

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M2006-R-18
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
SEPTEMBER 18, 2006
5:30 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Raul G. Salinas led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

In attendance:

Raul G. Salinas, 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, District VI	Council Member,
Juan Chavez District VII	Council Member,
Juan Ramirez, District VIII	Mayor Pro Tem,
Gustavo Guevara, Jr., Larry Dovalina, Cynthia Collazo, Horacio De Leon, Rafael Garcia, Jaime Flores,	City Secretary City Manager Deputy City Manager Assistant City Manager Assistant City Manager City Attorney

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of June 5, 2006 and June 19, 2006.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Announcements

None.

Invitations

None.

Recognitions

a. Recognition of Gilberto Sanchez, of the Budget Department, on his selection as August 2006 Employee of the Month.

Martin Aleman, Budget Department, advised that he nominated Gilberto Sanchez because of what he has been able to accomplish in the last two years, especially in the month of August 2006. He has demonstrated great qualities and capabilities of assembling the City of Laredo budget. He continued by noting that he is a great employee and co-worker.

b. Recognition by Chief Sosa of Border Patrol agents Scott Fondren and J. David Garcia as well as firefighters who collectively contributed to saving the lives of two (2) civilians during a vehicle explosion on IH-35 on September 7, 2006. Their daring actions are exemplary of team work between agencies for the benefit of our community.

Fire Chief Sosa stated that Border Patrol Agents Scott Fondren and J. David Garcia went beyond their call of duty when they contributed to saving the lives of two (2) civilians during a vehicle explosion on IH-35. He presented them the highest prestigious medals that can be given to individuals for their heroic efforts by the Fire Department.

c. Recognition of Patricia Taylor, Laredo Convention and Visitor's Bureau Director, for being named the 2006 Ohtli Award Recipient by the Mexican Secretary for Exterior Relations through the Mexican Consul Javier Abud Osuna.

Mayor Salinas and the City Council publicly recognized Ms. Taylor for the award received during the Mexican Independence Celebration.

Communiqués

Cm. Garza gave his thanks to the Firefighters who saved the lives of two civilians during a vehicle explosion on IH-35 and for doing a good job in assisting with Chief Dovalina's home. He reported that he was pleased with the City of Laredo Water Utilities for repairing a water leak in Los Presidentes.

Cm. Garcia gave his condolences to the family of Governor Ann Richards. He shared his memories of her when she was a speaker at a conference. He spoke in admiration of her passion for women, Texas, and other issues of importance. Cm. Garcia asked for prayers to be sent to a Firefighter Felix Nuniz.

Cm. Rendon said that he had the privilege and honor of meeting Governor Ann Richards in Laredo at the Firefighters' Union Hall. He said that it is always sad to hear that a great lady has passed away. He expressed his condolences and asked for a moment of silence in her honor. He thanked Roberto Murillo, Traffic Director, and staff for slowing the traffic in the Los Ebanos Subdivision by installing signs and speed zones.

Cm. Amaya invited the viewing public for the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Buenos Aires Elementary School held tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. He congratulated the Laredo Independent School District's School Board for having the vision for caring for children.

Cm. Chavez thanked Adrian Montemayor, Interim Water Utilities Director and his staff, for repairing some water and wastewater problems in District VII.

Mayor Pro Tempore Ramirez said that Governor Ann Richards was a wonderful friend to his family, Laredo, and South Texas. He said that the Governor opened a lot of doors to Hispanics. He expressed his condolences to her family and friends.

Mayor Salinas echoed the Council Members in expressing his condolences for the family of Ann Richards. He said that she was an icon in contemporary politics. Not only that, she was a fighter, go-getter, and the champ for a lot of causes. He added that he has recently visited the Governor from Tamaulipas, Mexico and four other mayors from the Rio Grande Valley to discuss border issues. He said that he joined the City Manager and the Acting City Manager at a graduation of the City of Laredo Firefighter Cadets. He saluted the Eagle Pass School District for calling off a recent football game because of the weather.

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

a. Appointment by Mayor Raul G. Salinas of Council Member Hector J. Garcia to the Audit Committee.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Ramirez

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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b. Appointment by Council Member Gene Belmares of:

(i). Martha Miller to the Laredo Commission for Women Committee.

(ii). Dan Ryan to the Board of Adjustments Committee.

