

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M2006-R-21
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
NOVEMBER 6, 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,	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	
Gustavo Guevara, Jr.,	City Secretary
Cynthia Collazo,	Acting City Manager
Rafael Garcia,	Assistant City Manager
Horacio De Leon,	Assistant City Manager
Valeria Acevedo,	Acting City Attorney

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of July 19, 2006, July 24, 2006 and July 31, 2006.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Announcements

a. Presentation by Jessie and Gary Jacobs of \$5,000.00 to the City of Laredo Commission for Women for continued year-long programming.

Motion to withdraw this item.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Invitations

a. Announcing the "Feast of Sharing" by Bertha Mena, FOS Chair, and Arnold Davis, Co-Chair, of HEB scheduled for Sunday, November 19, 2006, at the Laredo Civic Center from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Bertha Mena, Feast of Sharing Chair, and Arnold Davis, Co-Chair, announced that HEB

Grocery is celebrating their 18th annual "Feast of Sharing" which was established to combat hunger and malnutrition throughout Texas and Mexico. She explained that the

feast is a free community event with a complete Thanksgiving Dinner and entertainment.

Recognitions

a. Honoring and witnessing Angela Achartea's noble contribution of her hair for the benefit and use of cancer patients.

Angela Achartea was presented with the La Estrella Award for her unselfish act in cutting her hair for the benefit of those afflicted with cancer and recognizing her for shining like the brilliant star and giving us all inspiration to go out and give a little of ourselves.

Communiqués

Cm. Garza said that he spoke to students at Bonnie Garcia Elementary School about city government. He continued to say that he visited Kawis Elementary where he read to students. He advised that he had met with the Acting City Manager regarding the recent administrative transition and he feels that the City of Laredo is ready to move forward with a new City Manager. He said that he has great confidence in the Council's administrative decisions.

Cm. Garcia read a poem written by a thirteen year old regarding diabetes. He also congratulated Dennis Nixon for being inducted in the 2006 Texas Business Hall of Fame. He thanked Jose Flores, Airport Director, for submitting the Noise Abatement Report in District III. He congratulated all the students that are participating in local athletics. He specifically mentioned Ivan Rodriguez from Alexander High School for representing the City of Laredo at state in the Cross Country. Finally, he thanked the City of Laredo for the overwhelming response and support at the ALS Walk held at TAMU. He said that all of the monies raised in the event will stay in the City of Laredo to assist less fortunate families that are afflicted with ALS.

Cm. Landeck announced that Colonia Hermosa, a colonia in District III, would be receiving water and sewer services from the City of Laredo. He noted that the residents of the colonia are extremely excited about the services which will be provided in eight months.

Cm. Amaya thanked the sponsors and his Special Projects Committee for assisting in a steak plate sale held to provide turkeys and toys for children for the Christmas season.

Cm. Rendon encouraged the viewing public to vote in the Congressional race.

Cm. Belmares echoed Cm. Garcia on congratulating Dennis Nixon for being inducted to the 2006 Texas Business Hall of Fame. He said that Dennis Nixon is an asset to the City of Laredo and to the community of Laredo. He also congratulated the Parks and Recreation Department, parents, and students for completing another year in flag football. Finally, he expressed the importance of everyone voting in the current Congressional election.

Cm. Chavez thanked Muller Elementary school for inviting him to the Red Ribbon Week.

Mayor Pro Tempore Ramirez thanked everyone that participated in the clean up day at Seven Flags Park.

Mayor Salinas made note that he has recently visited several schools to kick off their Red Ribbon "Say No to Drug Campaigns". He saluted Laredo Independent School District and United Independent School District for doing such an excellent job with the students of Laredo. He announced that he had met with Governor Lazaro Cardenas Patel from Morelia, Mexico to talk about the Lazaro Cardenas Project. He said that there is a lot of exciting discussions taking place between the City of Laredo and individuals from Mexico. He advised that he is totally committed to bringing better paying jobs to the City of Laredo. He commended the attitude of the staff for the City

of Laredo. He asked all department heads to be good examples for their employees to follow. Finally, he mentioned that he would be asking everyone to join in by making Laredo a safer place to live. He said that crime fighting is a unified effort from all entities and citizens.

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- Trade a. Creating and naming members to a Blue Ribbon Committee for International Trade comprised of representatives from both sides of the border.

Rafael Garcia, Assistant City Manager, as Staff Liaison

- 1) Eduardo Garza, UniTrade
- 2) Dr. Hector Farias
- 3) Mr. Pablo Garza
- 4) Glafiro Salinas
- 5) Salvador Rosas
- 6) Hemergildo Gonzalez
- 7) Carlos Garcia
- 8) Jose A. Valdez
- 9) Frank Quezada
- 10) Federico Zuniga

Felix Canales as an alternate.

Felix will be Motion to approve with the following amendments. Carlos Garcia will replace Canales and Frank Quesada and Federico Zuniga will be included. Felix Canales an alternate.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Ramirez

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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- public b. Creating and naming the members to a Blue Ribbon Committee to address local health issues comprised of medical professionals and concerned citizens.

Dr. Hector Gonzalez, Health Department Director, as Staff Liaison

- 1) Dr. Ralph Nimchan
- 2) Dr. Arturo Garza-Gongora
- 3) Dr. Gladys Keene
- 4) Elmo Lopez, CEO, Doctor's Hospital
- 5) Abe Martinez, CEO, Laredo Medical Center
- 6) Gilda Villarreal, RN, Doctor's Hospital
- 7) Dr. Susan Walker, TAMIU
- 8) Dr. Reynaldo Godines, Alternate

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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and c. Appointment by Council Member Johnny Amaya of Mireya Menchaca to the Parks Recreation Advisory Committee.

