

**CITY OF LAREDO  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
M2007-R-21  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1110 HOUSTON STREET  
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040  
NOVEMBER 5, 2007  
5:30 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Salinas led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ROLL CALL**

In attendance:

Raul G. Salinas, Mike Garza,	Mayor Council Member, District
I Hector Garcia, District II	Council Member,
Michael Landeck, District III	Council Member,
Johnny Amaya, District IV	Council Member,
Johnny Rendon, District V	Council Member,
Gene Belmares, VI	Mayor Pro Tem, District
Juan Chavez, District VII	Council Member,
Juan Ramirez, District VIII	Council Member,
Gustavo Guevara, Jr., Cynthia Collazo, Raul Casso, Horacio De Leon, Jesus Olivares,	City Secretary Deputy City Manager City Attorney Assistant City Manager Assistant City Manager

**IV. MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes of September 4, 2007, September 10, 2007 and October 15, 2007.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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## V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

### Recognitions

Recognition of Wendolyne Morales, Univision reporter, for winning the Lone Star Emmy Award on her report titled "Tomas Contreras: Injusticia Tras Las Rejas."

Mayor Salinas and City Council publicly recognized Wendolyne Morales and presented her with a Seven Flags Certificate of Recognition.

### Communiqués

a. Invitation by Arnold Davis, Chairman and Bertha Mena, Co-Chairman of the "Feast of Sharing" event sponsored H.E.B. to be held at the Laredo Civic Center on Sunday, November 18, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Arnold Davis and Bertha Mena publicly invited the public to attend the "19<sup>th</sup> Annual Feast of Sharing" event sponsored by H. E. B. and the City of Laredo at the Laredo Civic Center on Sunday, November 18, 2007. He noted that they are expecting over 12,000 persons and they are prepared to serve over 3,000 pounds of turkey.

b. Dr. Francisco Cigarroa, President of the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio will provide comments in appreciation for the partnership between the UTHSCSA Dental School and the City of Laredo.

Dr. Cigarroa, President of the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio, provided comments in appreciation for the partnership between the UTHSCSA Dental School and the City of Laredo. He added that it was a tremendous privilege to speak to the City Council because Laredo will always be his home. He noted that everything that he has ever accomplished is attributed to the great teachers that he has had in the City of Laredo. He thanked all the entities that allow them to flourish in the City to expand helpful education.

Cm. Garza congratulated Cm. Garcia on the ALS Walk that was held on Saturday. He added that he is very supportive of the efforts of individuals who participate in fundraising events such as ALS. He said that he provided school

clothes for 160 students in his District. He thanked the City of Laredo Police Department for maintaining a safer Halloween for children. Finally, he congratulated the United South High School Football team for making the playoffs.

Cm. Garcia thanked the community, especially the employees of the City of Laredo, for working hard to raise money for the ALS Walk. He specifically thanked his friends for showing their support for the ALS event. He congratulated Alexander High School Cross Country Boys Team for advancing to the State U. I. L. Level. He also congratulated the Alexander High School Girls Volleyball Team for advancing to the playoffs. He thanked the Mayor for reading the Proclamation for the Alexander HOSA club. Finally, he congratulated and showed support for Mr. Aleman from United High School for concentrating on the education of his school. He noted that his actions demonstrated a lot of character.

Cm. Amaya informed City Council that District IV would be having a renaming ceremony for the Eliseo Valdez, Jr. Park at Jefferson and San Francisco. He also reminded individuals that the District IV Committee would be having a steak plate sale to benefit the low income families for the holidays.

Cm. Rendon thanked John Orfila, Jr., Public Works Director and his staff, for working very diligently on Jacaman Road. He also thanked the citizens that use the route for being patient. He also mentioned that the State of Tabasco is suffering due to flooding. He thanked the Council for their support in assisting the state.

Cm. Belmares congratulated the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation for holding a phenomenal fund raising event. He said that they have raised over \$250,000 for the Foundation which is a testament to the people of Laredo who open up their hearts and their wallets and give to a good causes. He thanked all the individuals who participated in the "Make A Difference Day" held in North Laredo. He mentioned that over 500 people from Laredo attended the event. He specifically mentioned the names of the City employees who had a vital roll in coordinating the event. He gave his condolences to the family and friends of Luis Munoz, Korean War Veteran. He reminded the media partners about the annual Blue Santa Football game that will be held in December to raise toys for children.

Cm. Chavez asked the community to support the Laredo Bucks.

Cm. Ramirez thanked Roy Garcia, Code Enforcement Supervisor, and his volunteers for removing graffiti in District VIII. He thanked everyone that participated in the Halloween event at the Civic Center. He encouraged the viewing public to vote in current election on November 6, 2007.

### **Citizen comments**

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

Guillermina Montes and Jesus Guerra, LISD Trustees, stated that the goal of Laredo Independent School District is to promote pedestrian safety and create safety awareness in Laredo. She asked the cooperation from City Council to join their mission to create safety awareness. The specifically sought the endorsement of their resolution of October 17, 2007 calling for the construction of a pedestrian bridge at the corner of Zacatecas and Zapata Highway. The goal of the partnership with Laredo Police Department is to develop and implement a curriculum for pedestrian safety that we can take to the schools for the benefit and safety of everyone.

Juan Jose Avila spoke encouraging assistance to Tabasco, Mexico.

Emilio Martinez spoke on the problems with the Police Department and stated that the time has come for corruption to stop and for City leaders to address the problems. He asked that a Citizen Commission be erected and asked that the amusement machines be banned from Laredo and Webb County.

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

Appointment by Council Member Juan Chavez of Ofelia Kirby to the Library Advisory Committee.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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## **VII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Request by Council Member Mike Garza

1. Status report on the Municipal Golf Course Project and related funding, with possible action.

This item was postponed at the request of Cm. Garza.

B. Request by Council Member Dr. Michael Landeck

1. Discussion with possible action including possible amendments to the scope and conditions of the contract awarded to the engineering company (Poznecki Camarillo Engineering Surveying, Inc.) regarding the evaluation of potential sites for bridge #5 in the south and south Laredo.

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Cm. Landeck stated that there is current correspondence taking place between Hachar Foundation and Commissioner Wawi Tijerina on the issue that they should be allowed access to the engineering company. He said that it is not allowed because the contract was written in such a way that no one should have access to the engineering company. Members of the City have access to the engineering company including the City Manager, City Engineer, and other individuals. He went on to say that he could not foresee any damage if the DD Hachar or Montemayor Companies make a presentation.