(iii). Antonio Vedia to the Third Party Funding Committee.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Ramirez

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

2011 1. Public hearing and adoption of Resolution No. 2006-R-093 adopting the 2007-Capital Improvement Program of the City of Laredo.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Jessica Hein, 9-1-1 Director, advised that the Planning and Zoning Commission has reviewed the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan for the City of Laredo and approved the following motions: to include the Southern Hotel Project, and of the following amendments.

correction Motion to amend the 2007-2011 Capital Improvement Program to reflect noted:

- 1. Airport Truck Route – moved revenue funding from 08 to 07 as proposed in 07;
- 2. McPherson Road Widening – reduced appropriation funding from \$500 K to \$250K as needed;
- 3. Piedra China/Texas Improvements – reduced appropriations and revenues from \$512K to \$500K to match actual CDBG funding;
- 4. Animal Shelter – moved appropriations and revenues from FY07/08 to FY08/09 to match project timeline; and
- 5. Cemetery Renovations – moved appropriation funding from FY07-FY08 to match revenues.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Motion to accelerate the Municipal Golf Course and Water Park Projects from FY09 to FY07.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Motion to add a new Capital Improvements Project titled District Capital Projects in the amount of \$2million FY-07.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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_____ Motion to close the public hearing and adopt Resolution # 2006-R-093 as amended.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 7, Block 3, Moreno Addition, located at 1818 Diaz Avenue, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District); providing for publication and effective date. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Garcia

3. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit and two drilling permits for oil and/or gas extraction on 1.54 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located on the northeast corner of Ejido Avenue and Cielito Lindo Boulevard; providing for publication and effective date. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the Special Use Permit.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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There was no public input.

Adolfo Campero, a local attorney, reported that they have previously been granted a Special Use Permit for said property where they drilled a well that is producing gas. He said that they would like to drill another two wells on the same property. He asked the City Council to approve of the Special Use Permit.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Garza

4. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 2, Block 59, Calton Gardens Subdivision, located at 104 East Calton Road, from B-1 (Limited Commercial District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya

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For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Chavez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Rendon

5. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a photo studio/shop on Lot 6 and South 1/2 of Lot 4, Block 1650, Eastern Division, located at 1910 Arkansas Avenue; providing for publication and effective date. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the conditional use permit.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Garcia

6. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a bar/night club on Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, Block 1, Vista Hermosa Subdivision Unit III, located at 5517 McPherson Avenue, Units F, G & H; providing for publication and effective date. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

0 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain:

Use Hugo Martinez, on behalf of the applicant, requested approval of the Conditional Permit.

the Motion to close the public hearing and introduce to include restrictions listed in the Conditional Use Permit including no outdoor music permitted.

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

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Rendon

7. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 3.34 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A," located on the southwest corner of La Pita Mangana Road and Wright Way, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the proposed zone change.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

There was no public input.

Esperanza Rodriguez, a resident from across the proposed change request, asked that this [zone change](#) request be denied.

[Alex Arreguin spoke in favor of the property owners stating that the access will not introduce traffic into Wright Way Street.](#)

Motion to close the public hearing, [override](#) the Planning & Zoning Commission and accept the zone change.

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

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Garza

8. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2005-2006 annual budget by increasing revenues and expenditures of \$13,183.00 in additional funds totaling \$118,654.00 from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP); extending the grant period three additional months, from September 1, 2006 through November 30, 2006; and authorizing the City Manager to execute said contract.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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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

9. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo FY 2005-2006 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures from the Texas Department of State Health Services for three Health Department Public Health Preparedness and Epidemiology Program (PHP) contract attachments as follows:

1) Accepting \$205,516.00 in additional funds for PHP Attachment No. 09B and extending the grant period (ends December 31, 2006), an additional eight (8) months, from September 1, 2005, through August 31, 2007.

2) Accepting \$5,000 in funds for PHP Attachment No. 12A for storage of a CHEMPACK container as part of its response preparedness activities; from January 1, 2006, through August 31, 2007.

3) Accepting \$750,000 in funds from PHP Attachment No. 01 for renovation of the Department's Laboratory to a functional Bio-Safety Level-3 facility, term from September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Ordinance Introduction: City Council

10. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances Chapter 2 titled "Administration", Article VI "Investment Policy" Section 2-268 "Investment Strategy" by adding Subsection D "Diversification" and adopting the City of Laredo Investment Policy to comply with Public Funds Investment Act Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

11. Closing as a public easement the 2200 Block of Hidalgo Street between the west right-of-way line of Eagle Pass Avenue and the Laredo Community College property line situated in the Western Division, City of Laredo, County of Webb, and providing for an effective date.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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12. Closing as a public easement the south one half section of New York Avenue between Reynolds and O'kane Streets, situated in the Eastern Division, City of Laredo, County of Webb, Texas, and providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

13. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a ground lease with Nextel WIP Lease Corporation, a Delaware Corporation, dba Nextel Partners, for ground space at 1902 Lafayette, Laredo, Webb County, Texas, and being more fully described in Exhibit "A" of lease agreement, to construct on such premises and equipment building and self-supporting type tower ("Tower"), more fully described in Exhibit "C" of the lease agreement, for the purpose of providing cell services and for co-locations, if provided by Landlord, and related equipment building for use in connection with its communication business. Term of the lease is five (5) years commencing October 3, 2006 and ending October 2, 2011, with an option for four (4) successive renewal terms of five (5) years. The annual base rent shall be \$15,000.00 each year during the term of the lease and will be increased by five percent (5%) on each anniversary of the commencement date, providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