Motion to approve with correction of Menchaca to Mancha.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Individual public hearing for the voluntary annexation of seven (7) tracts of land (Tract 1: U.I.S.D. Tract– 33.19 acres, more or less; Tract 2: Tanquecitos Tract– 52.94 acres, more or less; Tract 3: Alarcon Tract – 1.85 acres, more or less; Tract 4: Hurd Tract – 21.09 acres, more or less; Tract 5: 4 V Holding Tract – 44.53 acres, more or less; Tract 6: Key Energy Tract – 2.45 acres, more or less; Tract 7: Gutierrez/Izaguirre Tract – 7.71 acres, more or less), for a total of 163.76 acres, more or less, as described in the attached tract summaries, as required by Section 43.063 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Motion to open the public hearing for Tract # 1.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Motion to open the public hearing for Tract # 2.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

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For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Motion to open the public hearing for Tract # 3.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

8

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Motion to open the public hearing for Tract # 4.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Motion to open the public hearing for Tract # 5.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

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For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Motion to open the public hearing for Tract # 6.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Motion to open the public hearing for Tract # 7.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

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 authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a nationalization of vehicles enterprise on Lots 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9, Block 605, Western Division, located at 2619 San Dario Avenue. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit. (District IV)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Ron Whitehawk, on behalf of the seller and buyer, explained that the said property is large enough for the property owners to establish a nationalization business. He noted that the owners have agreed to several amendments that should assure success of the business. He reminded Council Members that Laredo is the "Gateway to Mexico" and the nationalization business is a predominate business because of our access to Mexico.

Motion to close the pubic hearing and introduce and revisit in six months to make sure that the applicant is complying with all of the conditions.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Introduction Ordinance: Cm. Amaya

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

City of Laredo by rezoning 4.91 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located on the south side of Lomas del Sur Boulevard and west of future Ejido Avenue, from AG (Agricultural District) to B-1 (Community Business District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change. (District I)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the pubic hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Introduction Ordinance: Cm. Garza

4. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning of 6.15 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located south of Lomas del Sur Boulevard and west of future Ejido Avenue, from AG (Agricultural District) and R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change. (District I)

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Introduction Ordinance: Cm. Garza

5. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending Chapter 24, Article IV, effects of districts and general regulations section 24-63.2: permitted land uses of the Laredo Land Development Code, to designate an adult day care center as an allowable land use in a B-4. (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date. (All)

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. Belmares
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Introduction Ordinance: City Council

6. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending Chapter 24, Article IV, Supplementary Zoning District Regulations Section 24-65.14: B-4 Highway Commercial District, Paragraph (16) Amusement Redemption Machine Establishment Provisions, Subparagraphs (a) (4) and (c), of The Laredo Land Development Code, by deleting Subparagraphs (a)(4), which establishes location requirements of one thousand (1000) c feet of another Amusement Redemption Machine Facility, and amending (c), which establishes measurement criteria for Amusement Redemption Machine Establishment, providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Ron Whitehawk spoke to offer some suggestions regarding the amusement redemption machines including amending the 200 sq. ft. requirement.

Motion to change to distance requirement for redemption machines to 200 feet.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce as amended.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Introduction Ordinance: City Council

7. Public hearing and introductory ordinance providing for the adoption of a limitation on the total amount of taxes that may be imposed by the City on the residence homestead of a disabled individual or an individual 65 years of age or older pursuant to Section 1-b (h), Article VIII, Texas Constitution and in accordance with Subtitle C, Chapter 11, Section 11.261 of the Texas Property Tax Code. Once approved the City of Laredo may not repeal or rescind this limitation.

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. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Introduction Ordinance: City Council

8. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute Interlocal Cooperation Contract with the Texas Department of Public Safety and adopting Chapter 706 Transportation Code "Denial of Renewal of License for Failure to Appear" and authorizing the collection of \$30.00 administrative fee per case reported as per Section 706.006 Transportation Code, and amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20, Section 20-37, by adding Subsection (k) and providing for severability, publication and 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. Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Introduction Ordinance: City Council

9. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2006-2007 General Fund by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$144,235.00 for the lease purchase financing of necessary cardio and strength equipment for the recreation centers and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget amendment. Funding for the lease will be contingent on funding availability for the current and subsequent three fiscal years.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Carlos Blanco asked if the \$144,235.00 would be distributed to all the recreational centers. He also asked if the City of Laredo has defibrillators at the Recreational Centers.

Mike Pescador, said that the funds for equipment are for five recreational centers. He also said that the machines will be for strengthening purposes only.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Introduction Ordinance: City Council

10. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Waterworks Fund by drawing down \$100,000.00 from the Waterworks opening balance and appropriating the \$100,000.00 to Utility Billing Division. These funds will be used for the acquisition of meter reading hardware/software equipment.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There is 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

11. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Airport Construction Fund revenues and expenditures

by recognizing the Maintenance Program (RAMP) from the Airport Operating Fund and by \$40,000.00. Funding is available in Grant, providing for an effective date.

Texas Department of Transportation Routine Airfield Grant for \$50,000.00, transferring out \$20,000.00 increasing the RAMP Grant expense account Airport Construction Fund 2007 RAMP

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There is 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

12. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept payment in the amount of \$30,939.28 on behalf of KLLM, Inc, as settlement arising from accident at US 59 and Springfield that resulted in damages to City property and to amend the City of Laredo FY 2006-2007 Traffic Signal Budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures for the purchase of replacement equipment and materials utilized at this intersection and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There is no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

13. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2006-2007 annual budget by reducing the amount by \$43,980.00 to reflect the actual amount of \$56,917.00 from the South Texas Development Council for the HIV/AIDS Health and Social Services Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for a seven (7) month term beginning September 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There is no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

14. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into agreement with the Drug Enforcement Administration in the amount of \$15,573.00 and amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Annual Budget by \$429.00. The agreement's purpose is to reimburse costs for overtime incurred by the Laredo Police Department in providing resources for OCDETF (Organized Drug Enforcement Task Forces). The term of this agreement is for October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There is no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

15. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Contractual Obligation Fund by appropriating \$30,000.00 from a trade-in of fire equipment and appropriating the same increase funding for Fire Department equipment.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There is 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

16. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of Laredo, Texas, Public Property Finance Contractual Obligations, Series 2006, in the principal amount of \$3,680,000, for the purchase of police department fire suppression system equipment for computer/dispatch radio room, police cars, cameras and radios for patrol cars, police cameras, police weapons, computer hardware and related software for fire department, fire trucks, trailers, cars, vans, ambulances for EMS, heart monitors for generators, municipal department trucks, vehicles, backhoes, street sweepers, trailers, street striper equipment, signal solar powered message display, movable filing system, computer related hardware and software for city departments and animal cages; authorizing amendment to City's budget to appropriate such proceeds for purposes authorized herein; approving sale of contractual obligations; authorizing the execution of a private placement letter; and ordaining other matters relating to the subject.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There is 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

17. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances as follows: Chapter 2, Article II, Division 3, Section 2-61(a) Military Leave, Subsection (3) to include those employees that have been called for active duty locally for the purpose of the border/security operations also known as Operation Jump Start.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Dan Migura, Human Resources Department, advised that the prior Council instructed for staff to do a base salary differential on military leave.

Cm. Garza expressed his interests into amending the pay for individuals who serve overseas or in combat.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

18. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending Chapter 14, Garbage, Trash and Refuse Article II, rates for garbage and refuse collection and landfill operations, Section 14-9, Rates, of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances by changing Section (a) to increase the garbage collection fee to nine dollars (\$9.00) per month as passed by motion of City Council at the August 8th budget workshops, and to change section (3) to add inter-local agreements and to stipulate a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) per ton for residential garbage; to change Section (l) to modify the landfill days of operation to be closed Sundays; and to provide for effective date sixty (60) days from date of introduction and publication one (1) time in a newspaper of general circulation in Laredo, Texas.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Oscar Medina, Solid Waste Director, explained that the thirty dollars is for cities or counties outside of the City.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Chavez

For: 7

Against: 1

Abstain:

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Mayor Pro Tempore Ramirez

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

19. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Estoppel Certificate and Lessor's Approval of Assignment of the lease agreement approved by Ordinance No. 2001-O-042 dated February 20, 2001, as amended between the City of Laredo, as Lessor, and FedLaredo Partnership, L.P., a Pennsylvania limited partnership. Said lease agreement is to D & P Enterprises, a Nevada Corporation, as Assignee, for approximately 2.82 acres at the Laredo International Airport; providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

20. Designating as a one-way eastbound that three (3) block section of Zaragoza Street, between Convent Avenue and Santa Maria Avenue; as a one-way southbound that two (2) block section of Santa Maria Avenue, between Grant Street and Water Street; as a one-way northbound that two (2) block section of Convent Avenue, between Water Street and Grant Street; and as a one-way westbound that six (6) block section of Grant Street, between Convent Avenue and Santa Cleotilde Avenue, providing for the installation of appropriate signs to indicate one-way traffic in the designated directions and providing for publication and effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

21. Amending Ordinance No. 2002-O-265 by authorizing the City Manager to execute a site ground lease agreement addendum by and between the City of Laredo, a municipal corporation and San Antonio MTA, L.P. D/B/A Verizon wireless, to that certain ground lease dated October 21, 2002, a copy of

which is attached hereto and made a space area at 8711 McPherson by 297 square feet described on the attached Exhibit B-1; and

part hereof, to increase the overall ground feet to approximately 0.015 acres as

- 1. Annual rent will be increased by \$7,500.00 per annum prorated to coincide with the anniversary of the lease commencement date and on the first day of each year of the lease commencement anniversary date thereafter.
- 2. All other terms and conditions of the lease remain in full force and effect.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

22. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey two easements to AEP Texas Central Company to provide electrical power to the El Portal Plaza and to the plaza entrance monument. Said easements being:

- (1) a 144 square foot tract of land out of Block 08-B, Western Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas; as described by Metes and Bounds and Survey attached as Exhibits A and B, and
- (2) a 1,180 square foot tract of land out of Block 08-B, Western Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas; as described by Metes and Bounds and Survey attached as Exhibits C and D; and providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive the final readings of Ordinances # 2006-O-258, # 2006-O-259, # 2006-O-260, # 2006-O-261, # 2006-O-262, # 2006-O-263, # 2006-O-264, # 2006-O-265, # 2006-O-266, # 2006-O-267, # 2006-O-268, # 2006-O-269, # 2006-O-270, # 2006-O-271, # 2006-O-272, # 2006-O-273, # 2006-O-274, # 2006-O-275, # 2006-O-276, # 2006-O-277, # 2006-O-278, # 2006-O-279, # 2006-O-280, and # 2006-O-281.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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23. 2006-O-258 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 4.37 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located north of Lomas del Sur Boulevard and East of Business 83, from AG (Agricultural District) to B-3 (Community Business District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change. (District I)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-258.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

2006-O-259 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning

Avenue, Lot 5, Block 493, Eastern Division, located at 4404 Marcella from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Commercial District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change. (District V)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-259.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-260 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning

Exhibit 8.15 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached (Single "A", located south of Hwy 359 East of Rita Road, from R-1 District). The Family Residential District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change. (District II)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-260.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-261 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning

attached Exhibit 4.72 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in of Lomas del Sur "A", located on the east side future Ejido Avenue north District) to B-1 (Limited Commercial District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change. (District I)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-261.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-262 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning

San
1 (Limited
Commission
change. (District

Lot 3, Block 20, Calton Gardens Subdivision, located at 5009 Francisco Avenue, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-Commercial District). The Planning and Zoning recommended denial of the zone V)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-262.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-263 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by trophy Subdivision Unit V, Planning and Zoning Commission of the zone change. (District V) (As

authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a home occupation business on Lot 402, Block 20, Hillside Terrace located at 109 Kansas Street. The recommended approval amended)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-263.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-264 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by Lots 6 and 7, Ursula Avenue, Commission recommended Permit. (District VIII)

authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a bus terminal on Block 176, Western Division, located at 1020 Santa Suites 3 and 4. The Planning and Zoning approval of the Conditional Use

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-264.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-265 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning attached "Exhibit (Community

.509 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in A", located at 4819 San Bernardo Avenue, from B-3 Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial

District). The Planning
approval of the zone change.

and Zoning Commission recommended
(District VII)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-265.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-266 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 3, 4 and 10-16, Block 2130, Lots 12-16, Block 2131, Lots 1-7 & 10-16, Block 2134, all of Block 2135, all of Block 2136, all of Block 2137 and 4.38 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located at the South termination of Gates Street and Loring Avenue, from AG (Agricultural District), R-2 (Multi-family Residential District), R-3 (Mixed Residential District) and B-1 (Limited Commercial District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change. (District III)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-266.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-267 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a direct aid grant from the Texas State Library Loan Star Libraries Program in the amount of \$14,736.00 for new computers and equipment and amending the City of Laredo FY 2006-2007 Annual Budget to reflect revenues in the amount of \$960.00 and expenditures in the amount of \$2,236.00.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-267.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-268 Amending Ordinance No. 2006-O-185, dated August 28, 2006, which authorized the City Manager to accept a \$5,000.00 donation from AT&T and amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 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 adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-268.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-269 Amending Ordinance No. 2006-O-209, dated September 5, 2006,
which

Paul Laredo's 2006
appropriating revenues and
\$3,000.00 in the form of a donation for the
perimeter fence at the Eastwoods Park.

authorized the City Manager to accept a \$3,000.00 donation from
Young Properties, LTD, and amending the City of
Certificate of Obligation Bond Fund by
expenditures in the amount of
purpose of building a

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-269.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-270 Amending the Code of Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Chapter 2,
Article V. Boards, Commissions, Councils, etc., Division 4.
Convention by amending & Visitors Bureau Advisory Board, Sec. 2-227. Meetings,
Sections F and G, to address member absences.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-270.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-271 Amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2006-2007 annual budget
by

Laredo to purchase outlay equipment. Items equipment and other needed items. Funding is Trust Fund opening balance.

appropriating expenditures in the amount of \$546,000.00 in the
Police Department Trust Fund. Funding will be used
operational materials and supplies and capital
include computer support
available in Police

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-271.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-273 Amending Chapter 32, Vehicles for Hire, Article II, Taxicabs, Division 6, Fares, Section 32-69.1, Fares Generally of the Code of City of Laredo, to increase the taxicab fares, and severability and an effective date. (As amended)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-273.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-274 Amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2006-2007 annual budget for the South Texas Regional 9-1-1 System Fund by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$157,476.00. The Commission on State Emergency Communications provided a subsequent allocation to the South Texas Region for the period of September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-274.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-275 Amending the City of Laredo FY 2006-2007 annual budget by grant appropriating \$247,582.00 in additional revenues and accepting a the estimated from the Texas Department of State Health Services in amount of \$3,761,058.00 for the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program for the City of Laredo Health Department beginning October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007; and amending the FY 2006-07 Full Time Equivalent Positions by .5.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-275.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-276 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with M & M Air Cargo and Delivery Service, Inc. for approximately 11,988 square feet constituting Sections 2 and 3 and Building No. 170 located at 5103 Maher Avenue at the Laredo International Airport. Lease term is for five (5) years commencing on May 1, 2006 and ending on April 30, 2011. Monthly rent shall be \$5,275.00 and will be adjusted annually according to changes in the Consumer Price Index; providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-276.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-277 Authorizing the City Manager to grant a Right-of-Entry to the United States of America in the area encompassed by the following City-owned Blocks, for use as a work area for environmental exploration and survey, Southward and Eastward up to Tilden Avenue, including any public right-of-way abutting said blocks and any river vega land. Said Blocks being delineated on attached copy of City Plat: all of Blocks 015, 016, 017, 018, 019, 57, & 58, Eastern Division, City of Laredo and all of Blocks 414, 415, 416, 425, 612, 629, 630, 644, 645, 658, 659, 666, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, & 680, Western Division, City of Laredo. Said Right-of-Entry being described on attached Exhibit 1; and providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-277.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-278 Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate a lease with UETA of Texas, Inc. Hollywood, Florida for the lease of a parking lot located on a tract of approximately 82,823 sq. ft. of vega land bounded by Main Avenue, Ventura Street, River Road and Santa Cleotilde Avenue currently known as the Rio Grande Plaza Hotel parking lot. UETA of Texas, Inc. has proposed to lease from the city this tract of land at a yearly rate of \$52,000.00. The initial term of this lease contract shall be for a period of twenty years with an option to renew for one additional ten year period. A market analysis will be conducted every five years to determine the fair market

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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X. RESOLUTIONS

24. 2006-R-103 Consideration to authorize the City Manager to submit a grant application to the South Texas Development Council (STDC) in the amount of \$40,000.00 with no matching funds. Funds will be used to buy an industrial grade paper shredder of \$27,000.00 to be used at the Material Recovery Center to be able to recycle paper that has sensitive information, and \$13,000.00 that will be used to promote and educate the public to recycle properly.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2006-R-103.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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25. 2006-R-105 A resolution of the Laredo City Council requesting the members of the 80th Legislative Session of the State of Texas to support increased funding for the Texas Recreation & Parks Account Local Park Grant Program and the Texas State Park System administered by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2006-R-105.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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26. 2006-R-107 Accepting the donations of seven utility easements for the installation of water and sanitary sewer improvements in the Piedra China/Texas/Milmo Avenue Area [also referred to as 'Colonia Hermosa'], these being 10 feet wide easements through the following lots in Block 1484, Eastern Division:

1. Lot 6: from Sara Mena;
2. Lot 7: from Julian Reyna;
3. Lot 8: from Daniel Vargas & Mayela Vargas;
4. Lot 9: from Julio Mares & Maria De Los Angeles Mares;
5. Lot 10: from Dora E. Fuentes;
6. Lot 11: from Javier R. Gonzalez & Nolvía F. Gonzalez; &

Emilia
attached as exhibits

7. Lot 12: from Juan Michael Benavides & Patricia Benavides; and copies of the easements are 1,2,3,4,5,6 & 7

Motion to approve Resolution # 2006-R-107.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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27. 2006-R-108 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a supplemental grant application

Laredo
2006 through

application will be for equipment and of Laredo.

to the Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority to fund the Auto Theft Task Force for the period of September 1, August 31, 2007. The supplemental will not require a match by the City

Motion to approve Resolution # 2006-R-108.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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XI. MOTIONS

28. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) in the amount of \$274,400.00 for the purchase of a computer based interactive training program for airport employees, including tenants. Funding is available in the Airport Construction Fund under Grant No. 3-48-0136-48-2006 in the amount of \$274,400.00 and the 5% land match is available from the value of the Rash tract purchase.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Mayor Pro Tempore Ramirez was chairing the meeting.

29. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a one year service agreement with Sungard H.T.E., Inc., Lake Mary, FL, for the amount of \$97,270.00. The service agreement is for service and maintenance on the financial applications residing on the

City's IBM
September 30, 2007.

iSeries computer system for the period of October 1, 2006 thru

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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30. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with the Laredo Animal Shelter for animal control services for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 in the amount of \$158,000.00 and authorizing the City Manager to sign and implement the contract. Funding is available in the General Fund Aid to Other Agencies and from the Laredo Health Department.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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31. Consideration to award a professional services contract to Dr. Guillermo Gonzalez, Laredo, Texas, in an estimated annual amount of \$40,000.00 for psychological examinations for the Laredo Police Department cadet applications and other evaluations of sworn officers. All services requested on an as needed basis. This agreement will continue annually unless written notice from either party to discontinue the services is submitted.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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32. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract in the amount of \$473,000.00 with Laredo Development Foundation for economic development. The Laredo Development Foundation's mission is to create jobs, attract industry, and enhance local business, which they do through the Industrial Attraction Division, Small Business Development Division/Center and the Special Projects Division. Funding is available in the General Fund and Bridge Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares
Second: Cm. Amaya

0 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain:

33. Extending the existence of the Traffic Calming Ad Hoc Committee to October 31, 2007 to continue addressing traffic calming issues especially as it pertains to introducing residential different traffic calming device alternatives for new and existing subdivisions.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain:

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34. Consideration to authorize the purchase of turnstile spare equipment in the amount of \$39,406.86 from sole source provider, Transcore LP, for the electronic toll collection system (hardware & software) upgrade for the pedestrian traffic at the Bridge of the Americas Modification Project, "El Portal". Funding is available in the Laredo Bridge System Fund.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain:

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35. Authorizing the City Manager to approve payment from the City's Arena Renewal and Replacement Account for the purchase of metal detectors, concourse accordion doors and dasher drapes in a total amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. Items purchased through the Renewal and Replacement Account are on a 50% cost basis to the City of Laredo and a 50% cost basis to Arena Ventures, LLC. Funding is available in Renewal and Replacement Account.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain:

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36. Consideration to authorize the purchase and installation of modular skate park ramps and amenities for the Cecilia Moreno Park from Kraftsman Playground and Park Equipment through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (Buy Board) contract pricing in the total amount of \$66,490.15. Funding is available in the CDBG 31st Action Year Block Grant.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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37. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for one additional year for contract number FY04-122, awarded to EnviroSolve, L.L.C., Tulsa, OK., in the estimated amount of \$90,000.00, for conducting two Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection events and one Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG) collection event. The term of this contract was for one year with an option to extend the contract for three, one year terms. This will be the second option year. Funding is available in the Environmental Services Department budget.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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38. Consideration to authorize the purchase of five dump trucks in the total amount of \$445,215.00, through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (H-GAC) cooperative purchasing program's contract pricing. These trucks will be purchased from Rush Truck Center, Houston, Texas. Funding is available in the Solid Waste and the Utilities Department operational budgets.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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39. Consideration to award contract FY07-016 to the low bidder, Nueces Power Equipment, Laredo, Texas in the total amount of \$259,274 for the purchase of three backhoes for the Utilities Department and one backhoe for the Solid Waste Department (Creek Cleaning). Funding is available in the Solid Waste and the Utilities Department operational budgets.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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40. Consideration to award annual supply contract number FY07-008 to the low bidders, Gray's Wholesale Tire, Forth Worth, Texas, in the estimated

amount of \$67,914.00 for the purchase of police pursuit tires; and Southern Tire Mart, Laredo, TX in the estimated amount of \$53,428.36 for the purchase of regular passenger tires. All tires will be purchased on an as need basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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41. Authorizing the sale of surplus public safety mobile and portable radios to the Zapata County Sheriff's Department in the total amount of \$60,000. The Sheriff's Department has requested sixty mobile and sixty portable public safety radios previously used by the City of Laredo's Police Department. With the implementation of the City's 800 MHz radio system these radios are no longer being utilized. All proceeds from this sale will be realized in the Police Trust Fund revenue account.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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42. Consideration to award contract number FY07-010 to the low bidders, RM Personnel, Inc. Laredo, Texas, and Staff Force, Laredo, Texas for providing temporary contract employees. Contracts will be awarded to primary and secondary vendors in order to provide the City of Laredo with a quality labor pool for those departments that might require temporary staff members throughout the fiscal year. All services will be secured on an as need basis and the estimated contract amount for this fiscal year will be \$500,000.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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43. Consideration to reject the apparent low bid of Ramos Industries to rehabilitate Phase 2 of the General Aviation Apron, construct Phase 2 of the North East Cargo Apron, and construct Cargo Pads at the Southwest Apron in the amount of \$7,377,195.50 and consideration to award the bid to Price Construction the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$7,477,980.90 for said construction work. Funding is available in Airport Construction Fund - FAA Grant No. 49.

Motion to postpone.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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44. Consideration for approval to award a construction contract to the lowest bidder Restek, Inc., Austin, Texas, in the amount of \$432,637.90 for the Laredo Colombia International Bridge Superstructure Rehabilitation. Funding is available in the Bridge System – Revenue Bond Series 2005A.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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45. Consideration for approval of change order no. 2 an increase of \$35,324.73 for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place, acceptance of the Engineered Materials Arresting System (EMAS) at the end of Runway 35L at the Laredo International Airport and approval of final payment in the amount of \$198,772.32 to Price Construction, Inc., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$1,323,543.82. Funding is available in the Airport Construction Fund – FAA Grants No. 44 and 48.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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46. Consideration to award a professional service contract to Bexar County Forensic Science Center, San Antonio, Texas, in an estimated annual amount of \$140,000 for criminal investigation laboratory services for the Police Department. All services are requested on an as needed basis. Services include examination of evidence involving: arson, controlled substances, DNA, firearms, tool marks, toxicology, serology, and other services required for criminal investigations. This agreement will continue annually unless written notice from either party to discontinue the services is submitted.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares
Second: Cm. Amaya

0 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain:

47. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Homeland Security Grant Program Sub-Recipient Grant Adjustment Agreement between the City of Laredo and the Governor's Division of Emergency Management (GDEM) to perform certain project tasks for the period beginning July 1, 2006 and ending February 28, 2008 and accepting the total grant adjustment award in the amount of \$221,463.04.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain:

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48. Rescinding a motion passed by City Council on August 8, 2006 to change the city lawn clipping and branch pick up service schedule from once per week to once per month and to return the lawn clipping and branch pick up service schedule to once a week for city residents.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain:

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49. Consideration to award contract number FY07-026, to the low bidders, Rodriguez Pipe & Steel, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$38,274.00, for the purchase of assorted steel fence material. These materials will be purchased for ongoing security upgrade project at the Laredo Police Department. Funding is available through the 2000A CO issue account.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain:

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XII. STAFF REPORTS

50. A. Presentation by Butch Gaut of First Transit on El Metro's Comprehensive Operational Analysis.

Butch Gaut, Project Manager for First Transit, informed Council that it has been ten years since the City of Laredo initiated a Comprehensive Operational

Analysis. He pointed out that the analysis was not designed to be a cost saving analysis rather a study to balance the operational cost within the system. He said that the analysis indicated that the EI Metro has more strengths than weaknesses. One of the strengths is the EI Metro Transit itself which allows for individuals to transfer as easily as possible. He said that the City of Laredo has very high passenger productivity. He noted that a copy of the analysis has been submitted to the EI Metro Committee for review and recommendations.

August B. Presentation by Andrea Thomas of National Service Research on the City of Laredo's Citizens Survey results conducted during the months of July and 2006.

Andrea Thomas, of National Service Research, said she worked with city staff on the survey to provide a benchmark for the department. She informed Council that 500 surveys were equally distributed to each district. She advised Council that the survey indicated that citizens are generally satisfied with City services. She discussed some of the results and explained that she can provide them to Council Members upon their request. She noted that the main concern for the citizens of Laredo had to do with neighborhood crime, drugs, gangs, and traffic congestion.

XIII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

51. A. Request by Mayor Raul G. Salinas

1. Discussion with possible action on creating a committee to address substance and drug abuse issues in the city and for the City Council to participate by appointing the members of the group.

Motion to postpone.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2. Discussion with possible action to amend the Priority Procedures manual for the Mayor and City Council, specifically the section entitled Priority II, item IV. Agenda, by adding a citizen comments section under "Communications and Recognitions."

Postponed.

B. Request by Council Member Mike Garza

1. Discussion with possible action on the naming of City facilities.

Cm. Garza requested drafting an ordinance that would name City facilities in memoriam to an individual.

Miguel Pescador, Parks & Recreation Director, said that Melissa Saldana, Assistant City Attorney, is working on a draft ordinance for an adhoc committee to review on the naming of city park facilities.

C. Request by Council Member Dr. Michael Landeck

1. Discussion with possible action regarding the process of the search for a new City Manager. (Co-sponsored by Council Member Juan Chavez)

This item was not discussed.

2. Discussion with possible action regarding the request for payment of Larry Dovalina in conjunction with termination of his contract as of October 24, 2006.

Cm. Landeck suggested sending the contract of the previous City Manager, Larry Dovalina, to a law firm outside the City management. He said that the Mayor should make recommendations as to what law firm should review the contract.

Cm. Belmares expressed his concerns in hiring a law firm to review the prior City Manager's contract.

Cm. Landeck responded by saying that he did not hire/fire the other City Managers. He said that he has reviewed Larry Dovalina's contract and he has many questions regarding the resolution.

Motion to authorize Mayor Salinas to seek a legal firm to interpret the contract and provide Council guidance.

Moved: Cm. Landeck
Second: There was no second.

Cynthia Collazo, Acting City Manager, said that she had asked for an opinion from the external auditors and they said that the salary is part of the severance pay.

D. Request by Council Member Johnny Amaya

Block District of 1. Discussion with possible action to allocate \$45,000 in Community Development Grant funds, previously allocated for the acquisition of property in City Council IV, to be used to fund sidewalks, speed humps and the purchase and installation of sunshades at various parks.

This item was not discussed.

2. Discussion with possible action on the installation of speed humps on the 3400 block of Buenavista from Saunders to Bartlett; on McClelland from San Jose to Plum; on the 1800 block of San Jose from McPherson to McClelland; and appropriating \$18,000.00 from District IV discretionary funds.

This item was not discussed.

E. Request by Council Member Johnny Rendon

1. Status report of the Gale Street bridge, with possible action.

This item was not discussed.

F. Request by Council Member Gene Belmares

traffic 1. Discussion with possible action on securing funding for the San Isidro/McPherson light.

This item was not discussed.

500 funds. 2. Discussion with possible action on the installation of a speed humps on the 400 & blocks of Merlin Drive, and appropriating funds from District VI discretionary funds.

This item was not discussed.

Sub-Committee, with City 3. Discussion with possible action on elevating the Park Dedication Ordinance Committee from Planning and Zoning to a City Council Ad Hoc Council reappointing its current membership. (Co-sponsored by Council Member Dr. Michael Landeck)

Parks prior to Cm. Belmares stated that the newly drafted ordinance should be reviewed by the and Recreation Advisory Board and the Planning and Zoning Commissioners being presented to City Council.

Remy Salinas, Park Dedication Ordinance Sub-Committee member, advised Council that the said committee has not progressed because of several members who have special interest. He noted that in his opinion their conflict of interested does not allow them to be objective. He suggested reappointing individuals for the committee.

Orlando Navarro, Planning & Zoning Commissioners, stressed the importance of the committee and its goal to thoroughly research criteria and fees before making decisions regarding the new ordinance. He also explained that the committee had delays when the City of Laredo held their election and new commissioners were appointed. He commended the new selection of commissioners.

Nathan Bratton, former Planning and Zoning Commissioner, assured Council that all information will be presented to the City of Laredo Council for ultimate decisions. He confirmed that the city election did delay the progress of the committee. He explained that when an individual looks at the magnitude of what the ordinance will cover it is prudent to draft the ordinance correct the first time. He noted that all issues must be researched and reviewed.

G. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Juan Ramirez

1. Discussion with possible action on allowing vendors to resubmit bids for the available sites located at following intersections: Grant and Salinas; Farragut and Flores; Convent and Iturbide; Lincoln and Convent; Hidalgo and Convent; Zaragoza and Convent; Salinas and Lincoln; Santa Maria and Zaragoza; and Flores and Hidalgo.

This item was not discussed.

2. Discussion with possible action regarding juvenile delinquency in our community.

This item was not discussed.

3. Discussion with possible action on paving Moctezuma from Flores to Convent and appropriating funds from District VIII discretionary funds.

This item was not discussed.

4. Discussion with possible action on financial report for LEC.

This item was not discussed.

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.

10:01 p.m. Mayor Pro Tempore Ramirez announced that Mayor Raul G. Salinas left before deliberations in Executive Session.

52. Request for Executive Session pursuant to the V.T.C.A., Government Code Section 551.071 (2) to consult with its attorney to obtain legal advice regarding the proposed retail lease agreement for that tract of real property located downtown referred to as the Bridge of the Americas Project, between the City of Laredo and Khaledi Bridge of the Americas, LTD, and pursuant to the V.T.C.A. Government Code Section 551.072 to deliberate the subject lease because deliberation in an open session would have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the city and return to open session for discussion and possible action on same.

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to the V.T.C.A., Government Code Section 551.071 (2) to consult with its attorney to obtain legal advice regarding the proposed retail lease agreement for that tract of real property located downtown referred to as the Bridge of the Americas Project, between the City of Laredo and Khaledi Bridge of the Americas, LTD, and pursuant to the V.T.C.A. Government Code Section 551.072 to deliberate the subject lease because deliberation in an open session would have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the city and return to open session for discussion and possible action on same.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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

Motion to instruct staff to present to the Khaledi or Bridge of Americas, a contract for 22,729 sq. ft., at two dollars a square foot with incremental increases equivalent to the UETA Contract twenty years with a twenty year extension only after reappraisal in agreement to the reappraisals pre-appraised values. The Khaledis will have five days to sign the contract.

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

Against: 1

Abstain:

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Cm. Landeck

Cm. Landeck said that he is uncomfortable with the motion because if we go below the ninety (90) percent the City is exposing themselves to serious legal problems and therefore voted against it.

53. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 in order to deliberate the possible purchase, exchange, lease or value of Blocks 394 and 401, including that property previously known as Ventura Street between Santa Rita and Santa Cleotilde Avenues, Western Division, City of

Laredo, Texas, because deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City Council in negotiations with a third person; and return to open session for possible action.

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 in order to deliberate the possible purchase, exchange, lease or value of Blocks 394 and 401, including that property previously known as Ventura Street between Santa Rita and Santa Cleotilde Avenues, Western Division, City of Laredo, Texas, because deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City Council in negotiations with a third person; and return to open session for possible action.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against:

Abstain:

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

Motion to authorize the City Manager to authorize the City Manager to acquire City blocks 394 and 401 WD including the strip of land previously known as Ventura Street between Santa Rita and Santa Cleotilde Avenues in the amount not to exceed \$1,300,000.00 plus approximately \$600 closing cost. Seller will pay for the title policy.

Moved: Cm. Landeck

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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

order to deliberate on the value of, and possible exchange of an approximate 88.6913 acre tract of non-aeronautical use real property located along the east side of Bob Bullock Loop across from airport passenger terminal at the Laredo International Airport, because deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of City Council in negotiations with third person; and return to open session for possible action.

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 in order to deliberate on the value of, and possible exchange of an approximate 88.6913 acre tract of non-aeronautical use real property located along the east side of Bob Bullock Loop across from airport passenger terminal at the Laredo International Airport, because deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of City Council in negotiations with third person; and return to open session for possible action.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

0 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain:

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

non Motion to approve the public sale of an approximate 88.6913 acre tract of aeronautic user real property located along the east side of Bob Bullock across from the airport passenger terminal at the Laredo International Airport and authorizing the City

Manager to conduct said public sale in a minimum amount of \$15,860,565. Monies should be earmarked for the federal inspection facility.

uses Jose Flores, Airport Director, said that the monies would be used for multiple including the federal inspection facility. He noted that other monies could be used for federal grants with a 5% match.

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

Against: 0 Abstain:

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55. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 (1) (A) of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorneys representing the City of Laredo regarding pending litigation of Martha Escamilla, Maria Gloria Gonzalez, and Webb County vs. the City of Laredo, Cause No. 04-05-00456-CV; and return to open session for possible action.

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 (1) (A) of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorneys representing the City of Laredo regarding pending litigation of Martha Escamilla, Maria Gloria Gonzalez, and Webb County vs. the City of Laredo, Cause No. 04-05-00456-CV; and return to open session for possible action.

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

Against: 0 Abstain:

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action After Executive Session Mayor Pro Tempore Ramirez announced that no formal was taken in Executive Session. Cm. Amaya and Cm. Garcia did not participate in the deliberation.

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. Amaya
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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56. Authorizing the City Manager to award FY 07-013 demolition of substandard 8 unit apartment complex structure at 3101 E. Travis bid proposal to the lowest bidder Laredo Environmental Services, LLC, in the amount of \$16,995.00. Funding is available in the Noise Compatibility Program Fund demolition line item account.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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113 57. Authorizing the City Manager to award FY 07-020 demolition of structure at Fairway bid proposal to the lowest bidder Laredo Environmental Services, LLC, in the amount of \$21,500.00. Funding is available in Noise Compatibility Program Fund demolition line item account.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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

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

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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58. Consideration to waive bus fare collection to and from the HEB "Feast of Sharing" Sunday, November 19, 2006 as participation by the City of Laredo co-sponsoring this event, HEB will provide a \$1,250.00 contribution to offset the fares.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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59. Consideration to increase the annual supply contracts FY06-036 for the listed vendors for providing bus and van fleet parts. All items will be purchased on as needed basis. Funding is available in the EI Metro Operations Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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60. Consideration to award a contract to the sole source provider, Trapeze Software Group Inc., in the amount of \$69,350.00 for the purchase of a fixed route scheduling software. Funding is available in the Transit System Capital Grants Fund-Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant X438.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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61. Consideration to award contract (FY06-107) to the low bidder, C. W. Tenorio Security, Laredo, TX in the estimated annual 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: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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

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

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Chavez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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