Poznecki

Motion to allow all three representatives of all three groups to contact the Company and arrange for them a presentation at their will.

Moved: Cm. Landeck  
There was not a second so motion died.

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the exception  
Engineer.

Cynthia Collazo, Deputy City Manager, reported that the scope of services in "attachment A" that was part of the contract apparently stated that Poznecki wanted no contact or presentations from any of the engineering firms with the exception of the City Engineer, Utilities Director, and the County's Engineer. She said that a report has been submitted but she has not had time to review it.

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Tomas Rodriguez, Utilities Director, explained that he was under the impression Commissioner does have a copy of the contract because the County staff provided Commissioners copies of the contract like City staff provided Council Members. Commissioner Tijerina is the person in charge of the City/County Elected Official ommittee and they agreed that the scope (attachment A) was adequate and the committee came to report to Council and Commissioners. City staff was instructed to send the scope of services to Camarillo. The special condition read that the consultant should not discuss the project with any local engineering firms and that they should not discuss the project with any local landowners or developers. He assured the Council that the scope was in the contract where City and Council leaders voted on the contract for a 50/50 agreement.

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2. Discussion and possible action regarding a formulation of a policy on distribution

copies of correspondence and documentation addressed to the Mayor and/or City Manager that should be distributed to all the members of the City Council.

Cm. Landeck expressed his concern for copies of correspondence and documentation addressed to the Mayor and/or City Manager that he and other Council Members do not receive. He said that City Council needs to create a formulation or a policy on distribution of copies. He asked City Council to spend some thought to develop a policy where all members follow to try to avoid situations where some receive information and some Council members don't.

Cm. Rendon explained that often time Council members receive information because they are on a particular committee and others aren't.

City Mayor Salinas said that he understands the concerns of the Council Members and explained that often times he receives confidential mail. He added that he did not have a problem with sharing material with other Council Members if it pertains to issues.

Council if it Cm. Landeck suggested creating a policy for copies of correspondence and documentation. He asked each official to review their mail and share it with Council if it pertains to City of Laredo issues.

#### C. Request by Council Member Johnny Amaya

1. Discussion with possible action on appropriating funds from both District IV and District V for the installation of a street light at the east side corner of Ryan and Marcella. (Co-sponsored by Council Member Johnny Rendon)

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Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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#### D. Request by Council Member Johnny Rendon

1. Discussion with possible action on introducing a pilot program to provide recycle bins in different areas in our community instead of the blue bags.

other Cm. Rendon said that the reason he placed this item on the agenda is because at

City. He Council meetings Cm. Garcia made a motion to make our City a plastic free

expressed an interest in implementing a pilot program for placing recycle bins in different areas of the city.

Oscar Medina, Solid Waste Director, reported that other cities have adopted a twice a week pick up. The first week is trash and the second pick up is recycling material. He said that the citizens are provided a green trash can and a blue recycle bin. He advised that the city would need to spend 2.7 million dollars to buy blue bins; however, it can be phased in. He suggested a registration process where interested citizens will sign up to receive a blue bin to recycle. He agreed that the City could also implement a pilot program for a neighborhood in North Laredo and South Laredo.

Cm. Rendon requested the pilot program.

Cm. Garcia expressed his satisfaction with the registration process for recycling.

Oscar Medina, Solid Waste Director, advised Council that he would look at different incentives for recycling and return to City Council with a recommendation.

2. Status report on the storm drainage project on Belmont Subdivision between Esperanza & Sage streets.

Riazul Mia, Environmental Department, said the contract was awarded and the design should be complete by the end of January 2008. It will go to bid in February 2008.

3. Presentation by Blas Castaneda, LCC Chief Economic Officer, on a Department of Labor grant initiative for workforce literacy centers to support businesses and industries in our community and the southern border region.

Blas Castaneda, LCC Chief Economic Officer, gave the following presentation:

### **What is WIRED?**

Workforce Innovation Regional Economic Development  
Main Focus – Talent Development  
Tied to the Cluster Initiative at Federal and State Level  
Rio South Texas Alliance

**U S Department of Labor**  
Community-based Job Training Grant

Total funding of \$125M

Cap per project \$2M over a 3 year period  
Community Capacity Building  
Workplace Literacy Center \$2M Total Grant \$3.9M  
Criteria:  
Strong Partnerships  
Sustainable projects at the end of grant  
High Accountability

### Fact Sheet

- o \$2,000,000 from DOL for 3 years
- o LCC, TSTC, STC, are main partners – LCC is the lead
- o LCCC will have SWTJC as a partner under contract
- o Satellite training facility in Zapata
- o Partnerships will train 1,575 people in 3 years will fund curriculum development for lodging, construction, retail clusters with health and manufacturing already completed
- o Our local partners include the workforce board, city, freight forwarders association, custom brokers association, most have contributed funds.

#### E. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Gene Belmares

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1. Discussion with possible action on setting a workshop for reviewing, amending and approving the Park Dedication Ordinance.

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Miguel Pescador, Parks & Recreation Department, said that the final draft has been submitted and staff is ready to present a workshop to City Council.

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Cm. Belmares instructed the City Manager to submit the draft to the City Council continue to prepare for the workshop. He noted that the workshop should be held on November 26, 2007.

Motion to hold a workshop on reviewing, amending and/or approving the Park Dedication Ordinance.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2. Appropriating \$5,000.00 in capital expenditures at the Airport to purchase flat panel televisions. This item is recommended by the Airport Advisory Committee. (Co-sponsored by Council Member Johnny Rendon)

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Jose Flores, Airport Director, advised that the proposals call for three monitors



estimated costs of \$10,500; however, the City needs to go through the bidding process.

Motion to approve the funding to purchase flat panel televisions for the Airport. The following Council Members agree to pay for the televisions out of their discretionary funds including: Cm. Garza, Cm. Garcia, Cm. Rendon, Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares, and Cm. Ramirez. Cm. Ramirez will donate \$1,000.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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3. Discussion with possible action on enacting a moratorium on eight liners pending the review of licensing, regulations, enforcement policies and procedures.

Cm. Belmares said that he has been apprised by the City Attorney regarding the difficulty of enacting a moratorium. He added that the City Council needs to have a workshop on this item at the same time they are informed about the park naming ordinance.

Cm. Garza asked if the City of Laredo could completely band the entertainment devices.

Raul Casso, City Attorney, explained that the City of Laredo can regulate their use; however, they cannot pass a complete ban. He said that the State of Texas has already defined what is a legal machine and if they create an ordinance it would conflict with the State and would be considered a void ordinance. He said that the enforcement is the most critical error.

Motion to include this item on the November 6, 2007

F. Request by Council Member Juan Ramirez

1. Discussion with possible action on having police presence at Bridge I and Bridge II.

Cm. Ramirez explained that the reason he placed this item on the agenda is because the

prior Chief of Police would not cooperate with his request. He mentioned several incidents where individuals crossed and would not have if there would have been police officers stationed at the bridge. He went on to say with the upcoming holidays it is imperative for the Police Department to have a presence at Bridge I and Bridge II.

Gilberto Navarro, Interim Chief, informed City Council of a recent survey of surrounding ports which state that seven out of nine ports of entries do not have posted officers at their ports of entry. He added that in the Friday packet he submitted a report as to how he proposes to distribute personnel. He further explained that the Department has received grants to obtain license plate readers and motorized scooters. He assured City Council that they will see more patrolling in the downtown/bridge area.

2. Discussion with possible action on placing street lights at the 2700 block of San Agustin (west side) and the 100 block of Mier (north side).

Roberto Murrillo, Traffic Department, gave an estimated amount of \$3,000 for the street lights.

Motion to approve the use of District VIII Discretionary funds for placing street lights at the 2700 block of San Agustin and the 100 block of Mier.

Moved: Cm. Ramirez

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 8  
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Against: 0

Abstain:

3. Status report on the Request for Proposals for the water park, with possible action.

Miguel Pescador, Parks & Recreation Department, said that he provided a draft to City Council in their Friday packet which included the review and comments. It also includes the criteria that the City staff is reviewing in the proposals. The City of Laredo is ready to move forward with the bid proposal. He continued to say that he would work with the purchasing department to launch the notice to bidders throughout the country. Finally, he noted that he would do further studies on the water park and return to Council.

4. Status report on the Christmas tree lighting event, with possible action.

Blasita Lopez, Convention and Visitor's Bureau Interim Director, commented that the project is in the planning stages. She said that the tree lighting will be held at the Civic Center.

## VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Financial Task Force budget by increasing expenses in the amount of \$10,000.00 for an interdiction project awarded by the Office of the National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) High Density Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA). Funds will be used to pay fringe benefit expenses for a drug interdiction unit comprised of Financial Task Force agents and Laredo Police Officers from January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2007. Fringe benefits will be funded from the opening fund balance.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

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in: 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

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in: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

3. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Health Department Fiscal Year 2007-2008 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$172,239.00, from the Texas Department of State Health Services- Office of Border Health for the Department's Public Health Emergency Preparedness- Early Warning Infections Disease Surveillance for early detection and rapid response from October 1, 2007 through July 31, 2008, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 8 Against: 0 Absta  
in: 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 Absta  
in: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo  
Health Department Fiscal Year 2007-2008 annual budget by appropriating  
revenues and expenditures in the amount \$24,750.00 from the University of  
Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio for the continuation of the  
Department's South Texas Family Center at San Antonio for the continuation of the  
AIDS Network grant award for the period beginning August 1, 2007 through July  
31,  
2008 to provide patient care for HIV/AIDS patients.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia  
Second: Cm. Chavez  
For: 8 Against: 0 Absta  
in: 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 Absta  
in: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Public hearing and introductory ordinance ratifying City Manager's acceptance of  
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grant by the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA) Border  
2012 Grant Program in the amount of \$50,000.00 with the City designating  
\$12,695.00 in  
Year matching funds for a total of \$62,695.00 and amending the City of Laredo's Fiscal

the 2007-2008 Annual Budget for the Environmental Services Fund by appropriating  
for the said grant revenue to the appropriate expenditure accounts. Funds will be used  
Education production of the Dos Laredos Non-Point Source Pollution Early Childhood  
Video.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

For: 8

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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

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Ordinance Introduction: City Council

6. Public hearing allowing interested persons to comment on the proposed  
amendment to

the 2007 Consolidated One-Year Action Plan by reprogramming a total of  
\$825,000.00

funds of 33rd Action Year (AY) 2007 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

for the purpose of funding the Chacon Creek/Guatemozin Street Acquisition and  
Relocation project by canceling funding for the following projects:

Canizalez Park Pavilion and Improvements project .....\$100,000

Cielito Lindo Park project.....\$225,000

Shade Structures along Zacate Creek..... \$100,000

Slaughter Park project.....\$400,000

Total Funds Reprogrammed.....\$825,000

enhance The Chacon Creek/Guatemozin Street Acquisition and Relocation project will

the floodplain and provide safety to the residents that will be relocated. The  
above listed park projects are proposed to be funded through 2007 Certificate of

Obligation Bond  
funds.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

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in: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0

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in: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

Year 7. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Fiscal  
2007-2008 annual budget for the parking meters fund by appropriating  
expenditures in  
the amount of \$300,000.00 from fund balance for the Riverfront Parking Lot  
Restructuring Project.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

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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

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Ordinance Introduction: City Council

land: 8. Individual public hearings for the voluntary annexation of eleven (11) tracts of

south of Tract 1: Ed-Sal Tract – 4.02 acres, more or less, located east of FM 1472 and  
State Highway 255. Petitioner: Ed-Sal Investments Ltd.

Motion to open public hearing on Tract 1.

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

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Tract 2: RRTAIT Tract – 84.77 acres, more or less, located approximately 1.55  
east of Bob Bullock Loop and Highway 359, on the north side of Highway 359.  
Petitioner: S.T.F.G. Inc.

Motion to open public hearing on Tract 2.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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east of

Tract 3: Killam Charco Tract – 88.56 acres, more or less, located approximately  
Interstate Highway 35 and north of Bob Bullock Loop. Petitioner: Killam Ranch  
Properties, Ltd.

Motion to open public hearing on Tract 3.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Bullock Tract 4: Killam Quiote Tract – 194.08 acres, more or less, located east of Bob  
Loop and north of Casa Verde Road (future extension of Del Mar  
Boulevard). Petitioner: Killam Ranch Properties, Ltd.

Motion to open public hearing on Tract 4.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Tract 5: AFW Investments II Tract – 105.19 acres, more or less, located  
approximately 3.6 miles east of the Loop 20/Highway 359 intersection, immediately north of  
Colonias Los Altos and Tanquecitos and south of Tex-Mex Railroad. Petitioner: AFW  
Investments II, Ltd.

Motion to open public hearing on Tract 5.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares  
Second: Cm. Amaya



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Laredo Tract 6: H-5 Tract – 59.94 acres, more or less, located directly east of the City of landfill. Petitioner: Hurd Ranch Company, Ltd.

Motion to open public hearing on Tract 6.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

0 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

0 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain:

of Tract 7: A.R. and Alicia Sanchez Tract – 10.85 acres, more or less, located east  
3338). Mines Road (FM 1472) and south of Las Tiendas Road (FM  
Petitioner: Ramon Diez-Barroso.

Motion to open public hearing on Tract 7.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

0 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

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north of Tract 8: 4V Holdings Tract – 172.13 acres, more or less, located approximately Wormser Road and east of Avenida Mexico. Petitioner: 4 V Holdings, Ltd.

Motion to open public hearing on Tract 8.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Tract 9: South Webb County Tract – 1330.83 acres, more or less, located approximately north of Mangana Hein Road and east of U.S. Highway 83. Petitioner: South Webb County, Ltd.

Motion to open public hearing on Tract 9.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Tract 10: Tanquecitos South Acres Tract – 21.60 acres, more or less, located directly east and adjacent to Los Altos Subdivision, between Highway 359 and Enlace Road. Petitioner: Consolidated Towne East Holdings, Ltd.

Motion to open public hearing on Tract 10.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares  
Second: Cm. Amaya

0 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

0 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain:

Tract 11: Daughters of Mary Help Tract – 30.00 acres, more or less, located immediately east of Bob Bullock Loop and south of San Isidro Northeast. Petitioner:

The Institute of Mary Help of Christians.

Motion to open public hearing on Tract 11.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Garza

0 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

0 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain:

## IX. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

9. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Foreign Trade Zone Operation Agreement with International Trade & Commerce, Inc., as zone site operator of site 1-D, located at 309 NAFTA Boulevard, effective February 1, 2007 and ending on March 31, 2009.

Providing for activation, administration and transaction fees to be paid to the City; providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

10. Establishing guidelines and criteria governing tax abatements by the City of Laredo; providing for severability, publication and effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

11. Amending the Code of Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Chapter 2, Article V. Boards, Commissions, Councils, etc., Division 4. Convention & Visitors Bureau Advisory Board, Sec. 2-223; Membership criteria; term of office; method of appointment; ex-officio members; by amending Sections (a) and (b); This clarifies ordinance to specify that the committee be converted to a nine-person standing committee composed of appointees from each City Council district and an appointee at large by the Mayor as directed through City Council action taken on May 14, 2007.

Clema Owen, Chairperson for the Convention and Visitors Bureau Committee, explained that she has served on the board for four years and chaired it for two. She said that she would be rotated out in December of 2007. She asked City Council to consider to allow the current board attrition to rotate out to keep the base of knowledge in the board. She informed Council of the members and the dates of their expiration.

Cm. Garza noted that the Council members may designate a current member to represent them until their term expires.

Motion to postpone.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Ramirez

No Action

Ordinance Introduction: City Council as amended

12. Amending Chapter 19, Article XI, Truck Traffic, Division 2, Truck Routes, Section 19-415 (A) (2), Departure from and Return to Designated Truck Route; thereby eliminating existing conflict in the ordinance language regarding the posting of “No Trucks” signs on streets that are not designated as truck routes; providing for severability, publication and effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

13. Amending the City of Laredo Code Ordinances to clarify certain sections of the Vehicles for Hire Ordinance and to properly enforce taxicab operation regulation

as

follows:

order to

section;

clarify

Subsection

proposed

1. Section 32-28 (A), renewal of annual permit, of the Code of Ordinances in clarify section;
2. Section 32-33 (3), Substitute or replace taxicabs, in order to add and clarify section;
3. Section 32-37 Term and Renewal, in order to clarify section;
4. Section 32-43.1, Suspension and Revocation of a taxicab license, amending subsection (b) and adding a new subsection (12);
5. Section 32-65.1, Parking of Taxicabs, of the Code of Ordinances, in order to clarify section;
6. Section 32-70, property left in taxicab, in order to clarify section;
7. Section 32-71, Taximeters-Required, adding subsections (C) and (D);
8. Section 32-74, Vehicle Requirements and Inspections, in order to add Subsection (10); providing for severability, for an effective date and publication.

The Transportation/Traffic Safety Advisory Committee approved these amendments.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

**X. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

Motion to waive the Final Reading of Ordinances # 2007-O-210, # 2007-O-211. # 2007-O-212. # 2007-O-213, # 2007-O-214. # 2007-O-215. # 2007-O-216. # 2007-O-216. # 2007-O-218, # 2007-O-219, # 2007-O-220, # 2007-O-221, # 2007-O-222, # 2007-O-223, # 2007-O-224, # 2007-O-225, # 2007-O-226, # 2007-O-227, # 2007-O-228, # 2007-O-229, # 2007-O-230, and # 2007-O-23.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

14. 2007-O-210 Amending the City of Laredo Health Department Fiscal Year 2007-2008

accepting a

Services in

and

annual budget by appropriating revenues and expenses; and

continuation grant from the Texas Department of State Health

the estimated amount of \$4,378,851.00 for the Women, Infants,

Children (WIC) Program for the City of Laredo Health Department beginning October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2007-O-210.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

2007-O-211 Amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2007-2008 annual budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$68,716.00 in additional funds from the South Texas Development Council and amending the full-time equivalent positions by creating one (1) full-time Caseworker position with benefits for the Department's HIV/Ryan Program for a total award amount of \$401,433.00 for a period from April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2007-O-211.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

2007-O-212 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a \$7,694.00 donation from Falcon National Bank and amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Improvement Fund Budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$7,694.00 for the purchase of scoreboards for two (2) baseball fields located at Dryden Park.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2007-O-212.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2007-O-213 Amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2007-2008 annual budget in the

Transportation's  
to  
period is

amount of \$10,000.00 from the Texas Department of  
Commercial Motor Vehicle Selective Traffic Enforcement Program  
fund overtime salaries for Police Department Officers. The grant  
from October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2007-O-213.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Transit  
amend  
by

2007-O-214 Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute the Federal  
Administration (FTA) Grant, Section 5309, TX-03-0299-00, in the  
amount of \$1,943,557.00 with a local match of \$485,889.00 and to  
the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Transit System Capital Grants budget  
appropriating said grant revenues and increasing expenditures by  
\$2,429,446.00 for the new transit facility.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2007-O-214.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Construction  
Airfield  
M822LREDO  
Operating

2007-O-215 Amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Airport  
Fund annual budget by appropriating \$100,000.00, which includes  
\$50,000.00 from the Texas Department of Transportation Routine  
Maintenance Program (RAMP) Grant TXDOT CSJ No.  
and transferring \$50,000.00 in matching funds from the Airport  
Fund; providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2007-O-215.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Fund 2007-O-216 Amending the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 9-1-1 Regional Administration  
\$69,798.00 for by decreasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of  
Starr, administrative, equipment and program budgets for Jim Hogg,  
and Webb, and Zapata counties for the period from September 1, 2007  
ending August 31, 2008.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2007-O-216.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Lot 4, 2007-O-218 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by  
authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for an auto sales business on  
Block 899, Eastern Division, located at 307 N. Meadow Avenue;  
providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2007-O-218.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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rezoning 2007-O-219 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by  
Rosario Lots 10, 11 and 12, Block 892, Eastern Division, located at 1602  
Residential Street and 1005 N. Meadow Avenue, from R-1 (Single Family  
District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District); providing for an  
effective date and publication.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2007-O-219.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0



rezoning  
1603 and  
R-O

2007-O-220 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by  
Lots 1A and 2A, Block 893, Eastern Division, located at 1601,  
1605 Rosario Street, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to  
(Residential/Office District); providing for an effective date and  
publication.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2007-O-220.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

rezoning

2007-O-221 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by  
Lots 1 and 2, Block 1136, Eastern Division, located at 2711 Urbahn  
Avenue, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to R-1 (Single-Family  
Residential District); providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2007-O-221.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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attached  
(Single  
District);

2007-O-222 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by  
rezoning 6.68 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in  
Exhibit "A", located at 11000 International Boulevard, from R-1  
Family Residential District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential  
providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2007-O-222.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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vehicles  
Block

2007-O-223 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by  
authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a nationalization of  
enterprise on Lots 7, 8, 9 and the west 5.5 feet of Lots 4, 5, and 6,

857, Western Division, located at 3319 San Bernardo Avenue.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2007-O-223.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

2007-O-224 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for an auto sales, and a body

and

paint shop on Lot 8, Block 430, Eastern Division, located at 120 W. Saunders Street; providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2007-O-224.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

2007-O-225 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by

rezoning

located at

3

Lot 1, Block 1, M.G. Benavides Estates Subdivision, Phase I,

4711 Ben-Cha Road, from B-4 (Highway Commercial District) to B-

(Community Business District); providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2007-O-225.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

2007-O-226 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by

rezoning

Exhibit "A",

International

(Highway

publication.

16.58, as further described by metes and bounds in attached

located at the northwest corner of Bob Bullock Loop and

Boulevard, from R-1 (Single-family Residential District) to B-4

Commercial District); providing for an effective date and

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2007-O-226.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

2007-O-227 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Exhibit "A", International (Highway) publication. 64.63, as further described by metes and bounds in attached located at the northeast corner of Bob Bullock Loop and Boulevard, from R-1 (Single-family Residential District) to B-4 Commercial District); providing for an effective date and

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2007-O-227.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

2007-O-228 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Exhibit Escutia, 5.07 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached "A", located at the intersection of International Boulevard and from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District); providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2007-O-228.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2007-O-229 Amending Chapter 24, Article VI, of The Laredo Land Development Code, Special Permit Procedures Section 24-93 by creating Section Use 24.93.11: Nationalization of Vehicles Enterprise Requiring a Special Permit for said use, adding Section 24.65.13 (12) B-3 – Community Business District, deleting Section 24.65.14 (17): B-4 - Highway

Land Commercial District, and amending Section 24.63.2: Permitted Uses; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2007-O-229.

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

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lease 2007-O-230 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the agreement for approximately 2,600 square feet constituting Building No. 1006 located at 4608 Daugherty Avenue at the Laredo International Airport with Dairy Process, Inc. approved on July 1, 2002 by Ordinance No. 2002-O-141 and as amended on December 2, 2002 by Ordinance No. 2002-O-307. Lessee wishes to further amend said lease agreement in order to change lessee's name from Dairy Process, Inc. to International Dairy Products, Inc., and change Lessee's mailing address from 4608 Daugherty Avenue, Suite B, Laredo, Texas, 78041 to 5508 Thomas Avenue, Laredo, Texas, 78041. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged and in effect; providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2007-O-230.

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

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conduct 2007-O-231 Authorizing the City Manager to grant a Right-of-Entry to the United States of America in City-owned property along the Rio Grande Riverbend from the northern to the southern City limits, to solely actions, for visual observations for environmental studies of possible new including improvements to existing patrol roads, the construction of patrol roads, and the removal of giant cane within a 300-foot-wide corridor parallel to the Rio Grande River. Said City-owned property, of including any river vega land along said riverbend, consisting of: all

140, 141,  
Division,  
431,  
629, 630,  
670, 671,  
Porcion  
located  
Porcion  
acres

Blocks 015, 016, 15, 017, 018, 019, 57, 58, 613, 614, 615, 616,  
143, 144, 149, 150, 151, 152, 568, 709, 710 & 450A, Eastern  
City of Laredo, all of Blocks 414, 415, 416, 419, 424, 426, 425, 428,  
431A, 434, 434A, 437, 437A, 516, 517, 613, 614, 615, 628,  
631, 643, 644, 645, 646, 657, 658, 659, 660, 666, 667, 668, 669,  
672, 672A, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 679, 680, 708, 708B, & 724,  
Western Division, City of Laredo, a 22.087 acres tract located in  
18, a 58.00 acres tract located in Porcion 21, an 18.00 acres tract  
in the River Oaks Park Subdivision, a 10.59 acres tract located in  
22, an 138.513 acres tract located partly in Porcion 36 and partly in  
Porcion 37, a 22.00 acres tract located in Porcion 37 and a 31.00  
tract located in Porcion 38. Said Right-of-Entry being described on  
attached Exhibit 1; and providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2007-O-231.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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## XI. RESOLUTIONS

15. 2007-R-083 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal agreement by  
and  
and  
Fund

between the City of Laredo and Webb County for the establishment  
operation of a 3-1-1 center. Funding is available in the General  
Budget 3-1-1 Program Division.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2007-R-083.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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## XII. MOTIONS

16. Refund of property tax in the amount of \$1,434.65 to the following taxpayers:

- to an
1. A refund in the amount of \$618.53 payable to Jesus and Juanita L. Garza due overpayment. Account #922-00102-140
  2. A refund in the amount of \$816.12 payable to Rosa Maria Ramirez due to an erroneous payment. Account #107-00301-030

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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- Truck  
Galveston  
contract  
in the
17. Consideration to authorize the purchase of three (3) dump trucks from Rush Centers of Texas, L.P., in the amount of \$281,132.92 through the Houston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program's pricing. These will be assigned to the Utilities Department. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Budget.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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- Houston,  
contract  
price. Funding is
18. Consideration to authorize the purchase of nine (9) trucks from Planet Ford, Texas, in the total amount of \$134,315.00 through contract FY07-047. The contract has a 120 day option to purchase additional vehicles at the awarded price. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Budget.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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- Columbia,
19. Consideration to award contract FY07-160 to Route Smart Technologies,

route  
will  
optimizing the  
usage  
in the

Maryland in the amount of \$75,900.00 for the purchase of a refuse collection optimization software system for the Solid Waste Department. The system will improve the efficiency of the City's refuse collection services by optimizing the efficiency of routes, balancing route times, and minimizing the collection vehicle usage of approximately 50 department refuse collection vehicles. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Fund.

Motion to postpone.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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total  
Board's  
to the

20. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one (1) front end wheel loader in the amount of \$122,058.00 from Holt Caterpillar, Laredo, Texas, through the Buy Board's Cooperative Purchasing Program's contract pricing. This loader will be assigned to the Utilities Department for daily operations and construction projects. Funding is available in the Waterworks Operational Fund.  
Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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system at  
from  
Bond

21. Consideration to authorize the purchase and installation of a soccer field light system at Villa Del Sol Soccer Field, 306 Plaza Lane, in the total amount of \$52,000.00, from Musco Sports Lighting Inc., Muscatine, IA, through the BuyBoard cooperative purchasing program's contract pricing. Funding is available in the 2007 C.O. Parks Project Villa Del Sol Improvement budget.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

22. Consideration to award contract FY08-006 to the low bidders:

1. Gray's Wholesale Tires, Fort Worth, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$91,435.50 for the purchase of police pursuit tires and;
  2. Southern Tire Mart, Dallas, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$64,385.55 for the purchase of regular passenger tires.
- All tires will be purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Fund.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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23. Consideration to award contract FY07-177 to Hoyt Enterprises, West Tawakoni, TX in the amount of \$65,706.00 for the purchase of one trailer mounted air breathing system for the Fire Department. This equipment will be utilized to refill air breathing cylinders at or near an incident sites. Funding is available in the 2006 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant proceeds.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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24. Consideration to award contract FY08-001 to Nick Benavides, Laredo, Texas, in the total amount of \$68,950.00 for providing monthly mowing and maintenance of the Zacate Creek areas. The term of the contract is for a period of twelve (12) months with the option to extend this contract for two (2) additional twelve (12) month periods. The contract includes the collection of trash, debris, rubbish and other floatable materials along the creek from Meadow and Canal Streets to the mouth of the river. Funding is available in the Environmental Services Department budget.

Motion to approve.



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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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25. Consideration to authorize the purchase of three (3) backhoes from Nueces Power Houston Program's Equipment, Laredo, Texas, in the total amount of \$164,542.67 through the Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing contract pricing. These will be assigned to the Utilities Department. Funding is available in the Utility Waterworks & Sewer Fund.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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26. Award of a professional services contract to Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam (LAN) Inc., Houston, Texas, in association with Premier Engineering, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$120,260.00 to provide consulting services for the River Road Pipe Replacement Project, Phase I for the City of Laredo, Texas. The project is to replace or repair the existing 9.5 feet diameter metal corrugated pipe at River Road adjacent to Santa Cleotilde north of Water Street, approximately 1,300 linear feet. Funding is available in the 2007 Certificate of Obligation Proceeds.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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27. Consideration to authorize the purchase of eighty five (85) sets of structural fire fighting protective uniforms from Dooley Tackaberry, Deer Park, Texas, through the Buy Board Cooperative Purchasing Program's contract pricing in the total amount of \$161,654.25. The set includes the fire coat, trousers, knee boots, gloves, hoods, suspenders, and helmets. Funding is available in the Fire Department budget.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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28. Consideration for approval of amendment no. 1 an increase of \$20,000.00 to the professional services contract with Puig Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas, for the Rancho Viejo Drainage Improvements Project for modifications to widen Rancho Viejo to accommodate future traffic, lengthening of the proposed box culverts and associated channel improvements and to extend the contract time by 21 calendar days for additional topographic and easement surveys, hydraulic and road evaluations, Rancho Viejo design modifications, plans and specification modifications. Funding is available in the 1998 Certificate of Obligation Bond Proceeds-Rancho Viejo Drainage Project.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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29. Consideration for approval to award a contract to the lowest bidder ALC Construction, LLC, Laredo, Texas, in the bid amount of \$476,464.00 for the Laredo Street Drainage Improvements-Phase II. Contract time is one hundred ten (110) working days. Funding is available in the 2003 Certificate of Obligation Bond Proceeds Issue and 2006 Certificate of Obligation Bond Proceeds Issue.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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30. Consideration for approval to award a construction contract to the lowest bidder ALC Construction, LLC, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$96,150.00 for the CDBG

available Sidewalks City-Wide Project No. 34 (7 Blocks-District IV) and Project No. 35 (12 Blocks-District V). Contract time is forty-five (45) working days. Funding is available in the Community Development Fund 31st and 32nd Action Year.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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31. Consideration for approval to award a construction contract to the sole bidder Amberland Development, Ltd., Laredo, Texas, in the bid amount of \$742,495.10 for the Del Mar Boulevard widening and traffic signal improvements at the intersection of Winfield Parkway/J.B. Alexander Parkway. Contract time is one hundred twenty (120) working days. Funding is available in the 2006 Issue and Transit 2004 C.O.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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32. Consideration for approval to reject the bids received for the Slaughter Park Project since the bids were over the budget allotted, and approval to modify the scope of work to divide the work into several phases with part of the work constructed in-house, and part re-bid.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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33. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with the Laredo Development Foundation for the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 for a total of \$473,000.00. Funding is available in the General and Bridge System Funds.

Development Luis De La Garza and Cookie Muller requested that the Laredo Foundation receive full funding from the City Council.

Cm. Landeck said that the Laredo Development Foundation is a fine organization that was created in 1966 by the business community that is currently asking for support. The foundation was created not to be an arm of the city but to be an independent arm of the business community and it should be independent of any policies and pressures. The foundation should perform the function of promoting the economic development of the City which in the forefront is in the interest of the business community itself. He noted that over the years the organization was treated equally with the County and received \$70,000 in 1991; \$86,000 in 1992; \$75,000 in 1993; \$75,000 in 1994; \$85,000 in 1995; \$85,000 in 1996; \$85,000 in 1997; and at the same time the County supported the foundation at the same level. He explained that the Laredo Development Foundation is a Third Party and does a great job like other Third Party applicants; however, in 1998 he noticed that when Honorable Betty Flores took office that the Laredo Development Foundation became out of sync with the County. He explained that they received \$100,000 in 1998; \$185,000 in 1999 plus they were asked to be of the Texas Border Coalition; hence, they were given an additional \$100,000 for two years. The monies for the Laredo Development Foundation has continued to increase over the years until now the City is at a point of giving them \$500,000. He asked why the City is financing and supporting a single Third Party Organization with half a million dollars. He suggested donating the same amount as the County which would be \$85,000 which would still be a large donation as a Third Party Fund.

Cm. Chavez said that he has been requesting a status report presentation on a quarterly basis by the Laredo Development Foundation to no avail. He noted that he has been in office for eighteen months and he has not been witness to any type of presentation.

Cm. Garza asked if the Laredo Development Foundation receives additional revenues through grants.

Roger Creery, Executive Director, advised that the Laredo Development Foundation does not receive any funding from the TAMIU as part of the Small Business Community Program. He said that the Laredo Development Program contributes to the program to support the initiative in which he feels that the Council should be proud to be a part of supporting. He added that the City of Laredo has an award winning Small

of effective Business Development Center. He included that in 2007 they have set a record loaning over six million dollars to small businesses which demonstrates how their program is.

the Cm. Garza asked for a chronological report of the revenues and expenditures for the last decade of the Laredo Development Foundation. He expressed concern over redundant reports that may be done by other entities and the Laredo Development Foundation. Finally he asked if there was a way to correlate the amount of businesses that have come to Laredo and the tax revenues that have been generated.

compliance Roger Creery, Executive Director, commented that the Foundation is in compliance with reporting to the City of Laredo and provides monthly reports to the contract administrator of the City of Laredo. He added that anyone may have a copy of the report when requested.

but it would Cm. Chavez agreed that he had received a report from the contract administrator was only expenditure reports. He requested a comprehensive report which define their activity within the community.

the have the end of of the year's has been listed the from The Executive Director explained that it would not be a problem distributing information because they are on file. Many of the contacts and prospects requested confidentiality; therefore, some reports will look anonymous. By November or December he noted that he could return to Council with all of the year's initiatives. He announced that the Laredo Development Foundation has been listed the fourth most effective economic development entity in the country by the Moody Economy. Com. based on jobs produced. He stressed that it is a collective effort from many entities that help to make Laredo the fourth in the Country.

to give Cm. Landeck commented that the Laredo Development Foundation did commit a presentation before Council on a quarterly basis.

contract. Roger Creery, Executive Director, said that he would place the request in the

not that Cm. Landeck expressed his concerns regarding the statement that the LFD is receiving assistance from the partnership through TAMIU on the SBDC. He said they had received \$90,000 in 1998 from the Small Business Administration.

Laredo Roger Creery, Executive Director, explained that when the Small Business Development Corporation, when the contract administrator of that was the Development Foundation, in order to operate the SBDC there was money that came to the SBDC portion of the organization to help run it and the LDF, as a contract agent, matched but now that TAMIU has the SBDC under their contract administration the LDF is a secondary contractor for them.

Laredo Cm. Landeck said that City Council agreed to perform a detailed audit on the Development Foundation.

Cynthia Collazo, Deputy City Manager, explained that the City of Laredo Audit Department has started the audit which will take three to four weeks.

Motion to table.

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

Against: 6

Abstain:

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Motion fails.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Belmares  
Second: Cm. Garcia  
For: 6

Against: 2

Abstain:

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Cm. Landeck  
Cm. Chavez

from 34. Authorizing the City Manager to amend the 2003 HOME Investment Partnership, Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Contract with Metro Affordable Housing Corporation to extend the deadline to expend program funds 40 November 1, 2007 to August 30, 2008 in support of the Cardinal Point Project, a unit town home development of which 20 units will be HOME assisted.

Motion to postpone.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Chavez

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For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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35. Consideration to award contract number FY07-176 to Wilson Fire/Rescue, New Braunfels, Texas, in the amount of \$51,245.00 for the purchase of hydraulic tools for the Fire Department. This equipment will be utilized by the Fire Department during emergency situations. Funding is available in the 2006 State Homeland Security Program Grant.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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36. Consideration to award a contract for concession services at the Benavides Complex and all municipal swimming pools to Mr. Francisco Garcia for a period one (1) year. This vendor was the sole bidder and is recommended based on structure provided during the bid process. The agreement is expected to provide a monthly rental income of \$350.00.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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37. Authorizing the City Manager to amend a contract with Arcadis of Laredo, Texas, the amount of \$13,850.00 for a total amended contract amount of \$93,750.00 to provide for engineering services in the modification and re-bidding of the McPherson Lift Station Project. Funding is available in the 2006 Utility Revenue Bonds.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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38. Authorizing the City Manager to accept the Old Raw Water Pump Station Improvements Project and approve final Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$24,248.00 to Balch Machine Co., Inc. for total project amount of \$455,122.55. Funding is available in the 2004 Utility Revenue Bond.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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39. Authorizing the City Manager to accept the Lyon Street Pump Improvements Project and approval of final Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$8,644.00 to Balch Machine Co., Inc. for a total project amount of \$92,206.00. Funding is available in the Water Operating Construction Fund.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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40. Authorizing the City Manager to award a construction contract to Andritz Separation, Inc., Houston, Texas in the amount of \$349,043.00 for renewal of the two existing belt press. Funding is available in the 2006 Utility Revenue Bonds.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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41. Authorizing the award of a contract in the amount of \$65,584.00 to GDS Associates, Inc., for the development of a City of Laredo Downtown Area Street Light Upgrade Plan. Funding is available in the 2007 Certificate of Obligation Bond Proceeds.

Motion to approve.



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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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San 42. Consideration to award a professional service contract to Dr. Gabriel Holguin,  
Antonio, Texas, in estimated amount of \$40,000.00 for psychological  
examinations for  
Laredo Police Department cadet applicants and other evaluations to sworn  
officers. All  
Police services are requested on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the  
Department Budget.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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required to 43. Amending a contract with Sherfey Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas, for  
\$17,050.00 to include additional basic engineering and surveying services  
modifications and re-bid the Chacon Creek Wastewater Interceptor Phase 2 with some  
additions to the contract. The amendment brings the total contract amount to  
\$459,445.00. Funding is available in the 1998 Sewer Bond Issue.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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the 44. Consideration for approval of amendment no. 2 an increase of \$102,792.00 to  
the professional services contract with Architectura SA, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, for  
amount is Clinical/Laboratory Expansion and Renovation for the City of Laredo Health  
Department to design Phase II of the project. Current engineering contract  
Lab \$382,792.00. Funding is available in the 2007 C.O. Issue – Health Department  
Engineering Contract. (Contingent upon approval of item # 48-A)

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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45. Consideration for approval to award a construction contract to the lowest bidder Leyendecker Construction, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$2,874,000.00 for the

Clinical/Laboratory Expansion and Renovation for the City of Laredo Health Department. Substantial completion date for the project is April 4, 2008. Funding is available in the State Department Health Grant and 2006 and 2007 Contractual

Obligation Issues – Health Lab Construction. (Contingent upon approval of item # 48-A)

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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46. Authorizing the City Manager to execute individual contracts with the following Third Party funding Recipients, totaling \$421,240.00 for FY 2007-2008. Funding is available

in the General Fund:

* Laredo Crime Stoppers	\$ 1,000.00
* Laredo Regional Food Bank	\$ 9,375.00
* South Texas Food Bank	\$24,875.00
* Laredo Webb NHS	\$ 3,000.00
* CAA Elderly Nutrition	\$ 6,500.00
* CAA Meals on Wheels	\$ 6,500.00
* Bethany House	\$18,500.00
* Stop Child Abuse and Neglect	\$13,500.00
* LISD Crime Stoppers	\$ 1,000.00
* Children's International Advocacy	\$22,500.00
* Boy's and Girls Club of Laredo	\$41,000.00
* Border Area Nutrition Council	\$28,125.00
* Literacy Volunteers of Laredo	\$ 2,625.00
* Sacred Heart Children's Home	\$15,000.00
* BEST	\$10,000.00
* Communities in Schools	\$ 1,000.00
* Veteran's Coalition	\$86,000.00
* Casa de Misericordia	\$11,000.00
* South Texas Council on Drug Abuse & Alcohol	\$ 5,000.00

* Club Olympia	\$ 5,000.00
* Special Olympics	\$ 5,000.00
* Habitat for Humanity	\$10,500.00
* Kidney Foundation	\$15,000.00
* Laredo Amateur Boxing	\$10,000.00
* TAMIU Dance Productions	\$ 5,000.00
* Big Brother/Sister of STX	\$ 5,000.00
* Children's Advocacy – Safe Haven	\$ 5,000.00
* Holding Inst. Learning Center	\$ 5,000.00
* Laredo Heat Youth Soccer	\$ 5,000.00
* Girl Scouts of SOTX	\$ 5,000.00
* LCC Music and Dance Productions	\$ 2,500.00
* Laredo Little Theater	\$31,740.00
* Catholic Social Services	\$ 5,000.00

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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47. Authorizing the City Manager to execute individual contracts with the following Hotel/Motel Tax Fund Recipients totaling \$508,000.00 for FY 2007-

2008. Funding is available in the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund.

* Lulac 12	\$ 10,000.00
* Society of Martha Washington	\$ 10,000.00
* Border Olympics	\$ 70,000.00
* Latin American Hall of Fame	\$ 10,000.00
* Lulac 7	\$ 5,000.00
* Chamber of Commerce Cola Blanca	\$ 18,000.00
* WBCA	\$ 60,000.00
* Streets of Laredo	\$ 7,500.00
* Laredo Philharmonic Orchestra	\$ 41,800.00
* Webb County Heritage Foundation	\$ 55,000.00
* Laredo Children's Museum	\$ 60,000.00
* Laredo Center for the Arts	\$150,000.00
* Laredo Philharmonic Chorale	\$ 3,200.00
* Mexican Cultural Institute	\$ 7,500.00

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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**XIII. STAFF REPORT**

48. A. Discussion with possible action regarding the consideration of allocating \$2,874,000.00 for the remodeling/construction of the Health Department's clinics, laboratory and providing for 15 dental operatories with 15 resident dentists, faculty, dental assistants and hygienists to serve over 12,000 patients on a yearly basis. The UTHSCSA will provide funds and support for dental staff, dentists, dental assistants and hygienists. The amount of \$2,874,000.00 is recommended to be funded from 2006 Bond Reserves: for Phase I in the amount of \$770,000 and for Phase II from the 2007 Bond: \$1,600,000. The funding will be reimbursed once the 2008 Bond is sold in April 2008.

Motion to approve as corrected. The amended amount should be \$2,370,000.00

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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B. Staff report from the Parks and Recreation Department regarding recreational activities / programs for senior citizens.

The item was postponed to November 26, 2007.

**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.

49. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to deliberate the duties, evaluation criteria and performance standards of the City Secretary and return to open session for possible action.

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to deliberate the duties, evaluation criteria and performance standards of the City Secretary and return to open session for possible action.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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

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Motion that in addition to the regular department head forms which they can each and every point on a five point basis and include the additional duties parliamentarian for the City Secretary.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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and  
50. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 (1) (A) of the Texas Government Code to consult with the City Attorney regarding pending #06-CV-175; Armando Rodriguez, et. al. v. City of Laredo and Agustin Dovalina; United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Laredo Division; return to open session for possible action.

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Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 (1) (A) of the Government Code to consult with the City Attorney regarding pending #06-CV-175; Armando Rodriguez, et. al. v. City of Laredo and Agustin Dovalina; United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Laredo Division; return to open session for possible action.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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

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

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

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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51. Authorizing the City Manager to waive the parking fee for persons attending the Jamboozie and implementing a flat fee charge of \$300.00 to the Streets of Urban Mall Association for personnel costs, overtime and extra security for traffic crowd control for the use of parking facility on Saturday, January 26, 2008 from p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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**XVI. RECESS AS THE LAREDO MASST TRANSIT BOARD AND RECONVENE  
AND ADJOURN AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL**

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

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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