

**CITY OF LAREDO  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
M2006-SC-09  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1110 HOUSTON STREET  
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040  
JULY 31, 2006**

**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	
Susan Herrera,	Deputy City Secretary
III	
Larry Dovalina,	City Manager
Cynthia Collazo,	Deputy City Manager
Jaime Flores,	City Attorney

**IV. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

Discussion with possible action.

Motion to appoint Charlie Martens to the Transportation and Traffic Committee; Dolores Bosewell to the Laredo Commission for Women; and Odie Arambula to the Historical District/Landmark Board.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**V. STAFF REPORT**

1. Submission of the proposed Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Annual Budget as per Article VI,

Section 6.02, Submission of Budget of the Charter of the City of Laredo which states that “sixty (60) days before the end of the fiscal year, or any time that, the City manger shall present to the Council, in a open public meeting, after proper public notice, and having been placed on the Council meeting agenda, a budget for the ensuing fiscal year with an accompanying message.”

Martin Aleman, Budget Director, advised the City Council that the budget process is a lengthy process which begins each year in January. He noted that it gives him great pleasure to present the balanced budget to the City Council. He said that the budget for 2006-2007 is \$392,174,549. He made note that the ending fund balance is \$87,504,397 which is an increase of 6%. He added that this budget includes a total amount of 3.6 million dollars of capital purchases throughout the funds. He submitted a copy of the budget to each Council Member for their review.

**V. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Request by Council Member Gene Belmares

1. Discussion on projected general fund revenues other than tax levy, with possible action.

Motion to waive the item.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The City Council hereby reserves the right to go into executive session at any time during this pubic meeting, if such is requested by the City Attorney or other legal counsel for the City, pursuant to his or her 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.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0