14. Amending chapter 19 Motor Vehicle and Traffic, Article VIII, Stopping, Standing or Parking, Section 19-360, Parking Meters, to revise Section (a) and increase the existing two-hour parking time limit to four-hours for all parking meters located north of Houston Street, east of Santa Maria Avenue, west of San Eduardo Avenue, and south of Scott Street, providing for severability, publication, and effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive the final reading of Ordinances 2006-O-225, 2006-O-226, 2006-O-227, 2006-O-228, 2006-O-229, 2006-O-230, 2006-O-231, 2006-O-232, 2006-O-233, 2006-O-236, 2006-O-237, 2006-O-238, 2006-O-239, 2006-O-240, 2006-O-241, and 2006-O-242.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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15. 2006-O-225 Adopting the Proposed Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 by appropriating the proposed revenues, expenditures and balances reported therein for the year beginning October 1, 2006 and ending September 30, 2007, consistent with the financial plan described

in said Annual Budget;
said Annual Budget. (As

and authorizing the City Manager to implement
amended)

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-O-225.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-226 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by
authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for granite, marble, tile &
porcelain sales and storage on Lot 1, Block 666, Eastern Division,
located at 4119 McPherson Road; providing for publication and effective
date. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended
approval of the conditional use permit.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-O-226.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-227 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by
rezoning Lot 15, Block 42, Las Americas Subdivision, Unit 3, located at
2100 Ejido Avenue from R-1A (Single-Family Residential
Reduced Area District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District);
providing for publication and effective date. The Planning &
Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed
zone change.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-O-227.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-228 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by
rezoning Lots 4, 5, and 6, Block 1372, Eastern Division, located at
2395-2 Saunders Avenue, from B-3 (Community Business
District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for
publication and effective date. The Planning & Zoning Commission
recommended denial of the zone change.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-O-228.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-229 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo
by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for multi-family
residential on Lots 4, 5, and 6, Block 921, Eastern Division, located at
1719 Cortez Street; providing for publication and effective
date. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended
approval of the conditional use permit.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-O-229.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-230 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo
by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for an adult day care
on Lot 1, Block 4, Concord Hills Community Subdivision
Phase II, located at 601 Concord Hills Boulevard; providing for
publication and effective date. The Planning and Zoning
Commission recommended approval of the zone change.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-O-230.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-231 Amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Fleet
Management
budget by appropriating \$300,000.00 for both revenues and
expenditures for the purchase of fuels. Funding is available in the
respective department budgets.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-O-231.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-232 Amending section 12-2 [Fire Protection Code] of Chapter 12
[Fire Prevention and Protection] of the Code of Ordinances to
adopt the 2006 Edition of the International Fire Code; and
amending Section 12-6 [Life Safety Code 101 and Handbook] to
adopt the 2006 Edition of the Life Safety Code 101 and
Handbook; and amending Section 12-4 [Penalties for Violations] to provide
that the penalties apply to all provisions of Article I of Chapter 12; and
providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-O-232.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-233 Amending Section 12-81 [Purpose and Schedule] of Article IV [Fire Prevention Fees] of Chapter 12 [Fire Prevention & Protection] of the Code of Ordinances to revise and increase the fees for inspection services; and section 12-82 thereof to increase the fees for secondary inspections; and providing for publication and an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-O-225.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-234 Amending Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinance in order to adopt the version of three codes, and adoption of three others, to-wit:
1. Adopting the 2006 edition of the International Building Code amending section 7-2 and 7-2;
2. Adopting the 2006 edition of the International Mechanical Code by amending section 7-4
3. Adoption the 2006 edition of the International Residential Code by amending section 7-7
4. Adopting the 2006 edition of the International Maintenance code by adding new
5. Adopting the International Energy Conservation Code by section 7-9;
6. Adopting the 2006 edition of the International Existing Code, by adding new section 7-10;
7. Increasing the reinspection fee from twenty dollars to fifty dollars and providing for an effective date. (As amended)

Motion to postpone.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-235 Amending Chapter 25 (Plumbing)of the Code of Ordinance in order to adopt the 2006 version of some code, and adoption of two others, to-wit:

1. Amending Section 25-3 to adopt the 2006 edition of the _____ International Plumbing Code; _____ section 25-6 (International Fuel Gas Code Adopted), adopting the 2006 edition of the International Fuel Gas _____ Code; and
2. Adding new _____thereby

3. Adding new section 25-7 (International Private Sewage Disposal Code) thereby adopting the 2006 edition of the International Private Sewage Disposal Code, and increasing the re-inspection fee from twenty dollars to fifty dollars and providing for an effective date. (As amended)

Motion to postpone.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-236 Amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2005-06 annual budget by authorizing the City Manager to accept, execute and appropriate revenues and expenditures for the Local Public Health System-Office of Public Health Practices (OPHP) grant in the amount of \$306,835.00 from the Texas Department of State Health Services, and amending the Full-Time Equivalent positions (FTEs) for the City of Laredo Health Department. The term period for the grant is from September 1, 2006, through August 31, 2007.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-O-236.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-237 Amending Chapter 13, Food and Food Products, Article II, Food Products Establishments, Section 13-58, Issuance of Food Handler's Certificates, Division 3 – Employees of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances by adding section (f) to establish an on-site food service sanitation training and to establish a fee of \$250.00 per site as all other fees remain in effect; and providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-O-237.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-238 Amending Chapter 6, Animal and Fowl, Article II, Rabies Control, Sec.

Code 6-21, Immunization required for dogs and cats of the City of Laredo
(\$12.00) of Ordinances to establish a rabies vaccination fee of ten dollars
Prevention to assist with the operations of the Animal Control and Rabies
date. (As amended) Services; and providing for publication and effective

the Motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-O-238 with correction to replace
_____ word "ten" with the word "twelve".

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-239 Amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Airport
Construction Budget to recognize additional revenues from a
grant received from the Federal Aviation Administration Airport
Improvement Program Discretionary Grant being Grant Project No. 3-
48-0136-49-06 in the amount of \$7,500,000.00 to rehabilitate Phase 2 of
the General Aviation Apron, construct Phase 2 of the N.E.
Cargo Apron, construct cargo pads at the Laredo
International Airport and acquire land and appropriating said
grant revenue and local match to the appropriate expenditure
accounts and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget
amendment. The local match of five (5) percent in the amount
of \$394,737.00 is available in the Airport Construction Fund-
Land Reimbursable Account (Rash Tract).

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-O-239.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-240 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Easement and
Underground Service Agreement Document WR#5647116 with American
Electric Power (AEP) consisting of approximately 276.00
square foot tract of land for a 12 foot wide AEP easement out of Block
18, of the plat of the Laredo Airport, recorded in Volume 5,
Page 1, of the plat records of Webb County, Texas, for the
installation of electrical facilities at 4608 Daugherty at the
Laredo International Airport; providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-O-240.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

2006-O-241 Repealing City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2-Administration,
Article II- Departments, Officers and Employees, Division 1-
Generally, Sec. 2-17-Division of Departments; providing for
severability, repeal all laws in conflict, and an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-O-241.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-242 Providing for an adoption of a tax rate of \$0.637000 per \$100 value
with a

Maintenance and Operation rate of \$0.513745 per \$100 and an
Interest and Sinking fund rate of \$0.123255 per \$100 value and
for the levy and the collection of General and Special ad
valorem taxes for the City of Laredo for Tax Year 2006 and
Fiscal Year 2006-2007. (As amended and subject to approval of Motion
#18)

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-O-242.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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X. RESOLUTIONS

16. 2006-R-085 Accepting the donation of one utility easement from Delfina Z.
O'Donnell

Carlos for the extension of water and sewer services line to the San
width, containing Subdivision, Phase I. This being strip of land 15 feet in
and across Lot 1, 1,976.42 square feet or 0.05 acres, more or less, over
plat entitled "San Carlos Block 2 called to contain 1.2738 acres in a
4, Page 34, Plat Records, Subdivision, Phase I", recorded in Volume
by metes and bounds and survey Webb County, Texas; and described
and B. attached as Exhibits A

Motion to approve Resolution 2006-R-085.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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17. 2006-R-092 Authorizing the use of surplus proceeds from the City of Laredo-
Public

the Property Finance Contractual Obligations (PPFCO), Series 2003, in amount of \$25,914.00 for the purchase of toll equipment.

Motion to approve Resolution 2006-R-092.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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XI. MOTIONS

18. To provide that property taxes be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.637000 per \$100.00 value with a Maintenance and Operation rate of \$0.513745 per \$100.00 value and an Interest and Sinking fund rate of \$0.123255 per \$100.00 value and for the levy and the collection of General and Special ad valorem taxes for the City of Laredo for Tax Year 2006 and Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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the 19. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts to be adjusted for are month of August 2006, represents an increase of \$4,386.69. These adjustments are determined by Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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0 20. Consideration to award contract FY06-128 to the low bidder, Western Data Systems, San Antonio, Texas in the amount of \$48,288.35 for the purchase of a Global Positioning Satellite Surveying Equipment System for the Engineering Department. Funding is available in the department's budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Custom 21. Consideration to award contract number FY06-0122 to the low bidder, Hurd's Machinery, Harrisburg, OR, in the total amount of \$31,000.00 for the

