

**CITY OF LAREDO  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
M-2004-SC-01  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1110 HOUSTON STREET  
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040  
MARCH 8, 2004  
12:15 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

With a quorum present, Mayor Elizabeth G. Flores called the meeting to order.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Flores called the meeting to order.

**III. ROLL CALL**

In attendance:

Elizabeth G. Flores,	Mayor
Hector Garcia,	Council Member, District II
Johnny Amaya,	Council Member, District IV
Eliseo Valdez, Jr.,	Council Member, District V
Gene Belmares,	Council Member, District VI
Jose A. Valdez, Jr.,	Council Member, District VII
Juan Ramirez,	Council Member, District VIII
Gustavo Guevara, Jr.,	City Secretary
Jerry Cain,	Assistant City Attorney

Motion to excuse Cm. Agredano and Mayor Pro Tem Galo.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**IV. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

Motion to waive final reading of Ordinances # 2004-O-052 and 2004-O-053.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

1. 2004-O-052 An ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, finding after reasonable notice and hearing, that AEP Texas Central Company's electric transmission and distribution rates and charges within the city should be changed; determining just and reasonable rates;

adjusting street lighting charges; adopting recommendations of consultants; providing recovery of rate case expenses; preserving regulatory rights of the city; and providing for repeal of conflicting ordinance.

Rosario Cabello, Financial Services Director, explained that the City of Laredo belongs to a group of 86 South Texas cities that have come together to discuss electricity and rate cases in order to have the provider adjust its rates for service. She explained that legal counsel advised that the City should not favor AEP's plans to raise their rates but rather should demand that AEP reduce their rates by 21% within the city limits based on the current expenses on transmission and distribution lines.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2004-O-052.

Moved: Cm. Ramirez

Second: Cm. J. Valdez, Jr.

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

2. 2004-O-053 Approving an amendment to Ordinance No. 2003-O-247 dated October 6, 2003, hereby deleting the public sale of Tract B to Dr. Ricardo G. Cigarroa, L.P.; providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2004-O-053.

Moved: Cm. Ramirez

Second: Cm. J. Valdez, Jr.

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

## **V. MOTION**

1. Authorizing the award of a contract in the amount of \$190,300.00 to Wilbur Smith Associates for the development of the Laredo Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update. Funding for the project is available through the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) account using Federal Planning Grant (PL112) funds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. J. Valdez, Jr.

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## **VI. 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.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn.

**Time:** 12:37 p.m.

Moved: Cm. Ramirez

Second: Cm. J. Valdez, Jr.

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0