Chavez stated that the reason why he brought this item to Council was because a month ago he was approached by a constituent of District VII in reference to the tower being transferred to the Federal Aviation Administration. He stated that the constituent mentioned that the City had an option. He stated that he had Mr. Olivares, Assistant City Manager, explained to him and he came to the conclusion that the city does not have an option. He mentioned that he would like for Robert Arredondo to explain to the Council.

Robert Arredondo, Air Traffic Control Manager, reported that back in May 25, 2007 he received a copy of a letter from the Airport Director saying that the Federal Aviation Administration intends to absorb all sole source towers. He stated that since 1984 the City has had the contract towers. He mentioned that 5% of the towers are sole source. He commented that the letter is not "set in concrete" and as of today he has no idea of what is going to happen.

Airport Director, Jose Flores read the following letter from the Federal Aviation Administration dated May 15<sup>th</sup> that was provided on Friday's packet to the Council.

*May 15, 2007*

*This letter is to inform you that the Federal Aviation Administration intends to absorb all airport traffic control towers presently funded as a sole source contract under the FA contract program into the Federal contract tower national contracts. The decision has been determined to be in the best interest of the FAA from both a quality control and centralized contract administrative perspective. The transfer of the Laredo International Airport sole source contract to the Federal Contract Tower National Contracts will become effective on October 1<sup>st</sup>. 2007.*

*If you have any questions or concerns related to this intended action, please submit them no later than June 29 to the following address.*

Mr. Flores stated that this letter was reiterated to him last week. He stated that tower and the facility belong to the Federal Aviation Administration and is not airport property. He mentioned that if the City would opt out of the Federal Contracts Program, the cost to the City would be approximately \$500,000.

Carlos Villarreal, City Manager, reported that he has not seen any correspondence saying that the City has an option. He commented that an effort will be made to be able to get some clarification. He pointed out that this was not an option that the City initiated, but that it came directly from the Federal Government.

Motion to table item for September 21, 2007.

Moved: Cm. Chavez

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 7  
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

D. Request by Council Member Juan Ramirez

1. Discussion with possible action to remove a large salt cedar tree (on City property) located at the 1800 block of Water Street.

Item will be discussed at the next meeting.

2. Discussion with possible action to designate part of the City property (39 acres) located adjacent to the Laredo Entertainment Center for a water park and advertise for a request of proposals (RFP's) from interested parties.

Cm. Ramirez reported that he attended a meeting with people from out of town and they would like to participate in the construction of the water park, but in order for it to be fair, it needs to go out for proposals.

Motion to designate up to 15 acres for the water park.

Moved: Cm. Ramirez

Second: Cm. Chavez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

Cm. Garza inquired that if the baseball stadium required 39 acres. He suggested that it would be good idea to have both attractions and use the same parking facilities.

Jesus Olivares, Assistant City Manager, stated that the Broncos baseball team would like to have a ground lease on the entire piece of property for future development and retail purposes. He mentioned that the City is interested in building a baseball stadium, but not at the expense of giving up any ground leases for any future retail development around that area.

## VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Health

State Department Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Annual Budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$34,833.00 in funds from the Texas Department of Health Services, which includes \$901.00 from estimated Program Income for continuation of the Health Department Maternal and Child Health (MCH-Title V) Program for the term of September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Ramirez

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Introduction Ordinance: City Council

3. 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 \$292,937.00 in funds from the Texas Department of

State

Health Services, which includes \$22,814.00 from estimated Program Income for continuation of the prenatal services provided by the Health Department Maternal

and

Child Health (MCH-Title V) Program for the period of September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0



Introduction Ordinance: City Council

Year  
4. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Fiscal  
2006-2007 Annual Budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the  
amount of  
\$61,068.00 from the Texas Department of State Health Services to the Health  
Department Title V Family Planning Services Grant, term from September 1, 2007  
through August 31, 2008.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Rendon  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Introduction Ordinance: City Council

Council for  
2007  
5. 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 \$123,042.00 from the South Texas Development  
the Health Department HIV/Health & Social Services, term from September 1,  
through August 31, 2008.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Introduction Ordinance: City Council

6. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Fiscal

Year

2006-2007 Special Fire Grant Budget to appropriate grant revenues and expenses from

the 2006 State Homeland Security Grant Sub-Recipient agreement between the City of

Laredo and the Texas Division of Emergency Management in the amount of \$24,157.00.

The total amount appropriated from the Homeland Security Program will be \$335,548.14. Equipment received through the grant agreement will be used for

the

City's Fire and Police Departments. The above said grant requires no in kind matching

funds.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Introduction Ordinance: City Council

7. Public hearing and introductory ordinance closing as a public easement the west

20 feet

out of the South one-half section of Lexington Avenue (also known as the 2500

Block of

Lexington Avenue), which section abuts the East property line of Lot 10, Block

320

Eastern Division, City of Laredo, County of Webb, Texas, as shown in Exhibit "A",

and

providing for an effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Motion to amend 20 feet to 18.25 feet.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce as amended.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Introduction Ordinance: Cm. Garza

8. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map)

of the  
Lot  
and  
IV

City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for a communication tower, on  
1, Block 292, Eastern Division, located at 2219 Springfield Avenue. The Planning  
Zoning Commission recommended approval of the Special Use Permit. District

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Amaya  
Second: Cm. Rendon  
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Introduction Ordinance: Cm. Amaya

9. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 2A and 2B, Block 1, Bartlett Apartments Subdivision and Jacaman Ranch, located at 6508 N. Bartlett Avenue, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District). The proposed use is for an amusement redemption machine establishment. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended denial of the zone change. District V

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and deny the permit.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

10. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for an amusement redemption machine establishment on Lots 3 and 4, Block 18, Western Division, located at 809 Zaragoza Street. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit. District VIII

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

change Tony Silva spoke in favor in granting the American Legion Post 59 for a zone request for Amusement Redemption Machines.

zone Martha Fenstermaker with Webb County Heritage Foundation spoke against the change request due to its proximity to the various historical areas.

Post is 5 amusement  
Jesus Cantu, District Commander of District 23<sup>rd</sup> Post 59, pointed out that the the second oldest in the state of Texas and spoke in favor of placing machines for the veterans.

against the historical  
Margarita Araiza, Executive for Webb County Heritage Foundation, spoke zone change request due to her concerns on the investments done on buildings.

Jose Rodriguez, a war veteran, spoke in favor of the zone change.

Rosanne Palacios spoke against the zone change request.

Motion to close the public hearing and table.

Moved: Cm. Ramirez  
Second: Cm. Landeck  
For: 2

Against: 6

Abstain:

0

Cm. Landeck  
Cm. Ramirez

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Landeck  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 6

Against: 2

Abstain:

0

Cm. Landeck  
Cm. Ramirez

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Landeck

11. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning the south 150 feet of the east 150 feet of Block 1116, Western Division, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located at 4502 San Bernardo Avenue, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District). The proposed use is for a restaurant. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change. District VII

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia  
Second: Cm. Amaya

0 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain:

Rosa Vera requested approval for zone change from B-3 to B-4.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Chavez

Second: Cm. Ramirez

0 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain:

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Chavez

12. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a nationalization vehicles enterprise on Lot 5, Block 1A, Dellwood Commercial Subdivision, located at 8910 F.M. 1472. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the Conditional Use Permit. District VII

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

0 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain:

Valentin Cuellar requested approval for a Conditional Use Permit.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce as recommended to deny.

Moved: Cm. Chavez

Second: Cm. Ramirez

0 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain:

13. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a restaurant (food to go) on Lot 1, Block 1, Country Club Estates Subdivision, located at 3911 Casa Blanca Road. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit. District V

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Rendon  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Rendon

## IX. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

14. Providing for the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.637000 per \$100 value with a Maintenance and Operation Rate of \$0.511426 per \$100 value and a Interest and Sinking Fund Rate of \$0.125574 per \$100 value for the levy and the collection of General and Special Ad Valorem taxes for the City of Laredo for Tax Year 2007 and Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

15. Consenting to renewal of grazing lease with A/C Cattle Company for one (1) year from October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008 covering approximately 220 acres as described in attached Exhibit "A", at the annual rent of \$1,320.00; authorizing the City Manager to sign the renewal agreement in form attached as Exhibit "B" and providing for an effective date.

Motion to go out for RFP.

Moved: Cm. Chavez  
Second: Cm. Ramirez  
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

16. Authorizing the City Manager to reconvey to United Independent School District, Trustee, that 17.331 acre parcel described in Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 1536, PP .512-515, official property records of Webb County, in consideration of repayment

of \$42,000.00 by USD, and a copy of this authorized conveyance is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council except for Cm. Garza, Cm. Garcia and Chavez.

17. Authorizing the City Manager to convey fee simple title to the "Surface Only" at its adjusted market value of \$8,468.50 for certain property described as a 9,963.30 square feet (0.2287 of an acre) tract of land, more or less, out of that former section the 2200 block of Hidalgo Street between Eagle Pass Avenue and Laredo Community College property line, situated in the Western Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas to Milco International, Inc., said tract being generally described on attached Exhibit "A"; and providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

18. Closing as a public easement a 17.7 ft. wide alley dedicated for public use in Block 629, Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, which traverses the middle of said block from East to West through its entire length, and abuts the South side of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 and also abuts the North side of Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12; which alley is located in said Block 629, midway between the 1100 block of Chihuahua Street and 1100 Block of Guadalupe Street; and providing for the reversion of the public's interest in said alley to the abutting owners; and providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

19. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the lease agreement approved by Ordinance No. 95-O-154 dated August 7, 1995, authorizing a lease agreement with Aero Center, Inc., for the approximate 1.001-acre tract of land located at the Laredo International Airport. Said lease agreement was assigned on July 21, 1997, by Ordinance No. 97-O-152, from Aero Center, Inc., to a Joint Venture composed of International Bank of Commerce and Sanchez-O'Brien Oil and Gas Corporation. The Joint Venture composed of International Bank of Commerce and



Sanchez-O'Brien Oil and Gas Corporation is dissolved regarding the  
aforementioned  
O'Brien Oil  
Bank of  
O'Brien  
Commerce  
lease agreement and the parties of said Joint Venture request that Sanchez-  
and Gas Corporation be deleted as one of the Lessees; therefore, International  
Commerce will remain as the sole Lessee. Said amendment deletes Sanchez-  
Oil and Gas Corporation as one of the Lessees and International Bank of  
remains the sole Lessee. All other terms and conditions of the lease will remain  
unchanged and in effect; providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

20. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the lease agreement  
approved on April 17, 2006, by Ordinance No. 2006-O-082 with a Joint Venture  
composed of International Bank of Commerce and Sanchez Oil & Gas  
Corporation for  
southwest  
dissolved  
Venture  
therefore,  
deletes  
remain  
the approximate 0.1182-acre tract of land located on Block No. 1 within the  
fuel farm at the Laredo International Airport. The Joint Venture composed of  
International Bank of Commerce and Sanchez Oil & Gas Corporation is  
regarding the aforementioned lease agreement and the parties of said Joint  
request that Sanchez Oil & Gas Corporation be deleted as one of the Lessees;  
International Bank of Commerce will remain the sole Lessee. Said amendment  
deletes  
Sanchez Oil & Gas Corporation as one of the Lessees and International Bank of  
Commerce remains the sole Lessee. All other terms and conditions of the lease  
unchanged and in effect; providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

## X. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive the final reading of Ordinances: 2007-O-169, 2007-O-171, 2007-O-172,  
2007-O-173, 2007-O-174, 2007-O-175, 2007-O-176, 2007-O-177, 2007-O-178,  
2007-O-179, 2007-O-180.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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21. 2007-O-169 Adopt the proposed Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 by

appropriating the proposed revenues, expenditures and balances reported therein for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2007 and ending September 30, 2008, consistent with the financial plan described in said Annual Budget (see Exhibit A); and amendments as made at introduction of budget ordinance (see Exhibit B); and authorizing the City Manager to implement said Annual Budget. (As amended)

Motion to amend the budget by \$25,000 for the Veterans Coalition for a total of \$86, 000.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain:  
0

Motion to amend the budget by \$154,000 for the Animal Shelter.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain:  
0

Motion to amend the budget by adding an additional \$50,000 for the Animal Shelter for a total of \$204,000.

Moved: Cm. Garcia  
Second: Cm. Landeck  
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain:  
0

Cm. Garcia made a retraction on his motion to leave it as is.

Motion to amend the budget for operations for \$154,000 for the Animal Shelter for a total amount of \$300,000.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain:  
0

Motion to amend the capital improvements budget by \$100,000 for capital amount of improvements to the Animal Protective Society Shelter in the \$100,000 from various discretionary funds:

\$50,000 from Cm. Garcia  
\$10,000 from Cm. Garza



2007-O-172 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Laredo Housing Authority in the amount of \$74,068.00 and amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Special Police Fund Annual Budget by \$15,468.00. The increase is to reimburse costs for overtime incurred by the Laredo Police Department officers in providing resources for the Weed and Seed Community Building Program. The term of this grant is from April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-O-172.

Moved: Cm. Amaya  
Second: Cm. Garcia  
For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain:  
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2007-O-173 Amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2006-2007 General Fund Annual Budget to appropriate revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$100,000.00 for attorney's fees paid to De Anda Law Firm due to increased collections in delinquent property taxes. The expenditures of attorney's fees will only be incurred and disbursed if the revenue is collected by the Tax Department.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-O-173.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain:  
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2007-O-174 Amending the City of Laredo Health Department Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Annual Budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$411,171.00, from the Texas Department of State Health Services for continuation of the Prevention Services for HIV Prevention Project of the Health Department, for the term of September 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-O-174.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2007-O-175 Amending the City of Laredo Health Department Fiscal Year 2006-  
Annual Budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the  
of \$223,188.00, funds from the Texas Department of State Health  
for continuation of the Immunization Action Plan (IAP) Program of  
Health Department, including a projected amount of Program Income  
\$60,246.00, for the period of September 1, 2007 through August 31,  
and approved 5.55 fulltime equivalent positions.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-O-175.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2007-O-176 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a contribution from San  
Southeast, Ltd., in the amount of \$53,376.00 for park improvements;  
amend the City of Laredo Capital Improvement Fund Fiscal Year  
2007 Budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures for park  
improvements within the San Isidro Subdivision.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-O-176.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2007-O-177 Authorizing the City Manager's acceptance of monies from the San  
Southeast, Ltd., in the amount of \$10,000.00 and amending the

Laredo's Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Annual Budget for the Environmental Services Fund by appropriating the said additional revenue to the accounts. The funds will be used for maintenance of an earthen drainage channel in the San Isidro Subdivision for a one (1) time treatment for invasive species removal.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-O-177.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2007-O-178 Accepting an Incentive Grant in the amount of \$4,000.00 from the Texas Department of Transportation and to appropriate said funds into the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Special Police Fund. The Texas Department of Transportation has made an incentive grant available in order to purchase police equipment that will help enhance our enforcement services. The updated software is needed to enhance already existing software for the Traffic Division's CRASH Team accident reconstruction services.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-O-178.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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(c) 2007-O-179 Amending Article XII, Chapter 19, Division 2, and 4, Sections 19-562 and 19-601, of the Code of Ordinances.

A. Division 2, Section 19-562 (c) Fares for fixed Transit Service:

1. Adult Fare from \$1.00 to \$1.25
2. Transfers from \$0.00 to \$0.05
3. Students fare from \$0.50 to \$1.00

B. Division 4, Section 19-601 Transit Center Parking Facility, Farragut Street:

1301

1. Increase the hourly rate from \$.75 per hour to \$2.00 per hour
2. Increase the daily maximum from \$6.00 to \$16.00
3. Increase the overnight rate from \$10.00 to \$16.00
4. Increase the monthly contract rate from \$50.00 to \$60.00
5. Increase the lost ticket charge from \$10.00 to \$16.00
6. Increase the monthly contract parking rate for City employees \$25.00 to \$30.00
7. Increase the Park-N-Shop Program of 50 coupons from \$50.00 to \$60.00
8. Increase the advance payment discount from \$50.00 to \$60.00

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providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-O-179.

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

Against: 1

Abstain:

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Cm. Ramirez

2007-O-180 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement between Texas Engineering Extension Service/Emergency Services Training Institute (TEEX) and the City of Laredo Fire Department to define the responsibilities for both parties for the education instructional activities to be offered to firefighters, non firefighter trainees and out of country first responders at the Laredo International Fire/Law Enforcement Training Center. The period of performance under this agreement is specified as September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008, unless sooner terminated in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-O-180.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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## XI. RESOLUTIONS

22. 2007-R-057 Supporting and authorizing the City of Laredo's participation in the South Texas Development Council, and authorizing the payment of the City of Laredo's assessed membership dues in the amount of \$43,783.00 for the period of October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008, subject to final approval of the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Annual Budget.

Motion to approve Resolution 2007-R-057.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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23. 2007-R-069 Adopting the 2008-2012 Capital Improvement Program of the City of Laredo.

Motion to approve Resolution 2007-R-069.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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24. 2007-R-070 Authorizing the City Manager the addition of one Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) to the South Texas 9-1-1 Region. The primary functions of the new PSAP are to serve as a live training center for all regional call takers as well as backup PSAP for the Laredo Police Department and Webb County's Sheriff's Office.

Motion to approve Resolution 2007-R-070.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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25. 2007-R-074 Accepting a grant by the Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, in the amount of \$125,687.00 for the 2006-2010 Justice Assistance Grant. The Office of Justice Program is contributing the full grant amount of \$125,687.00 with no match amount obligated to the City of Laredo. The City of Laredo and Webb County will each receive \$62,843.50. The City of Laredo and Webb County will utilize this funding for the purchase of equipment for Homeland Security purposes by the Laredo Police Department for the period of October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2010.

Motion to approve Resolution 2007-R-074.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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26. 2007-R-075 A resolution to nominate a candidate and cast 1,006 votes for City Council Member Hector "Tito" Garcia, as the City of Laredo's candidate to the Webb County Appraisal District Board of Directors for the 2008-2009 term as per Section 6.03 of the Texas Property Code; and directing the City Secretary to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Chief Appraiser of the Webb County Appraisal District before October 15, 2007.

Motion to approve Resolution 2007-R-075.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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27. 2007-R-077 Accepting a grant in the amount of \$99,806.00 from the Texas Department of Transportation for enforcement of the Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. The grant period will begin October 01, 2007 and runs thru September 30, 2008. This grant is for overtime salaries. The City of Laredo will provide a match of \$26,136.00 for fringe benefits.

Motion to approve Resolution 2007-R-077.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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28. 2007-R-078 Accepting a grant in the amount of \$40,000 from the Texas Department of Transportation for performance of the Commercial Motor Vehicle Selective Traffic Enforcement Program for the period of October 01, 2007 through September 30, 2008. This grant is for overtime salaries. The City of Laredo will match with \$10,540.00 for fringe benefits.

Motion to approve Resolution 2007-R-078.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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## XII. MOTIONS

29. Approving the property tax increase reflected in the fiscal year 2008 budget as required by the Texas Local Government Code Section 102.007 said increase being \$6,004,101.00 or 11.55%. This additional amount is due entirely to increases in property tax valuations and new property added to the tax roll and NOT to any increase of the current tax rate of \$.637000.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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30. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a professional service contract with Estrada Hinojosa & Company, Inc., for Investment Advisory Services. This contractual agreement shall apply to and all investable funds that may be governed by the City's Investment Policy. The fee schedule is attached where an annual fee equal to three basis points (0.0003) of the investment

portfolio's. The contract term begins upon September 30, 2009; subject to future budget

signing of the contract until appropriations.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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31. To renew for one (1) year the existing contract with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas to provide the Third Party Administration of the City's Health and Benefits Plan to include administrative services only, utilization review services, medical network services, stop-loss insurance, prescription benefit management services, COBRA/HIPAA Administration, flexible spending account administration, disease management, retiree billing and other related services for a period of one (1) year; this is the last year of the three (3) year contract; the effective date will be October 1, 2007. Funding is available in the Health and Benefits Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Garcia  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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32. Refund of property tax in the amount of \$1,299.05 payable to Chase Home Finance, L.L.C., due to an overpayment. Account #989-56001-060.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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33. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts to be adjusted for the month of August 2007, represents an increase of \$76,499.98. These adjustments are determined by Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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34. Consideration to ratify and approve the emergency contract approved by the City Manager to Larecon, L.L.C., in the sum of \$92,300.00 for the overflow bypass pumping and repair of the collapsed manhole on San Dario Avenue in front of Mall Del Norte. Funding is available in the 2006 Utilities Revenue Bond.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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35. Ratifying the action taken by the City Manager to purchase 1400 linear feet of 24" sewer pipe from HD Supply Waterworks in the amount of \$50,190.00 to repair a collapsed sewer collector. Funding is available in the 2006 Utility Revenue Bond.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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36. Authorizing the City Manager to award a construction contract to the lowest bidder Leyendecker Construction, Inc., from Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$1,676,951.40 for the Jefferson Street Water Treatment Plant Primary Clarifier no. 2 repair and High Service Pump Station Valve Replacement Project. Funding is available in the 2006 Utilities Revenue Bond.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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37. Consideration to approve amendment order no. 1 to Crane Engineering & Sherfey Engineering for an amount not to exceed \$145,400.00 for the professional services to include the platting of 27 acres of land for El Metro Facility, design of Bartlett extension and traffic impact study for this project. The total contract amount will be \$674,400.00 with these amendments. Funding is available in the Transit System FTA #274 Grant and the Environmental Services Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia  
Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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38. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement between the City of Laredo and VIGSA, Ltd., for the purpose of allowing the City of Laredo Health Department to house the WIC Program in the Riverhill Commercial Center as it promotes wellness, nutrition and breastfeeding. The term of the agreement shall be for three (3) years beginning September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2009. The first year's rental rate is \$85,200.00 (monthly rate-\$7,100.00); second year's rental rate is \$87,756.00 (monthly rate-\$7,313.00); and the third year's rental rate is \$90,384.00 (monthly-rate \$7,532.00). The rental fee for the new site will be paid through the WIC Grant (226-6047) and subject to future appropriations.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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39. Consideration to amend and extend the budget/project period of the Health Care Response and Management Along the US/Mexico Border (X4-96602701-2) from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency with the City of Laredo Health Department term ending on September 16, 2007 will now continue through December 16, 2007. The award remains at \$78,947.00.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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40. Authorizing the City Manager to acquire through negotiations, the "Surface Only" of Lot 25 Block 14, Crownridge Subdivision, Phase 4, for the construction of drainage improvements in the Crownridge Subdivision, Phase 4, in order to alleviate periodic flooding in that area. Said parcel is to be acquired in an amount not to exceed \$180,000.00, plus approximately \$2,050.00 in incidental expenses. This will be a voluntary transaction. Funding is available in Land Acquisition for City-wide Drainage/2007 Certificate of Obligation Bond Issue.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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41. Request for approval of wording prepared by Jerry Thompson, Ph.D. and Jose Roberto Juarez, Ph.D. for a proposed State of Texas Historical Marker for the former Laredo Air Force Base.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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42. Authorizing the award of a contract in the amount of \$210,977.20 to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., for the development of plans to implement to initial phases of the City of Laredo Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Master Plan \$1.75 Million (federal surface transportation funds) is available for the project in the Capital Grants Fund.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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43. Consideration for approval of change order no. 3 an increase of \$3,149.00 for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place, acceptance of the Laredo Colombia International Bridge Superstructure Rehabilitation and approval of final payment in the amount of \$42,449.19 to Restek, Inc., Austin, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$538,922.90. Funding is available in the Bridge System – Revenue Bond Series 2005A.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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44. Consideration for approval to award a construction contract to the lowest bidder Concho Construction, Inc., Garland, Texas, in the base bid amount of \$4,185,890.48 for the Santa Ursula Connector. Funding is available in the Bridge System – Revenue Bond 2005A.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia  
Second: Cm. Amaya

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45. Consideration for approval to award a construction contract to the lowest bidder Construction Partners, Pasadena, Texas, in the amount of \$422,269.54 for the Texas/Piedra China Improvements Phase II - Storm Drainage. Funding is available in the Community Development 31st Action Year and 2005 CO Bond.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain:

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46. Consideration for approval of amendment order no. 2, an increase of \$133,911.00 to the professional services contract with Structural Engineering Services, San Antonio, Texas, for the Santa Ursula Connector Project to provide the professional services required for the additional design and construction phase services requested by the General Services Administration (GSA) and the Federal Inspection Service (FIS) agencies, and the City of Laredo. Current engineering contract amount is \$765,133.00. Funding is available in the Bridge System – Revenue Bond 2005A.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain:

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47. Consideration for approval to award a professional services contract to Structural Engineering Associates, San Antonio, Texas, in association with Premier Civil Engineering, Laredo, Texas, and Raba-Kistner Consultants, Inc., Laredo, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$68,725.00 for the design and preparation of plans and specifications for the Pedestrian Bridge across the Zacate Creek at Cecilia May Moreno Park (319 W. Lyon). Funding is available in the Community Development 32nd Action Year 2006 Grant –Zacate Creek Pedestrian Bridge.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain:

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48. Consideration for approval to award a professional services contract to Carrillo & Associates, Inc., Laredo, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$96,083.00 to provide laboratory, sampling and testing services of materials for quality assurance for the Laredo International Airport General Aviation Apron and Taxilane Reconstruction (Phase III). Funding is available in the Airport Construction Fund – FAA Grant No. 51. The Airport Advisory Committee recommends approval.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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49. Consideration for approval of amendment order no. 3, an increase of \$32,961.50 to the engineering contract to Freese and Nichols, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas, for the Laredo International Airport Reconstruction of Taxiways "D" & "B" for additional inspection (Resident Project Representative) services due to construction project time exceeding the construction contract days. This amount will be paid from liquidated damages accessed to the construction contract. Final engineering contract amount will be \$444,752.15. Funding is available in the Airport Construction Fund. The Airport Advisory Committee recommends approval.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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50. Consideration for approval to award a construction contract to the lowest bidder SER Construction Partners, Ltd., Houston, Texas, in the amount of \$4,895,280.00 and approval of change order no. 1 a decrease of \$1,089,276.20 a decrease of 22.25% of the base bid to bring the project within budget for a net contract award amount of \$3,806,003.80 for the Laredo International Airport General Aviation Apron and Taxilane Reconstruction (Phase III). Funding is available in the Airport Construction Fund – FAA Grant No. 51. The Airport Advisory Committee recommends approval.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia  
Second: Cm. Amaya

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For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

51. Consideration for approval of amendment no. 1 an increase of \$25,107.16 to the engineering contract with Freese and Nichols, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas, for the Laredo International Airport reconstruction of a Portion of Runway 17R-35L for additional professional services due to construction project time exceeding the construction contract days. This amount will be paid from liquidated damages accessed to the construction contract. Final engineering contract amount will be \$344,698.16. Funding is available in the Airport Construction Fund-Grant #44. The Airport Advisory Committee recommends approval.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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52. Consideration for approval of change order no. 3 a decrease of \$382,723.62 due in part to the deletion of a portion of the construction contract requested by the Airport Department Staff, approval of seventy-three (73) calendar days of liquidated damages (73 calendar days @ \$1,200.00/day = \$87,600.00) and for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place, acceptance of the Laredo International Airport Reconstruction of Portions of Runway 17R-35L (Phases I and II), Taxiways B and D, and General Aviation Apron (Phase I) AIP Project No. 3-48-0136-042-2005 and AIP Project No. 3-48-0136-044-2005, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$252,530.13 to Ramos Industries, Inc., Pasadena, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$5,974,886.88. Funding is available in the Airport Construction Fund - Improvements Other Than Buildings – FAA Grant #42 and Retainage Account. The Airport Advisory Committee recommends approval.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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53. Consideration for approval of change order no. 1 a decrease of \$31,140.00 to the construction contract with Ramos Industries, Inc., Pasadena, Texas, for the General Aviation Apron Phase II, Northeast Cargo Apron Phase II and the Southwest Apron Concrete Pads for work not necessary to complete the project and to use these monies to modify the A/E contract with Freese and Nichols, Inc., (design consultants) and Chapman and Associates, Inc., (resident project representative) and to add forty-five (45) calendar days to the construction contract time. Funding is available in Airport Construction Account FAA Grant No. 49. The Airport Advisory Committee recommends approval.



Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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54. Consideration to award supply contract number FY07-159 to the low bidder Gomez Trucking, Laredo, Texas in the estimated contract amount of \$150,000.00 for the purchase of flexible base material (Caliche) required for city paving and construction projects. The term of this contract is for a one (1) year period and is subject to the availability of funds. This material will be purchased on an as needed basis utilizing the Public Works, Utilities Department, and construction project budgets.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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55. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for an additional six (6) month period for contract FY07-068 awarded to Flecha Materials Inc. as the primary vendor, and Castañeda Sand and Gravel as the secondary vendor, for the purchase of top soil and fill dirt. These materials are used by the Utilities and Parks and Recreations Departments for maintenance and capital improvement projects. The City received identical bids for the purchase of top soil and Flecha Materials was chosen as the primary vendor by drawing at the City Council meeting of March 19, 2007. These materials are purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the respective departmental budgets.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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56. Consideration to authorize the purchase of two (2) equipment trailers in the total amount of \$169,448.46 through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (H-GAC) cooperative purchasing program's contract pricing from Rush Truck Center, Houston, TX. These are lowboy trailers used to move the City's heavy machinery to jobsites and will be assigned to the Public Works Department. Funding is available from 2007 certificates of obligation bond proceeds.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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57. Consideration to modify the contract awarded to Kinloch Equipment and Supply, Pasadena, TX, on August 20, 2007, authorizing the purchase of one sewer line TV inspection truck in the total amount of \$147,766.00 to reflect that the contract vendor will be Henna Chevrolet, Austin, Texas. The State of Texas requires anyone selling a new vehicle to have a franchise dealer's license. The only organizations that can apply and receive this license are the car, truck and van dealers, i.e. Chevrolet and Ford dealers. Henna Chevrolet will provide the cab and chassis and Kinloch Equipment will provide the service body and TV inspection equipment. Authorization is also requested to add a manhole adapter for the camera to the purchase price of this equipment. The cost of the manhole adapter is \$4,975.00. The revised contract total will be \$152,741.00. Funding is available from 2007 Utilities Department revenue bond proceeds.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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58. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one cab and chassis in the total amount of \$116,898.00 from Chastang's Bayou City Ford; and one 23 cubic yard front loader refuse packer in the total amount of \$80,502.70 from Heil of Texas, through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (H-GAC) cooperative purchasing program's contract pricing. This truck will be assigned to the Solid Waste department for landfill operations and the downtown area. Funding is available from 2007 obligation bond proceeds. certificates of

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 1

Abstain:

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Cm. Garza

59. Consideration to award contract FY07-163 to Laredo Alarm Systems, Inc., Laredo, TX in the amount of \$99,474.85 for providing an access control system for the Police Department. Funding is available in the Police Department Trust Fund budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Landeck  
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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### **XIII. STAFF REPORTS**

60. A. Update on the River Vega Master Plan and presentation of draft computer video.

Kevin Conner from Carter-Burgess made a video presentation on the River Vega Master Plan.

Mr. Conner reported that the process to get approval from Department of Homeland Security Secured Border Initiative was explained to him and they will have to work through the Border Patrol Branch of DHS. He said that he was given very specific instructions on how to do that.

### **XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

### **XV. ADJOURNMENT**

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Time: 10:48

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Chavez  
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Against: 0

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