purchase of a bomb containment transport trailer for the Police Department. Funding is available in the Police Homeland Security grant budget.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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22. Consideration to award contract FY06-125 to the low bidder, Austin Wood Recycling, Cedar Park, TX., in the estimated annual amount of \$82,500.00 for the grinding of wood waste material (brush, branches, pallets, etc.,) at the City landfill. Approximately 50,000 cubic yards of material will be proposed on an annual basis. The contract is based on a unit cost of \$1.65 per cubic yard of material. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Department Fund.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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23. Consideration to award contract number FY06-130 to the low bidder, Maverick Fence Company, Laredo, in the estimated amount of \$319,150.00 for a 3,800 foot long metal panel fence to be constructed and installed on the east side of the landfill. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Department Fund.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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24. Authorization to award a contract to Carter Burgess in the amount of \$75,096.00 to provide a feasibility study with a preliminary design of the (1) one million gallon per day UNITEC Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion. Funding is available in the 2005 Sewer Bond Issuance.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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25. Authorization to award a contract to CDM in the amount of \$283,095.00 to provide preliminary engineering for the design of the (9) nine million gallon per day South Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion. Funding is available in the 2005 Sewer Bond Issuance.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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26. Consideration for approval to award a construction contract to the lowest bidder
ALC Construction, L.L.C., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$246,408.00 for the
Water and Sanitary Sewer Improvements Phase I – Piedra China Street/Texas/Milmo
Avenue Area in South Laredo. Funding is available in the Waterworks 1997
Bond and the Sewer 2003 Bond.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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27. Consideration for approval of amendment no. 1 an increase of \$18,325.00 to
the professional services contract with Juarez Engineering Company, Laredo,
Texas, for the Water and Sanitary Sewer Improvements Phase I on the
Piedra China Street/Texas/Milmo Avenue Area in South Laredo Project
for additional design services in providing sanitary sewer improvements
on an alternate route and alignment, and surveying for utility easements. Funding is
available in the 1997 Water Bond Fund and the 2003 Sewer Bond Fund.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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28. Consideration to award contract to FY06-123 to the low bidders, Nueces Power
Equipment, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$518,390.00 for the purchase of five
(5) backhoes, one (1) pneumatic roller, one (1) double drum roller, one (1)
skid steer with attachments, five (5) equipment trailers; and Holt Caterpillar, Laredo,
Texas in the amount of \$241,662.00 for the purchase of two (2) wheel
loaders. This equipment is being purchased for the Public Works, Solid
Waste, Parks & Recreation and Utilities Departments. Funding is available in the
Capital Improvement Project (CIP) and the respective city departmental
budgets.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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29. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one voice recorder from Motorola through Houston Galveston Area Council (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Laredo Police Department in the amount of \$43,466.00. Funding will be cost shared by the 9-1-1 Regional Fund (\$25,000.00) and the Laredo Police Department (\$18,466.00).

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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30. Approving the submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development of the planning document titled, "Identify, Assist and Control: a 10-Year Plan to Eliminate Chronic Homelessness in the City of Laredo" and providing for the plan's implementation as made possible through a collaborative community effort.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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31. Authorizing the City Manager to implement the following changes in order to streamline and increase efficiency in the Ambulance Collections process:

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1. Submit application for the Section 1011 Emergency Medicine Relief for States where the federal government may reimburse the City ambulance services to non-residents; and
 2. Adoption of "Advance Beneficiary Notice Form" as related to non-payment ambulance services by Medicare; and
 3. Approve the mailing of a final collection letter on behalf of our Legal Department by the current collection agency.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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32. Consideration to award a contract to sole source provider, Transcore L.P., for the purchase of an additional 5,000 Automatic Vehicle Identification (AVI) tags for the Laredo Bridge System current toll collection system in an amount not to exceed \$175,000.00. Funding is available in the Bridge System Fund.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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33. Consideration to award a contract to sole source provider, Transcore, L.P., to upgrade twenty-one (21) lane controllers for the Laredo Bridge System current toll collection system in an amount not to exceed \$75,500.00. Funding is available in the Bridge System Fund.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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34. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Lulac Council #12 for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 in the amount of \$5,000.00. This is a Third Party contract awarded in December 19, 2005 but delayed due to lack of proper documentation which was delivered in June, July, and August of 2006. Funding is available in Hotel Motel Fund.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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35. Authorizing the City Manager to write-off 2004 ambulance antiquated accounts deemed to be un-collectible. The total amount of the write-off is \$3,341,269.20. The financial impact to the City is \$0 (zero) for the fiscal year.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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36. Authorizing the City Manager to acquire through negotiations, the "Surface Only" of Lot 6, Block 5, Rancho Viejo I, for the widening of the existing drainage channel, in order to alleviate flooding in that area. Said parcel is to be acquired in an amount not to exceed \$140,000.00, plus incidental expenses. This will be a voluntary transaction. Funding is available in the Environmental Services Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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37. Amending a contract with Crane Engineering Corporation, Laredo, Texas for \$152,956.54 to undertake the construction services for the Colonias Work Order #3 which includes water distribution lines and wastewater collection lines in 7 Colonias on Highway 359. The amendment brings the total contract amount to \$456,517.28. Funding is available in the Colonias Project Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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38. Authorizing the City Manager to extend, by an additional two months, the performance period of the existing contract between the City of Laredo and Cambridge Systematics, Inc., in association with Alliance Transportation Group, Inc. for the performance of a hazardous cargo community risk assessment and route alternative analysis. No additional funding is necessary.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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39. Ratifying the authorization of an emergency Change Order in the amount of \$17,060.77 to Turbonetics Engineering for the emergency repairs of two (2) pumps located at the Jefferson Lower Plant. Funding is available in the Water Construction Account.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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40. Ratifying the emergency authorization of Larecon, L.L.C. for the repair of an 18" sewer main collapse at the corner of Village Blvd. and San Dario Ave. in the amount of \$87,700.00. Funding is available in the Wastewater Construction Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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41. Consideration to ratify the contract expenditures of \$435,750.00 for contract FY05-123 awarded to Montemayor Construction, Laredo, Texas, for the actual quantities required by the Utilities Department for emergency asphalt repairs in the total amount of \$490,000.00. These services were needed by the Utilities Department for repairing water and sewer line breaks. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Funds.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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XII. STAFF REPORTS

42. A. Presentation by First Transit on El Metro Comprehensive Operational Analysis.

Motion to postpone.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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B. Presentation by Mario Medina, of the Texas Department of Transportation, on upcoming and ongoing transportation projects.

Mario Medina, Texas Department of Transportation, gave a presentation before the Council reporting on the projects under construction and the future projects.

C. Presentation by Alliance Transportation Group on the findings and Recommendations of a traffic circulation study in the downtown area for the International Bridge 1 "El Portal Project" with possible action.

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Director, and Scott Fieldman, Alliance Transportation gave a presentation. He said that the study area included Victoria Street on the

north down to River Road and on the west all the way to Santa Isabel with Interstate 35 the Eastern boundary. He presented a PowerPoint presentation that explained what streets are to be one way streets. He discussed areas of interests for Council including the traffic count report for each street.

XIII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

43. A. Request by Mayor Raul G. Salinas

1. Discussion with possible action regarding the continued blockage by the train at various intersections in west Laredo. (Co-sponsored by Council Member Juan Chavez.)

Larry Dovalina, City Manager, reported that the City of Laredo has radios that have the frequencies of the railroad engineers for emergency vehicles and they are called to break the trains. The City also has a proposal that will be discussed during the Strategic Session and it is part of the discussion that will be held later this week.

Cynthia Collazo, Deputy City Manager, said that the railroad company had been in touch with her, but they were unable to send a representative. She said that they are aware of "Operation Live Saver" and they are also going to work with disconnecting and connecting trains outside of the school hours so they can avoid any conflict with the children. That they also said that the Farias School Issue will be sent some special agents to make sure that no activity is being done on the railways during school hours. Finally, they said that they are working on requesting a waiver on the international crews.

B. Request by Council Member Mike Garza

1. Discussion with possible action on participating in the Inclusive Communities Program.

Cm. Garza said that this item is part of the information that is received on an on-going basis. He described the Inclusive Communities Program as follows: focus attention on the importance of value of inclusive communities; motivate cities and towns to make public commitments to building inclusive communities; provide support to local officials focused efforts around affordable housing race and ethnic relations; and equal citizen participation in community decision making.

Motion to instruct staff to prepare a resolution in the Inclusive Communities Program.

Moved: Cm. Landeck

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

C. Request by Council Member Johnny Rendon

1. Discussion with possible action to address the flooding at the west end of Belmont Plaza subdivision.

Riazul Mia, Environmental Services Director, reported that they did a study and did find a flood problem at the west end of Belmont Plaza. He said that the sewer lines were installed in 1960 and the lines need to be replaced.

Motion to install new sewer lines as soon as possible.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Ramirez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2. Discussion with possible action to move a project into the 2007 CIP listing to replace water lines and repave Retama Subdivision.

Jessica Hein, Director of Communications and Administrative Supports Services Department, reported that there is not a project to replace the water lines and repave Retama Subdivision within the 2007 Capital Improvement Plan.

Cm. Rendon explained that the Retama Subdivision is continuously having waterline breakage. He noted that staff may need to search for the funding and return to Council for approval.

Carl Schwing, Utilities Director, said that the Department is painfully aware of the waterline breaks from deteriorating lines. He reported that there are areas where the soil is not receptive to the ductile pipe and it needs to be replaced with [PVC](#) pipe.

Larry Dovalina, City Manager, explained that there are bond issuance monies that were sold by Utilities in the last two fiscal years which provided for sewer and water line replacements and part of the construction fund of Utilities has an actual construction crew. The construction crew is currently working on Overpass 1482. He explained that staff can program Retama II Subdivision into the departments program of work.

D. Request by Council Member Gene Belmares

1. Discussion with possible action on installation of street light on the 400 & 500 block of Merlin Drive, and appropriating funds from District VI discretionary funds.

This item was tabled for the next meeting.

2. Discussion with possible action on the status of the traffic light at Winfield and Alexander Estates. (Co-sponsored by Council Member Johnny Rendon)

Cm. Belmares advised that this item was brought forth because it is a new traffic light that has been designed, but he would like to incorporate it with the widening of Del Mar from Country Club to Loop 20 within the same time frame. He recognized that the engineering plans for Del Mar is at 90% completion with right-of-way acquisitions issues need to be addressed.

Roberto Santos, Superintendent for United Independent School District, went on the record supporting the light at Winfield and Alexander Estates. He expressed his concern in the removal of the current traffic light that was installed ten years ago at Alexander High School. He said that if the City removes the traffic light it would cause great safety issues for the students of Alexander.

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Director, advised that the City of Laredo does have a set of right-of-way plans that were received last week with an estimated value of one million dollars. The new plans are an amendment of the original plan which was dated May 10, 2005.

Cm. Belmares suggested incorporating the current project into the widening of Del Mar from Country Club to Loop 20.

Larry Dovalina, City Manager, said that the City had a project design that was previously done on the widening of Del Mar from where the HEB Shopping Center is to the end of Deer Creek. He added that he had instructed the City Engineer to accelerate the letting of that project so the City could get an estimate of what the cost is for that particular portion of the street. At that point, there was a development of the reserve and an ongoing discussion with the telephone company as to whether they were going to move the lines if the removal would be part of the cost needed to be absorbed by the City. The lines are going to be removed as a civic project by AT & T and that will allow the project to accelerate the middle portion of the widening. One side of the street is completely widened so the only portion of Del Mar that needs to be widened is the portion that is currently under design. The City of Laredo is trying to accelerate the

cost is of projects that are in the ground with the design so they can determine what the that particular widening to see how much money is left over out of the bond issue.

Cm. Belmares asked about the timeframe for the project.

Larry Dovalina, City Manager, said that the City needs to obtain the right-of-ways for the project. He said that when staff did the survey, they tried to address equity on the right-of-way issue. The survey said that the City has been able to approach both individual landowners on the equity issue. He also said that staff will get their approach and get their easements. In the meantime, staff will continue with the finalization of the design.

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, said the project is at a standstill until the City is able to obtain the right-of-way.

E. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Juan Ramirez

1. Discussion with possible action on the burglaries that occurred on the 1900 block of Matamoros and the 1900 block of Farragut.

Police Chief Dovalina said that there has been a total of five burglaries reported at the 1900 block of Matamoros and the 1900 block of Farragut. He advised that four individuals have been arrested in connection with those burglaries. He said that they are still working on the open burglary.

2. Discussion with possible action on improving street lights on intersection of San Jorge and Sanchez Streets.

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Director, said that there is a street light at the corner of San Jorge and Sanchez Street and he was going to change the wattage from 150 wattage to 400 wattage.

3. Discussion with possible action on removing taxi stands on Hidalgo and Salinas streets.

Mayor Pro Tempore Ramirez said that he was bringing this to Council because he had a request by the property owners to remove the taxi stand.

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Director, said that the taxi stand was issued temporarily. He informed the Council that there are two spaces available. He said that the City of Laredo is waiting on the recommendations by a consultant that has been hired to review the taxi cab industry in Laredo. The

consultant's report recommended that the City should forbid taxi cabs to have their stands on the public right-of-ways. He went on to explain that the Vehicles for Hire Ad Committee has reviewed the recommendations but they have not discussed this particular item.

Motion to remove the taxi stand on Hidalgo and Salinas Streets.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Ramirez

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 4

Against: 4

Abstain:

Cm. Garza

Cm. Landeck

Cm. Amaya

Cm. Chavez

Mayor Salinas vote in favor of removing the stand. Motion passes.

4. Requesting that the Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee on removing taxi stands from public right of ways in the downtown area, with possible action.

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Director, recommended for Council to send the item to the Traffic and Transportation Committee for recommendations.

Larry Dovalina, City Manager, said that the City of Laredo has done a study on the taxi cabs and it has been recommended for the City to remove the stands off of the right-of-ways.

Motion to send the item to the Traffic and Transportation Committee.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Ramirez

Second: Cm. Belmares

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.

44. Request for executive session pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code Section 551.071

(2) to consult with the City Attorney to obtain legal advice regarding the proposed retail lease agreement for the Bridge of the Americas Project between the City of Laredo and Khaledi Bridge of the Americas, LTD., and pursuant to V.T.C.A., Government Code Section 551.072 to deliberate the subject lease

because deliberation in open session would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City. Return to open session for discussion and possible action on the same.

Motion to go into executive session pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code Section 551.071 (2) to consult with the City Attorney to obtain legal advice regarding the proposed retail lease agreement for the Bridge of the Americas Project between the City of Laredo and Khaledi Bridge of the Americas, LTD., and pursuant to V.T.C.A., Government Code Section 551.072 to deliberate the subject lease because deliberation in open session would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City. Return to open session for discussion and possible action on the same.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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

Motion to postpone for two weeks and direct City Manger to provide position of bidder.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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45. Request for executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (1) (B) to consult with the Tax Attorney representing the City of Laredo and consider a settlement offer regarding pending litigation: Cause No. 2006TXA00002-D1, the City of Laredo vs Rosa Quiroz in the 49th Judicial District of Webb County, Texas, and return to open session for possible action.

Motion to go into executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (1) (B) to consult with the Tax Attorney representing the City of Laredo and consider a settlement offer regarding pending litigation: Cause No. 2006TXA00002-D1, the City of Laredo vs Rosa Quiroz in the 49th Judicial District of Webb County, Texas, and return to open session for possible action.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

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

Motion to authorize the City Manager to accept a settlement offer regarding pending litigation: Cause Number 2006-TXA-00002-D1 City of Laredo v. Rosa Quiroz in the 49th Judicial District Court of Webb County, Texas where Defendant shall pay to the City of Laredo the sum of \$4,620 (four Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Dollars) in return for a dismissal with prejudice.

Moved: Cm. Ramirez

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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XV. RECESS AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO MUNICIPAL HOUSING CORPORATION

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

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Chavez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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46. Consideration for approval of the selection of consultant Design Group International, Laredo, Texas, for the Re-Roofing Project at the Jose Flores Apartment (25 Duplexes Complex) and approval to award an engineering contract for an amount of \$34,200.00 for design and preparation of plans and specifications. Funding is available in the Municipal Housing Corporation Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Ramirez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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

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

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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47. Consideration to award contract number FY06-132 for the purchase of natural gas for El Metro's compressed natural gas (CNG) facility. The term of the contract is

for three (3) years, subject to appropriation in future fiscal years. Funding is available in the EI Metro-Operations Fund.

The contract price shall be equal to inside F.E.R.C's Gas Market Report in the section titled "Market Center Spot-Gas Prices, for East Texas, Houston Ship Chanel" (as reported the first publication of the applicable month) plus the incremental charge plus other charges. Centerpoint Energy Services, Inc. contract is valid for one year with an automatic renewal of one year unless notice is provided thirty days prior to termination date. The bid is for Gas Market Report Index price plus: \$0.72 MMBtu; Utility and Transportation fees and charges of 1% fuel and other applicable fees and taxes (local distribution line service fee) estimated fee: \$.042/MMBtu; and an Administration Fee per MMBtu of \$.005.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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48. Consideration to award contract (FY06-107) to the low bidder, C.W. Tenorio Security, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$78,624.00 for providing security guard services for the Transit Center and Maintenance Facility. Funding is available in the EI Metro Operations and Transit Center funds.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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49. Authorizing the City Manager to adjust the number of EI Metro bus weekly service hours from 326 to 278 on route #1, Santa Maria, effective September 25, 2006, by transferring 40 service hours to route #6, Cedar; thereby increasing the number of weekly service hours to 96 to 136; and leaving eight (8) hours available to meet future high demands on other bus routes on an as needed basis.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Rendon
For: 5

Against: 3

Abstain:

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Mayor Pro Tempore Ramirez
Cm. Chavez
Cm. Garcia

50. 2006-RT-003 Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute the Texas

amount of transit Department of Transportation Grant No. 51722F7052 in the \$634,934.00 from the State Public Transportation Funds for operating assistance.

Motion to approve # 2006-RT-003.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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XVII. RECESS AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD AND RECONVENE AND ADJOURN AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL

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

Moved: Cm. Belmares
Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

I. MOTION

- 1. Awarding a construction contract to the lowest bidder, Rhino Builders LTD., Laredo, Texas, for the amount of \$1,080,327.50 to construct the 24-inch Water Transmission Line from the TAMIU Elevated Storage Tank to the intersection of Del Mar Boulevard and Bob Bullock Loop 20. Funding is available in the 2004 Water Bond Issuance.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 8
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Against: 0

Abstain: