

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M2006-R-15
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
August 14, 2006
5:40 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present Mayor Raul G. 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,	Mayor
Mike Garza,	Council Member, District
I	
Hector Garcia,	Council Member,
District II	
Michael Landeck,	Council Member,
District III	
Johnny Amaya,	Council Member,
District IV	
Johnny Rendon	Council Member,
District V	
Gene Belmares,	Council Member,
District VI	
Juan Chavez.,	Council Member,
District VII	
Juan Ramirez,	Mayor Pro Tem,
District VIII	
Donna Magnon,	Deputy City Secretary
Larry Dovalina,	City Manager
Cynthia Collazo,	Deputy City Manager
Horacio De Leon,	Assistant City Manager
Rafael Garcia,	Assistant City Manager
Jaime Flores,	City Attorney

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of May 1, 2006 and June 20, 2006.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Ramirez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Announcements

- a. Acknowledging the Laredo Heat Soccer Club on their outstanding 2006 season for garnering the PDL Southern Conference Championship Title holder and the Mid-South Division Championship.

Mayor Salinas commended the Laredo Heat on their outstanding 2006 season. He publicly recognized the Laredo Heat Soccer Club.

Invitations

None.

Recognitions

- a. **Recognition of Loryn Elysha Muñoz for garnering the title of Miss Texas Junior Pre-teen at the National American Miss Pageant this past June.**

Mayor Salinas introduced Loryn Elysha Munoz for representing the City of Laredo for the past four years at the state and national level in the National American Miss Competition. She is the daughter of Donna Jane Coggin and Luis Munoz. Loryn is eight years old and is a Gifted and Talented student at Ryan Elementary. She is a member of the Ryan Bobcat Cheerleader Team and TNT Gymnastics. When Lauren isn't busy volunteering for various organizations and causes in our city she enjoys modeling for Tommy Hilfiger, Ralph Lauren, Hollywood Babies, and various local boutiques which is why she is also named Texas Top Model in the year 2005. Loryn has received her state crown as Miss Texas Junior Pre-Teen in June at the Windom Resort in Houston, Texas where she went up against 112 other enthusiast in her age division. She also received the title of Miss Spirit and State Ambassador. Since then she has visited

Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Dallas, Texas representing the City of Laredo. It is Loryn's desire to be a future leader of tomorrow.

b. Recognition of Mario Gutierrez, of the Community Development Department, on his selection as July 2006 Employee of the Month.

Arturo Garcia, Programs Administrator for Community Development, said that it was his pleasure to introduce Mario Gutierrez who is assigned to the Code Enforcement Division which is part of the Community Development Department. He has been employed with the City for the past six years. He is the graffiti maintenance worker for the City of Laredo. He removes all public graffiti. In the past job, he has worked on 32 project sites and he also worked on the downtown cleanup of the evenings. In addition to that, he volunteered and assisted with the supervision of the local youth conducting community service. He added that he is a very productive and helpful individual.

c. Presentation by City of Laredo Youth Committee on the Sister Cities International Youth Summit held in Washington, D. C.

The Senior Class of the Youth Committee gave a short presentation on their trip to Washington, D. C.

Mayor Salinas presented each student with a plaque for participating in the Sister Cities Youth Committee.

Communiqués

Cm. Garcia gave a brief report on the International Sister Cities United States/Mexico Association Conference held in Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chapas. He invited everyone in attendance at the Conference to attend the upcoming National US/Mexico Sister Cities Conference that will be held in Laredo in January 2007. He also congratulated Dolores Barrera, for being selected as the newly elected Principal of Alexander High School. He reminded the parents to drive slowly around school zones.

Cm. Landeck said that before he started his position as Council Member he thought that it would be very important to try to engage other entities to assist with grants and monies. He noted that he would like to recognize the Laredo Rotary Club organization for being so generous in donating a grant that would help the City improve the Santa Rita Soccer facilities.

Cm. Amaya announced that he would be holding a third annual back pack give away with the assistance of Webb County Commissioner Jerry Garza and Laredo Independent School Board Member George Beckelhymer. He thanked the Special Project Committee Member, Laredo Police and the Laredo Fire Department for volunteering and contributing to assist the less fortunate students who were selected by the corresponding schools for the backpacks. He added that this project was initiated in 2003 where 40 backpacks were issued and every year with the cooperation of the above mentioned parties it has been increased to 160 backpacks for the children.

Cm. Rendon thanked all the wonderful people for purchasing tickets for his scholarship fundraiser. He was happy to report that they have been able to collect \$9,000 for scholarships. He thanked Cm. Belmares and city staff for assisting him at the plate sale.

Cm. Belmares congratulated the Laredo Heat on their phenomenal season. He sent condolences to his mother-in-law and her family on the passing of her brother Alonso Andrews who passed away during the week-end.

Cm. Chavez welcomed back Assistant Manager Rafael Garcia who had been out for two weeks. He also announced that the Flying J Truck Stop is open for business. He thanked Mr. Dovalina, Mr. Flores and his staff, and Cm. Belmares for their assistance in the opening of the Flying J.

Mayor Pro Tempore Ramirez mentioned a press conference held to encourage shoppers to shop San Bernardo shops for the sale of Mexican imports and crafts. He encouraged the citizens of Laredo to shop San Bernardo and support the shop's efforts.

Mayor Salinas noted that he too went to the press conference for San Bernardo Ave. and it was entitled "Shop Mexico in Laredo". He said that he totally supports every effort that will enhance tourism in Laredo. He welcomed back Chief Dovalina. He advised that he traveled to Nuevo Laredo at the invitation of the Mayor of Nuevo Laredo. He noted that he met with the Mexican Governor and other high ranking officials to discuss important issues that are affecting both Laredos. He too reminded the drivers to be extra cautious around school zones during the beginning of school.

Citizens Comments

Barbara Kazen, representing Bethany House, asked Council to reconsider the total amount that is given to the Bethany House through the Third Party Funding. She gave a brief

description of Bethany House and the services that they provide. He noted that caring for the homeless is one of the primary issues in the Consolidated Plan for the city of Laredo.

Community Development is in the process of finalizing the City's ten year plan to end chronic homelessness. She added that Bethany House originally requested \$36,000.

Dr. Xavier Cantu thanked Council for allowing him to address a very serious issue that affects everyone in Laredo. More than 230 years ago our forefathers made this country. They made a revolution due to the high and unfair taxes that they felt they had to pay without representation. Today, one man, the Chief Appraiser, who is not elected by the voters has risen and continues to raise property taxes unfairly and unequally by raising the values of our homes and businesses enormously to the detriment of all. However, the Chief Appraiser is not without restraint. The restraint of the Appraisal District Directors, those elected officials amongst you who have the power by the Texas Property Tax Code to issue policy and control the Chief Appraiser. He closed by noted that high property taxes affect all families and the City of Laredo as a whole. He encouraged Council to cut their budget and search for ways to maintain or lower property taxes.

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

a. Appointments by Mayor Raul G. Salinas of:

1. Mayor Pro Tempore Juan Ramirez as liaison to the Border Trade Alliance representing the City of Laredo.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2. Mayor Pro Tempore Juan Ramirez as the Mayor's liaison to the Sister Cities Working Group.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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3. Naming the appointees to the Blue Ribbon Committee for the River Vega Master Plan.

This item was postponed until August 28, 2006.

b. Appointment by Council Member Hector Garcia of:

1. Carlos Garcia to the Board of Adjustment.
2. Mario Rosales to the Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Ramirez

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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c. Appointment by Council Member Johnny Rendon of Javier Compean to the Plaza Theater Renovation Committee.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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d. Appointment by Council Member Gene Belmares of Dan Ryan to the Board of Adjustments instead of the Third Party Funding Committee.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Ramirez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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e. Appointment by Mayor Pro Tempore Juan Ramirez of:

1. Gregorio Lopez, Jr. to the Historic/District Landmark Board
2. Alejandra Arreguin to Board of Adjustments

Motion to approve amending the spelling of Alejandra to Alejandro Arreguin.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo FY 2005-2006

annual budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$145,540.00 in funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services for the Office of Border Health-Lab of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning July 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 8
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Against: 0

Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Chavez

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8
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Against: 0

Abstain:

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

2. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo FY 2005-2006

annual budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$70,000.00 in funds from the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to continue the operation of two (2) continuous air monitoring stations (CAMS) by the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 8
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 6
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

Cm. Garcia and Cm. Amaya were out.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

3. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo FY 2005-2006

annual budget by appropriating revenues in the amount of \$390,256.00 in funds from the Texas Department of Health Services, which includes \$42,300.00 from estimated program income for the Maternal and Child Health (MCH-Title V) Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period of September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Chavez

For: 6
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 7
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Against: 0

Abstain:

Cm. Amaya was out.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo FY 2005-2006

annual budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$157,886.00 in funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services which includes \$23,544.00 from an estimated program income for the La Familia Health Care Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period of September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Chavez

For: 8
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against:

0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo FY 2005-2006

annual budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$61,068.00 in funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services for the Title V Family Planning Services of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period of September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

6. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo FY 2005-2006

annual budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$188,539.00 in funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS), which includes \$59,888.00 from estimated program income for the Immunization Action Plan (IAP) Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period of September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

7. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo FY 2005-2006

annual budget by decreasing the grant award amount by \$7,291.00 from the Texas Department of State Health Services for the Prevention Services for HIV-Infected Persons Project (PSHIP) of the City of Laredo Health Department for a total amount of \$104,989.00, for the contract period from January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006. The decrease in funds is due to a reduction in federal funding from the Centers for Disease Control to TDSHS.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

8. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept a \$4,000.00 grant from the Laredo Rotary Club and amend the City of Laredo FY 2005-2006 General Fund annual budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$4,000.00 in the form of a donation for the purpose of providing additional improvements for the Santa Rita Park.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Chavez

For: 6
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

Cm. Garcia and Cm. Amaya were out.

Cecilia Garza and Mike Kazen, Past and Present Presidents of the Rotary Club, said that Rotary has been in Laredo since 1920 and they have completed many services in the community. She added that over 50 Rotarian assisted in a Health Fair in which they provided 2,400 bags of school supplies to needy students. She said that the Rotarians are observing the City's projects and they will continue to assist in future projects because one entity cannot do everything.

Cm. Landeck advised that he would like to match the Rotarians donation using District III discretionary funds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

Mayor Salinas presented the Rotarians a Certificate of Recognition for donating a \$4,000 grant to be used for bleachers at the Santa Rita Park.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Chavez

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

9. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept a \$5,000.00 donation from AT&T and amend the City of Laredo FY 2005-2006 General Fund annual budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$5,000.00 in the form of a donation for the sponsorship of the Avery Johnson Summer Camp.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

10. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a

lease agreement between the City of Laredo and Laura Salcedo DBA Hot Dog Express for the use of retail space Suite B of the Mercado Square located at 1000 Hidalgo Street. The lease term is for two (2) years at a rental rate of seven hundred and eighty two (\$782.00) dollars per month for the first year, increasing the second year based on the change in the 2006 Consumer Price Index and providing for September 1, 2006 effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

11. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a

(5) five year lease agreement between the City of Laredo and the Laredo Amateur Boxing Club, Inc. for the use of the Orlando Canizales Boxing Gym located at 1610 Guadalupe Street for an annual rental fee of one dollar (\$1.00) plus 50% share of utility charges and providing for an effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

12. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo FY 2005-2006

Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions reclassifying nine (9) Firefighter positions to the position of three (3) captains, three (3) drivers and three (3) assistant driver positions to activate engine company #14 for Fire Station #14 located at 309 Cielito Lindo Boulevard. Funding for these positions is available in the Fire Department operating budget in the amount of \$10,509.72.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

13. Public hearing and introductory ordinance 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, 2006 through August 31, 2007, unless sooner terminated in accordance with the terms in the agreement.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Cm. Garza and Cm. Landeck were out.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

14. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Code of Ordinance by deleting references to hazardous materials (Haz-Mat) fees in Chapter 33 Environmental protection, Section 33-169, "city charges" and inserting Chapter 12: Fire Prevention and Protection, Article III "reserved"; first hour no charges for emergency responses except for replacement costs of level A and B Safety Gear; charging replacement and reimbursement costs for use of units, personnel and equipment for emergency haz-mat responses; charging replacement and reimbursement costs for first hour and beyond for all non-emergency responses including use of units personnel and equipment providing for an administrative fee on one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per invoice formulated; reducing the late fee from two hundred dollars (\$200.00) to fifty dollars (\$50.00) per invoice formulated; applicable to balances remaining after thirty days from date of invoice; and authorizing charge of ten percent (10%) per annum on balances remaining after sixty days from the date of invoice; repeal laws in conflict; providing for severability, publication and an effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

15. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the

fiscal year 2005-2006 fiscal year budget for the Water Fund by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$1,066,000.00 provided by projected increases in the Meter Water Sales and Utility Late Fees. Funds will be used to cover Water Plant electricity costs, the purchase of meter reading hardware/software equipment, and an operational transfer to General Fund for the purchase of H.T.E. system software licenses.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares
Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

16. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the

City of Laredo 2005-2006 fiscal year budget for General Fund by transferring of \$216,000.00 from the Waterworks Fund and appropriating \$216,000.00 for the purchase of H.T.E. system software licenses for the Work Orders/Facility Management Module and the NaviLine Browser User Interface in the Information Technical Support Mainframe division.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 8
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

17. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute the

Santa Rita 18 inch sanitary sewer reimbursement agreement with 5 applicants who are named in the agreement to provide for possible reimbursement of part of the costs incurred by the applicants in constructing an 18 and 15 inch sanitary sewer line in South Laredo from the East right of way of Highway 83 across from the Laredo Community College South Campus to approximately 1500 feet east inside the Link Ranch.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

18. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the

Housing Rehabilitation Program's budget for FY 2005 – 2006 by appropriating additional estimated Revolving Loan payments in the amount of \$36,549.00. The Revolving Loan funds will be used for housing rehabilitation loans and grants, which will assist low-income homeowners rehabilitate their home.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Belmares
For: 8
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Ordinance Introduction: City Council

19. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the

Home Investment Partnership Program's budget for FY 2005-2006 by appropriating additional estimated program income in the amount of \$100,000.00. Program income funds will be used for down payment assistance which will assist first time, low income home buyers.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

20. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the FY 2005-2006 Airport Operating fund by transferring in \$316,373.00 from the Airport Construction fund to cover additional operating expenses. Funding is available in the Airport Construction Fund/Land Proceeds Reserve Account, and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget amendment and providing for an effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

21. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Rental Car Agency Concession and Lease

Agreement with Enterprise Rent-A-Car Company of Texas dba Enterprise Rent A Car, for the approximate 165 square feet of office and counter space located in car rental space #1 and 19 parking spaces located at 5210 Bob Bullock Loop at the Laredo International Airport. Lease term is for five (5) years commencing on August 1, 2006 and ending on July 31, 2011. Minimum Annual Guarantee (MAG) shall be \$91,000.20 or ten percent (10%) of gross sales, whichever is greater; providing for an effective date.

Introduction Ordinance: City Council

22. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Rental Car Agency Concession and Lease

Agreement with Coastal Bend Rent A Car, Inc. (Avis Rent A Car) and South Texas Auto Rental Services, LLC (Budget Rent A Car) for the approximate 171 square feet of office and counter space located in car rental space #2 and 19 parking spaces located at 5210 Bob Bullock Loop at the Laredo International Airport. Lease term is for five (5) years commencing on August 1, 2006 and ending on July 31, 2011. Minimum Annual Guarantee (MAG) shall be \$146,300.00 or ten percent (10%) of gross sales, whichever is greater; providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

23. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Rental Car Agency Concession and Lease

Agreement with Laredo Car Rental, Inc. (National Car Rental) for the approximate 171 square feet of office and counter space located in car rental space #3 and 19 parking spaces located at 5210 Bob Bullock Loop at the Laredo International Airport. Lease term is for five (5) years commencing on August 1, 2006 and ending on July 31, 2011. Monthly rent shall be \$80,513.59 or ten percent (10%) of gross sales, whichever is greater; providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

24. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Rental Car Agency Concession and Lease

Agreement with Gateway Rent A Car LLC dba Hertz Systems Licensee for approximately 171 square feet of office and counter space located in car rental space #4 and 17 parking spaces located at 5210 Bob Bullock Loop at the Laredo International Airport. Lease term is for five (5) years commencing on August 1, 2006 and ending on July 31, 2011. Minimum Annual Guarantee shall be \$79,001.00 or ten percent (10%) of gross sales, whichever is greater; providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

25. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Rental Car Agency Concession and Lease

Agreement with Southwest-Tex Leasing Co., Inc. dba Advantage Rent A Car for the approximate 133 square feet of office and counter space located in car rental space #5 and 19 parking spaces located at 5210 Bob Bullock Loop at the Laredo International Airport. Lease term is for five (5) years commencing on August 1, 2006 and ending on July 31, 2011. Minimum Annual Guarantee (MAG) shall be \$95,780.64 or ten percent (10%) of gross sales, whichever is greater; providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

26. Amending Ordinance No. 1990-O-197, dated October 16, 1990, that established the

minimum standards and requirements for the conduct of commercial aeronautical services and activities at the Laredo International Airport; thereby amending Section II. E., "Line Services"; subsection 2(b), "Hangars and Other Buildings"; Subsection 5, "Product Quality Control and Safety"; and Subsection 8, "Insurance Requirements"; providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

27. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the lease agreement approved by Ordinance No. 2002-O-241 dated September 16, 2002, between the City of Laredo, as Lessor, and Commision Mexico-Americana Para La Erradicacion Del Gusano Barrenador (U.S.D.A), as Lessee; thereby, amending Section 1.02, "Term", to end on May 31, 2006 instead of May 31, 2007, provided Lessee pays back rent in the amount of \$36,831.00; providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

28. Amending Ordinance No. 99-0-363 and as amended by Ordinance No. 2002-O-2005

dated August 19, 2002, by adding a Section authorizing the City Manager to pay real estate commission to real estate brokers whose efforts result in the sale of properties located at the Laredo International Airport and approving the commission to be paid per transaction based on a percent of the bid approved by City Council; providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

29. Providing for the submission of proposed amendments to the Charter of the City of Laredo to the voters on Tuesday, November 7, 2006, and ordering said election; directing the city secretary to publish notice of the election for the submission of said amendments in a newspaper of general circulation in the city on October 15, 2006 and October 22, 2006; said notice to set forth in full the text of the proposed amendments; and directing the city secretary to conduct absentee voting and to take any other necessary action required for the conduct of said election.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

30. Closing as public easement the South one half section of Canada Avenue between O'Kane and Clark Streets, situated in the Eastern Division, City of Laredo, County of Webb, Texas, provided that the City retains the entire former street section as a utility easement and providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

31. Authorizing the City of Laredo to enter into a Lease with Webb County of Lots 9, and 10, Block 320, Eastern Division, for a term of 40 years, to enable Webb County to construct a Community Center to provide various social services and educational programs primarily for the elderly; copy of the lease is attached as Exhibit A; and providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

32. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey fee simple title to the "Surface Only" on two land parcels to their respective abutting property owners, at their established market value of \$8,150.00 each, and described as follows:

Parcel A Consisting of 4,634.54 sq. ft. (0.1064 of an acre more or less, to Juan Ramirez Properties, LTD. a Texas limited partnership; said parcel being out of the East one half section of Texas Avenue from the South right of way line of Chacon Street to 166.83 feet to the South, situated in the Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas being generally described on attached Exhibit "A",

Parcel B Consisting of 4,634.54 sq. ft. (0.1064 of an acre) more or less, to Dora Palmarin; said parcel being out of the West one half section of Texas Avenue from the South right of way line of Chacon Street to 166.83 feet to the South, situated in the Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas being generally described on attached Exhibit "B"; and hereby, approving the submitted improvement plan as described on Exhibit C and which is in compliance with Section 10 of the Street Closing/Sales Policy Handbook, as approved by Resolution No. 97-R-140; and providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive the final readings of Ordinance # 2006-O-160, # 2006-O-161, # 2006-O-162, # 2006-O-163, # 2006-O-164, # 2006-O-165, # 2006-O-166, # 2006-O-167, # 2006-O-168, # 2006-O-169, # 2006-O-170, # 2006-O-171, # 2006-O-172, # 2006-O-173, # 2006-O-174, # 2006-O-175, and # 2006-O-176.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

- 33. 2006-O-160 Amending Ordinance No. 2000-O-064 authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a used car lot on Lot 9, Block 351, Eastern Division, located at 114 West Lyon Street by repealing the existing conditional use permit and approving a conditional use permit for a tire shop. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the conditional use permit.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-160.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Permit

- 2006-O-161 Amending Ordinance No. 97-O-058 authorizing a Conditional Use

for a truck/trailer rental center (Uhaul dealer) on Lot 2, Block 8, McPherson Acres Development Subdivision Unit II, located at 1613 Calle Del Norte to include a paint and body shop. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the conditional use permit.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-161.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2006-O-162 Amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a snack bar on Lot 6, Block 233, Eastern Division, located at 320 Mier Street. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-162.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

rezoning 2006-O-163 Amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by

67.16 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit

“A”, located on the west side of Bob Bullock Loop North of Winfield Parkway, from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District). The Planning and Zoning Commission

recommended approval of the zone change.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-163.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

rezoning 2006-O-164 Amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by

83.10 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit

“A”, located on the west side of Bob Bullock Loop north of Winfield Parkway, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District). The Planning and Zoning Commission

recommended approval of the zone change.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-164.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

rezoning 2006-O-165 Amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by

29.7 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit

“A”, located on the southeast corner of Bob Bullock Loop and International Boulevard, from AG (Agricultural District) to B-3 (Community Business District). The Planning and Zoning Commission

recommended approval of the zone change.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-165.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

rezoning 2006-O-166 Amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by

19.4 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A," located on the south side of Bob Bullock Loop east of International Boulevard, from AG (Agricultural District) to B-3 (Community Business District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-166.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2006-O-167 Amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by rezoning 4.5 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached

Exhibit "A", located on the south side of Bob Bullock Loop east of International Boulevard, from AG (Agricultural District) to B-4 (Highway

Commercial District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-167.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

rezoning 2006-O-168 Amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by

2.62 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit

"A," located on the south side of Bob Bullock Loop east of International

Boulevard, from AG (Agricultural District) to B-3 (Community Business

District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval

of the zone change.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-168.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Permit

2006-O-169 Amending ordinance No. 2002-O-142 authorizing a Special Use

for mini storage/warehousing, on 2.78 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located at 7819 East Country Drive, by revising the site plan. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-169.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

rezoning

2006-O-170 Amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by

Lot 1, Block 1, Country Club Estates Subdivision, Located at 3911 Casa

Blanca Road, from R-1 (Single Family Resident District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the zone change.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-170.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2006-O-171 Amending the Land Development Code, as follows: Section 24-92.4 (Procedures – Notices, Hearing, Recommendation of Planning and Zoning

Commission and action of City Council) Paragraph (4), to reconcile the

200 foot notification requirement to surrounding property owners in accordance with state law; providing for publication and effective date.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the ordinance amendment.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-171.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

for

2006-O-172 Authorizing the City Manager to accept \$51,000.00 in contributions

the 2006 Washington trip and amend the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2006

Convention and Visitors Bureau Annual Budget as follows: increase revenue appropriations in the amount of \$11,000.00 (excess of original budget) and expenditures in the amount of \$31,002.00 (\$11,000.00 from contributions and \$20,002.00 from designated fund balance).

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-172.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2006-O-173 Authorizing the City Manager to accept monetary reimbursement from the

State of Texas, Attorney Generals Office for partial expenses incurred by the City of Laredo Police Department in order to process evidence involving sexual assault victims and that the City of Laredo's Fiscal Year 2005 – 2006 Budget is hereby amended by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$25,000.00. Funding will be used to partially pay for the examination for sexually assaulted victims. The City of Laredo will receive approximately \$25,000.00 annually.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-173.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2006-O-174 Accepting a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the Texas Department

of Transportation for enforcement of Impaired Driver Mobilization during the Labor Day Holiday Crackdown and amending the City of Laredo's Fiscal Year 2005 – 2006 Annual Budget in the amount of \$10,000.00. This grant is for overtime salaries, including fringe benefits, and is funded 100 % by the Texas Department of Transportation.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-174.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2006-O-175 Amending the City of Laredo 2005 – 2006 Annual Budget in the amount

of \$624,763.00 to fund the Laredo Autotheft Task Force and accepting an award in the amount of \$346,000.00 from the Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority. The City of Laredo will be designating \$245,839.00 in matching funds, and Webb County will be designating \$32,924.00 in matching funds for a total of \$624,763.00. This grant is effective from September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-175.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2006-O-176 Amending the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances Chapter 2-Administration, Article II-Departments, Officers and Employees, Division 6-Pay Administration, Section 2-87.7-Policy, Subparagraph (9); providing for severability and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-176.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

X. RESOLUTIONS

34. 2006-R-076 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute an interlocal government agreement between the City of Laredo and United Independent School District for the participation of the City of Laredo Police Department in the School Resource Officer Program. The Laredo Police Department will provide ten (10) officers that will be assigned to various middle and high schools for the 2006 – 2007 school year.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2006-R-076.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

35. 2006-R-078 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Encinal and the City of Laredo for the collection of Landfill Fees for Disposal of Garbage at the City's landfill site at a reduced rate of thirty (\$30.00) dollars per ton by the City of Encinal on

a daily basis for a one and one-half year term, effective August 2, 2006.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-078.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XI. MOTIONS

36. Referring the City of Laredo Comprehensive Plan to the Planning and Zoning Commission requiring that a report from the Planning and Zoning Commission with any recommendations be brought back before the City Council before the adoption of the budget, in accordance with Article IX, Section 9.03 of the Charter of the City of Laredo.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 8
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

37. Calling for a public hearing to be held on September 5, 2006, at the regularly scheduled

City Council meeting held at City Hall, 1110 Houston Street at 5:30 p.m.; and authorizing publication of a newspaper advertisement for 10 (ten) consecutive days to inform the general public of the public hearing and that three copies of the Capital Improvements Program are available at the City Secretary's Office and the Laredo Public Library.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 8
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

38. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract and award 2005 HOME Investment

Partnership Program, Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) funds made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of \$207,171.00 to the Laredo Webb Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc., (NHS) for the purchase of a minimum of ten (10) residential lots on which affordable single-family housing units will be constructed and be made available to low income first time homebuyers who earn 80% or less of the Housing Area Median Family income (HAMFI).

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 8
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

39. Consideration to award a demolition contract to the lowest bidder, Laredo Environmental Services, LLC, in the amount of \$9,800.00 for the demolition of three substandard structures acquired through the Acquisition and Relocation (Monterrey Avenue) Project and the Acquisition Relocation (Highway 359) Project. The demolition consists of substandard structures located at the following addresses: 1010 ½ Monterrey Avenue, 1014 Monterrey Avenue, and 3020 Willow. Funding is available in the 31st AY Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 8
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

40. Approving the submission of the 2006 One Year Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in request for funding through the 32nd Action Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$3,711,628.00; the 2006 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) in the amount of \$1,299,879.00; the 2006 American Dream Down Payment Initiative in the amount of \$12,841.00; the 2006 Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) in the amount of \$158,368.00, and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents as a result of the Plan's submission.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 8
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

41. Consideration to award contract FY06-106, to the low bidder, Laredo Security, Laredo Texas, or C.W. Security Laredo, Texas, in the estimated annual amount of \$279,916.00 for providing security guard services for the Bridge System, City Hall, Health Department, Health WIC, Civic Center, Solid Waste Department, and the Municipal Housing Division. Funding is available in the respective departmental budgets. The contract will be for a period of two (2) years. The City received identical bids of \$7.00 per hour for security guard service from Laredo Security and C.W. Security. Lots will be drawn at the City Council meeting to determine which vendor will be awarded the service contract for security guard service.

Motion to postpone.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 8
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

42. Consideration to award bid number FY06-115 for the purchase of three (3), 8-passenger vans from Columbus Country Ford, Caldwell, Texas in the total amount of \$44,280.00; and authorizing the purchase of one (1) medium sized sedan and one (1) extended cab pickup through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (Buy Board) contract pricing from Philpott Ford in the total amount of \$28,703.00. These vehicles will be assigned to the Bridge Department. The City did secure formal bids from four vendors and these vehicles are being purchased at the best bid pricing utilizing either the Buy Board contract pricing or the FY06-115 bid pricing. Funding is available in the Bridge Department's budget.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

43. Consideration to authorize the purchase and installation of modular skate park ramps and amenities for Eastwoods Park from Kraftsman Playground and Park Equipment through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (Buy Board) contract pricing in the total amount of \$60,821.95. Funding is available in the 2006 C.O. Fund.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

44. Refund of property tax in the amount of \$643.83 payable to LSI Tax Service due to an overpayment in account #925-10001-070.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

45. Approval of the 2006 Appraisal Roll from the Webb County Appraisal District for the

development the City's tax roll, acceptance of the effective and rollback tax rate calculations of Tax Year 2006 and setting the first public hearing date on August 28, 2006 for the proposed tax rate of \$0.637000/\$100.00 value.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

46. Authorizing the City Manager to opt out of the Federal Health Insurance Portability and

Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), effective October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007, as a result of the City currently meeting and exceeding minimum HIPAA benefit provisions.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

47. Consideration to award the annual Municipal Court software maintenance contract in

the amount of \$31,462.00 to Incode. The amount represents a 3% increase over the previous year. The annual software maintenance contract covers the following areas; Acuserver, Cash Collections, HTE interface, Municipal Court applications, and Data Dictionary. Funding is available in the Municipal Court budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

48. Consideration for approval of acceptance of the Santa Rita Park Phase I, Project 2

(irrigation system, hydro mulch and trees) and approval of final payment in the amount of \$3,265.28 to Hollywood Gardens, Inc., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$65,305.50. Funding is available in the 27th Action Year 2001-2002 Community Development Block Grant Fund Santa Rita Park.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

49. Consideration for approval of acceptance of the Santa Rita Park Phase I, Project 3

(soccer goals, player and referee shelters, park entrance sign and cedar fence) and approval of final payment in the amount of \$4,415.50 to Zertuche Construction, Inc., Laredo, Texas. Final construction amount is \$88,310.00. Funding is available in the 25th Action Year 1999-2000 Community Development Grant Fund-Santa Rita Park.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

50. Consideration for approval to award an engineering contract to Risa Fisher & Associates, Inc., Dallas, Texas, for an amount of \$98,800.00 for the design and preparation of plans and specifications for the City of Laredo Biosolids Composting Facility. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

51. Consideration for approval of acceptance of the City of Laredo Landfill Parking Lot

and approval of final payment in the amount of \$37,612.43 to Zertuche Construction, Laredo, Texas. Staff recommends 15 days liquidated damages for contract time overrun in the amount of \$8,250.00; therefore, the net final payment is \$29,362.43. Final contract amount is \$752,248.50. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Fund-Retainable Payable Account.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

52. Consideration for approval to award a construction contract to Advantage USAA, Inc.,

Spring Branch, Texas, in the amount of \$257,300.00 for the Civic Center re-roofing located at 2400 San Bernardo Avenue. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Project Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

53. Consideration for approval to award a design/build contract to Kraftsman Commercial

Playground and Water Park Equipment, Spring, Texas, for an amount of:

Father McNaboe Splash Park \$204,880.00;

Seven Flags Splash Park \$144,996.80;

Cecilia Moreno Park (West Lyon Splash Park) \$167,980.50 ;

Funding is available in the Zacate Creek Splash Park at Seven Flags CDBG 29th Action Year/2004 Grant; Father McNaboe Splash Park-Parks Capital Grants-Webb County Interlocal Agreement; and Lyon/Cecilia Moreno Splash Park-CDBG 31st Action Year.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

54. Authorizing the City Manager to acquire through negotiations the "Surface Only" of a

13.9131 acre, more or less, parcel of land for the River Vega Land Acquisition Project. Said parcel being situated in Porcion 22, Abstract 277, between the Riverview Estates Subdivision and the Rio Grande River, and is to be acquired in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, plus approximately \$2,500.00 in incidental expenses. This will be a voluntary transaction. Funding is available in the Land/Land & Water Rights fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

55. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for one additional year for contract FY04-

069 awarded to Nick Benavides, Laredo, Texas, for providing monthly mowing and maintenance of the Zacate Creek areas. The contract award is being modified to include two additional cutting cycles for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$84,196.00. Two extra cuttings will be added to include the area of the waterfall to the end of the Zacate Creek. The original contract includes the collection of trash, debris, rubbish and other floatable material along the creek from Meadow and Canal Streets to the mouth of the river. Funding is available in the Environmental Services Department budget.

John Porter, Environmental Services Manager, informed Council that there is a contract to clean the Zacate Creek areas once a month.

Horacio De Leon, Assistant City Manager, suggested installation of a fence around Eistetter Park to reduce the amount of trash collected at the end of Zacate Creek.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

56. Consideration to award contract FY 06-087 to the low bidder, Lassen Inc., Austin, Texas, in the total amount of \$142,386.00 for the Zacate Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant re-aeration tanks lining project. Funding is available in the Utilities Department-Wastewater Division budget.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

57. Consideration for acceptance of the Santa Clara 24" sanitary sewer line and approval of

final payment to Price Construction, Ltd., Big Spring, Texas in the amount of \$90,791.85. The total contract amount is \$383,012.50. Funding is available in the 1998 Sewer Bond.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares
Second: Cm. Garcia
For: 8
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

58. Consideration to award supply contract number FY06-111 to the low bidder National

Waterworks, San Antonio, Texas in the base amount of \$110,990.56 for the purchase of rubber couplings and fittings to use for wastewater applications for the Utilities Department. This will be a sixty (60) day supply contract with an option to extend for an additional sixty days. These materials will be purchased on an as needed basis by the Utilities Department wastewater operations for construction and repair projects. Funding is available in the Utilities Department budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

59. Consideration to award supply contract number FY06-110 to the low bidder, National

Waterworks, San Antonio, Texas in the estimated amount of \$250,000.00 for the purchase of PVC pipe used by the Utilities Department. This will be a sixty (60) day supply contract with an option to extend for an additional sixty (60) days. These materials are purchased on an as needed basis for construction and repair projects. The City received a lower bid from Ferguson Waterworks, Mission, Texas; however, this vendor has submitted a letter withdrawing their bid because they submitted bids on the wrong grade of PVC pipe. Funding is available in the Utilities Department budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

60. Accepting the U.S. 83/SH 359 Utility Relocations; and approving final payment in the

amount of \$47,306.14 to J. Solis Maintenance & Welding Service, Laredo, Texas, for a total, final contract amount of \$294,038.44. Further, approving change order #1 in the amount of a net decrease of \$28.56 and extending the contract period by 90 working days for a total of 150 working days. Funding for the final payment will come from the Retainage Payables accounts and the 1998 Water Bond.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

61. Approving amendment no. 6 to a contract with Foster Engineering, Company, Laredo,

Texas in the amount of \$12,575.00 to redesign plans/profiles for streets in Pueblo Nuevo Wastewater Collection and Water Distribution Improvements Project in the total amount of \$525,913.00 and is subject to the approval of the TWDB. Funding is available in the Colonias Project fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

62. Ratify and approve action taken by the City Manager on June 5, 2006 to authorize an emergency purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$44,000.00 to Fergusson for the purchase of fittings, valves and fire hydrants for the construction of the 16" water line along FM1472 from San Gabriel to the Mines Road elevated storage tank.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

63. Approval of change order #1 to Jimmy Closner and Sons Construction Co., Inc., Mercedes, Texas, deducting the amount of \$4,337.50, for the construction of the Mines Road Work Order #2 – Water Main and Pump Station Project, subject to the approval of the TWDB; and extending the contract time for an additional 409 calendar days. The revised contract amount is \$1,992,215.75. The new construction time including this change order will be 739 calendar days. Funding is available in the Colonias Project Fund and Water Works Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

64. Adopting the state and federal legislative agendas as amended.

Motion to approve amending to section 54.203 which is a change in the Telecom that provides for the Franchise Utility to bear the cost for relocating utilities within the easement for public purposes.

Larry Dovalina, City Manager, said that the current language reads for only widening or straightening of roadways and we want to change the language to include public infrastructure. It does not preclude any additional items.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

65. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract with the consulting firms named

below for intergovernmental, informational, and advocacy services to be provided to the City of Laredo during the period of October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007. Funding is available in the General Fund Purchased Professional Services Account and the Laredo Bridge System Fund. The annual Washington, D.C. reception expenses will be reimbursed by private sector sponsorships.

* Miller Van Eaton, P.L.L.C., Washington, D.C., in the amount of \$90,000 plus out of pocket expenses not to exceed \$11,550 and up to \$30,000 for expenses to be incurred for the annual Washington, D.C. reception; for a total contract amount of \$131,550;

* Government Relations Consultants, Oakton, Virginia, in the amount of \$90,000.00 plus travel and other out of pocket expenses that must be pre-approved, said expenses not to exceed an agreed upon amount;

* Baker Botts, LLP, Austin, Texas in the amount of \$74,000, plus out of pocket expenses not to exceed \$5,000.00 and that must be pre-approved;

* McWilliams & Associates, Austin, Texas, in the amount of \$60,000; and

* Infrastructure Solutions, Inc., Austin, Texas, in the amount of \$120,000, plus travel expenses that must be pre-approved said expenses not to exceed an agreed upon amount.

All contract awards are contingent upon approval of the 2006-2007 annual budget.

Motion to approve with the amendment to include the addition of Mario Martinez's contract and a cap on out of pocket expenses which will be negotiated not to exceed \$5,000.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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XII. STAFF REPORTS

66. A. Presentation by Mr. Wayne Belzer of the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC), regarding the Clean Rivers Program and water quality of the Rio Grande.

Wayne Belzer, representing the International Boundary and Water Commission, said that the State Senate, under Senate Bill 818 created the Clean River's Act. The Clean River's Act was set in place to monitor the water quality and the environmental health for the surface waters of the State of Texas. They mandated that a program be built to monitor all of the surface water in the State through partnerships and through assistance of river authorities. The International Boundary Commission came into play in 1998 because of their work on the Rio Grande River and because of the international aspect of the river. The State of Texas felt it was best to defer to the federal government for that. The primary goal of the Clean River's Program is to monitor the water in the Rio Grande Basin. The IBWC also does a lot of public education and outreach regarding the river. The way that they are able to accomplish the goals is through partnerships with other federal, state, and local entities. He noted that the city of Laredo Citizens Environmental Committee is also a partner with IBWC. The City of Laredo Health Department does a lot of bacterial analysis along the Rio Grande and some of the other tributaries leading into the river. Texas A & M International University does a huge amount of work for the IBWC in collecting data along the Rio Grande. Laredo Community College also provides

assistance as well as TCQ out of the Laredo Office. The data that they analyze and the constituents that they are looking for are mandated and based on the primary concerns that are prevalent in the area based on how the river is used. In the Laredo area, the river is used for many different uses for there are very stringent standards that are set in the river by the State of Texas and the Federal Government. He continued to discuss the ways in which IBWC works to keep the river clean. He advised that there are 80 monitoring stations throughout the Rio Grande. He added that there is some bacteria concern in the Webb County area but they are not to a point that they are breaching any major health issues. If there was TCQ would step in and make sure that the public is aware of the issue.

B. Status report on the water and sewer line extensions for Highway 359 Colonias Project.

Keith Kendall, Turner, Collie and Breaden, gave a comprehensive report on water and sewer line extensions for Highway 359 Colonias Project. He said that the construction is continuing at the Tanquesitos I, which includes both the water distribution and the waste water collection system. Staff is also proceeding with the advertisement of the

16" water line from the south elevated storage tank up to the 16" water line that was construction on Hwy. 359. He said that staff is also continuing with the advertising of

State Hwy. 359 work order # 3 which is the large Colonias project that includes water

distribution and waste water collection for eight of the ten Colonias along Hwy. 359. It

is significant to note in accordance with the letter provided to the Water Development

Board it is expected that they will need to go back before the Texas Water Development

Board for an increase for an amount of about 35 to 40% or 5.3 million dollars. The City

has received 16.6 million from the Texas Water Development Board and of that amount 1.4 million was loaned and the remainder was a grant. The project also received 6.2 million from the North American Development Bank and was all grant. The total project has cost 23 million dollars.

C. Presentation by Dan Migura, Human Resources Director, regarding the retirement status of United Water employees re-employed by the City of Laredo.

Dan Migura, Human Resources Director, expressed concern for employees that retired from work and lost their pension when they returned to work because of the Texas Municipal Retirement System Act. He noted that staff has reviewed the documents and the recommended for staff to move forward with a legislative initiative which Council has all ready endorse. He added that it is a priority for the Legislative Liaison Committee. He went on to say that an ordinance had been created changing the qualifications for the Serious Illness

Benefits for the sick leave and the annual leave benefits. The City of Laredo staff was also able to restore the employees that came back to the City. The Human Resource Department has been meeting with all of the concerned employees advising them of the policies.

Larry Dovalina, City Manager, added that he has talked to the Senator and one of the State Representatives addressing the retirement issue. He asked them to consider pre-filing a bill to make sure that that Texas Municipal Retirement System Act be changed for the betterment of employees. He too agreed with Dan Migura that the bill was not approved last year because of a procedural move.

Cm. Garcia instructed staff to create another option for the employees just incase the bill fails again.

D. Committee report on third party funding procedure and funding recommendations, with possible action.

General Fund

ee Rec.	Amount	Awarded	Committ
BEST	\$20,000	\$5,274	\$
5,274			
Bethany House	\$36,000	\$7,500	\$7,500
BANC	\$35,000	\$28,125	\$2
8,125			
Boys & Girls Club	\$100,000	\$33,750	\$30,000
Casa Misericordia Children's Inter. Advocacy Club	\$9,375	\$9,375	\$9,375
	\$60,000	\$22,500	\$22,500
Olympia	\$5,000	\$1,875	\$1,875
Communities in School	\$5,625	\$5,625	\$5,625
CAA Wheels on Meals	\$50,000	\$7,125	\$7,125
CAA Elderly Nutrition	\$50,000	\$7,500	\$7,500
LISD Crime Stoppers	\$2,813	\$2,813	\$2,813
Laredo Regional Food Bank	\$25,000	\$9,375	\$9,375
Laredo Veteran's Coalition	\$100,000	\$30,000	\$45,000

Laredo Webb County Food Bank	\$40,000	\$18,875	\$18,875	
Literacy Volunteers of America	\$8,250		\$2,625	\$2,625
STACADA		\$10,000	\$1,875	\$1,875
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Sacred Heart Children's Home	\$10,000		\$1,875	\$1,875
Serving Children & Adoles. Need	\$13,500	\$13,500	\$13,500	
Special Olympics		\$7,500	\$3,376	\$3,376

Hotel/Motel Fund

Laredo Chamber Cola Blanca		\$18,000	\$16,200	
Border Olympics		\$35,000	\$25,000	\$31,500
LULAC Council # 12	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$9,000	
LULAC Council # 7	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	
Mexican Cultural Institute	\$50,000	\$9,000	\$2,000	
Street of Laredo Urban Mall	\$10,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	
Washington Birthday Celebration	\$100,000	\$19,000	\$50,000	
LCC Music and Dance	\$35,000		\$31,815	\$5,000
Laredo Center for the Arts	\$150,000	\$130,360	\$150,000	
Children's Museum		\$55,000	\$49,000	\$49,000
Laredo Latin American Int'l	\$8,500	\$5,000	\$8,500	
Laredo Little Theater		\$31,740	\$27,758	\$31,740
Philharmonic Chorale	\$10,000		\$2,340	\$2,340
Philharmonic Orchestra	\$50,000		\$37,897	\$38,000
TAMIU Dance	\$10,000		\$9,000	\$3,000
Webb County Heritage		\$49,000	\$49,000	\$49,000

Rey Ayala, Chairperson for Third Party Funding Advisory Committee, addressed Council asking them to search for additional monies for the Third Party Funding. He said that the amount that is dispersed to Third Party Funding is not enough for some entities to function properly. He stressed the importance of each entity that provides assistance to individuals that critically need assistance. He suggest having a workshop with City Staff so

consider all information that is pertinent to requesting funds.

fair and equal to each organizations

Larry Dovalina, City Manager, gave a brief description of the history for the Third Party Funding. He noted that there was a direction by prior Council that wanted to start a gradual process winging agencies from depending on the City of Laredo for their main means of support. Cm. Garza recommended for Council to make a decision on the Third Party Funding Committee's recommendations.

Cm. Landeck requested revamping the entire program. He noted that the Third Party Funding Committee should be involved the entire year so they can assist Council in making decisions. He asked the Committee to assist staff in identifying groups that deal with the basic necessities of our population including the homeless and the hungry. He noted that we need to separate that from the groups that received monies for arts.

Larry Dovalina, City Manager, said that it is time to allow the Third Party Funding Committee to come forward and work with staff to create and ordinance because an ordinance will become a law. The Ordinance would create a process which would need to be considered by all future Councils.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Belmares

Motion withdrawn.

Motion to instruct staff to work with the Third Party Funding Committee on the creation of an Ordinance and to currently work with \$300,000 from the General funds for Third Party Funding and \$472,000 from the Hotel and Motel funds.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Motion to reconsider delay the appointment of Dan Ryan to the Board of Adjustments.

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

Against:

Abstain: 0

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XIII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

67. A. Request by Mayor Raul G. Salinas

1. Discussion with possible action on support for the Fire/Police Civil Service Program.

Dan Migura, Administrative Services, said that the Fire/Police employees are required to test for promotional positions because of the local government code provisions. When they test, there is a time certain and it has a life to it. In the local government code the life of a test is one year; however, because of collective bargaining agreements time can be extended or shortened based on the will of the firefighters and police officers. The Local Government Code says that if you have an eligibility list then you have sixty days in which to promote the vacancy otherwise you are held responsible for retroactive pay. In regards to, if there is not a list, the City has ninety days to create a list and promote. The City of Laredo tries to post material, study material so that the firefighters and police officers, of the respective ranks, have the ability to study and prepare for tests.

He noted that promotional test are conducted once a year. The officers have the right to appeal the questions that they miss. Once that appeal process is complete, the city has a final list which has a life of 12 months. Through the twelve month period, the City will promote based on vacancies. If there is not a vacancy within the time frame the current list exhaust.

Larry Dovalina, City Manager, said that the Civil Service needs improvement.

He explained that the appeal process delays the entire process. Some employees file lawsuits to delay the test with the expressed interest in hoping that the court holds it out for the time that it takes for them to qualify. He added that there will be a training for the Commissioners in January of 2007. The City of Laredo will be hiring a consultant to update the rules for the process.

B. Request by Council Member Mike Garza

1. Discussion with possible action on utilities disconnects.

Elizabeth Martinez, Tax Collector/Assessor, advised Council that the City of Laredo staff does not allow for utilities to be disconnected on Fridays or holidays.

Cm. Garza asked staff to meet with other franchise/contractual utility companies and asked them if they would on Monday – Thursday only. He asked staff to report Council after they contact water, electrical, gas, and cable obligations and with other consider disconnecting back to companies.

C. Request by Council Member Hector J. Garcia

1. Discussion with possible action on a traffic study and installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of New Port Street and Clark Boulevard at the Eastwoods subdivision.

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Director, asked Council to allow staff additional time to study the intersection of New Port Street and Clark Boulevard at the Eastwoods subdivision. He informed Council that this area is also under state jurisdiction and the City would need the approval of TxDOT. He said that he has scheduled a meeting with TxDOT regarding the problems along that area. He said that he would return to Council with recommendations.

D. Request by Council Member Dr. Micheal Landeck

1. Discussion with possible action for the approval of a redesign of the Slaughter

Park in which the three (3) soccer fields and the Championship Soccer field components remain as planned.

Cm. Landeck asked for Council to support the approval of a design of the Slaughter Park in which the three soccer fields and the Championship Soccer field components remain as planned. He said that he would appreciate their assistance in creating a park so that it would be in accordance to the expectations of Council and satisfy local needs of the community in the Chacon and other community's needs. He added that he understood from other Councilmembers that prior Council has spent a lot of time trying to satisfy the growing soccer needs of the community. Therefore, the major interest of the City Council was the three soccer fields and the Championship field. As time goes by, the City is seeing more and more interest on trying to utilize the rest of the park in a way that would be very advantageous to the community. He suggested construction of a community center where horseback riding is planned. In addition to that, Laredo Independent School District has interest because Daiches does not have a park area for their children. He asked Council to consider

the soccer issues but allow for change in the rest of the plans for Slaughter Park.

Cm. Ramirez expressed concerns regarding the statement from Cm. Landeck that he had talked privately with other Council Members. He asked for clarification.

Motion to close discussion.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

E. Request by Council Member Johnny Amaya

1. Status report on the installation of shades at various parks, with possible action.

Motion to postpone.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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F. Request by Council Member Gene Belmares

1. Discussion with possible action on removing the bushes and installing pavers along the median beginning at the intersection of San Dario and Del Mar Boulevard.

Motion to use District VI Discretionary Fund to remove the bushes and install pavers along the median beginning at the intersection of San Dario and Del Mar Boulevard.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Discussion with possible action on installing a valley gutter at Lyles Loop.

Motion to postpone.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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G. Request by Council Member Juan Chavez

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1. Discussion with possible action on developing an ordinance to prohibit farm, construction, industrial and warehouse machinery and/or motorized equipment from using public streets (i.e. forklifts, backhoes, mowers etc.) The ordinance should allow for exceptions when machinery or equipment is assigned to a worksite in the immediate area and uses the public street.

Cm. Chavez authorized the City Manager to instruct staff to create an ordinance to prohibit farm construction, industrial and warehouse machinery and/or motorized equipment from using public streets.

2. Report on the number of traffic citations issued to truck drivers that violate the No Truck Zone along Mines Road between Bristol Road and Big Bend Blvd., with possible action.

Motion to postpone.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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3. Discussion with possible action on purchasing a voting system for the Council meetings.

Motion to postpone.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

4. Discussion with possible action on creating a No Parking/Tow Away Zone on Tesoro Plaza, north of West Calton Rd. and ending at the Fireman's Union Hall.

Motion to postpone.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

H. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Juan Ramirez

1. Discussion with possible action on a proposal that the City Fleet Division

maintain El Metro buses.

Motion to remove the item.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Ramirez

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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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.

68. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 in

order to deliberate on the value and the possible sale of real property near the Laredo International Airport, because deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City Council in negotiations with third persons; and return to open session for possible action on conducting a public sale to dispose of an approximate 88.6913-acre tract of non-aeronautical use land located on the east side of Bob Bullock Loop fronting the Laredo International Airport Passenger Terminal together with lease encumbrance by a lease agreement with Laredo Town Center, L. P.

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 in order to deliberate on the value and the possible sale of real property near the Laredo International Airport, because deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City Council in negotiations with third persons; and return to open session for possible action on conducting a public sale to dispose of an approximate 88.6913-acre tract of non-aeronautical use land located on the east side of Bob Bullock Loop fronting the Laredo International Airport Passenger Terminal together with lease encumbrance by a lease agreement with Laredo Town Center, L. P.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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After the Executive Session, Mayor Pro Tempore Ramirez announced that no formal action was taken.

Motion to send the item to the Airport Advisory Committee and publicize appraisals.

Moved: Cm. Rendon
Second: Cm. Garza
For: 7
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

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

Abstain:

69. Authorizing the City Manager to apply for State Public Transportation funds in the amount of \$634,934.00 with the Texas Department of Transportation which is authorized to distribute State funds for Transit capital and operating assistance in urbanized areas under 200,000 in population.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

XVI. RECESS AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO MUNICIPAL HOUSING CORPORATION

Motion to recess as the Laredo Mass Transit board and convene as the Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

70. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the Laredo Municipal Housing

Corporation (LMHC) to establish and charge rental amounts at the Jose Flores Apartment Complex as follows: 2 bedroom units at \$444.00; 3 bedroom units at \$570.00; and 4 bedroom units at \$661.00. The deposit amounts for new tenants on or after October 1, 2006 will be established the same as the monthly rental amount.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares
Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 8
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 8
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

XVII. RECESS AS THE LAREDO MUNICIPAL HOUSING CORPORATION AND RECONVENE AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL

Motion to recess as the Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation and reconvene as the Laredo City Council.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 8
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Time: 11:15 p.m.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8
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Against: 0

Abstain: