

**CITY OF LAREDO  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
M2010-R-01  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1110 HOUSTON STREET  
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040  
JANUARY 4, 2010  
5:30 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

With a quorum present, Mayor Pro Tempore Garza called the meeting to order.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro Tempore Garza led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ROLL CALL**

In attendance:

Mike Garza,	Mayor Pro Tempore, District I
Hector Garcia,	Council Member, District II
Michael Landeck,	Council Member, District III
Juan Narvaez,	Council Member, District IV
Johnny Rendon,	Council Member, District V
Gene Belmares,	Council Member, District VI
Jose A. Valdez, Jr.	Council Member, District VII
Cynthia Liendo-Espinoza,	Council Member, District VIII
Carlos Villarreal,	City Manager
Gustavo Guevara, Jr.,	City Secretary
Cynthia Collazo,	Deputy City Manager
Horacio De Leon,	Assistant City Manager
Jesus Olivares,	Assistant City Manager
Raul Casso,	City Attorney

Motion to excuse Mayor Raul G. Salinas and Cm. Cynthia Liendo-Espinoza.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**IV. MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes of December 21, 2009

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Cynthia Liendo Espinoza joined the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

### **Citizen comments**

Elda Granger who was with the Guardianes de Plaza Y Vias Publicos spoke against the time limitation and picking/dropping off of individuals at the San Augustine Plaza.

Francisco Javier Quintanilla asked what ordinances were in place regarding the vehicular traffic around the San Agustin Plaza.

Socorro San Miguel spoke against the action taken around the San Agustin Plaza. She also asked Council to consider the acceptance of a petition regarding the issue to remedy the issue.

Jay Johnson-Castro addressed the same issue of the San Augustine Plaza.

Israel Reyna who represents Guardianes de Plaza Y Vias Publicos asked Council to ensure that no City official or department director or those serving under them in the absence of legitimate public emergency take action that may have the effect of privatizing our public plazas and ways or the streets around it without first being considered at an official City Council meeting at which citizens may engage to oppose the action.

## **V. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

a. Appointments by City Council to the Drug and Alcohol Commission.

Motion to approve the appointments by Cm. Rendon of Javier Compean to the Drug and Alcohol Commission.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## **VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$2,300,000.00 in aggregate principal amount of City of Laredo, Texas Combination Tax And Airport Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2010B, for paying all or a portion of the City's contractual obligations incurred for the purpose of constructing and equipping a federal inspection station at the City's municipal airport and for the payment of legal, fiscal, and engineering fees in connection with such projects; authorizing the execution of an investment letter, making provisions for the security thereof; authorizing amendment to the City's budget to appropriate such proceeds for purposes authorized herein; and ordaining other matters relating to the subject.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia



to life or property in the occupancy of buildings and premises in the City of Laredo; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; repealing ordinance No. 2006-O-232 of the City of Laredo and all other ordinance and parts of the ordinance in conflict therewith; providing a saving clause; providing a severability clause; providing for publication; and providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-O-001.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2010-O-002 Amending Article VI [Investment Policy] of Chapter 2 [Administration] of the Code of Ordinances in order to:

1. Replace the word "Securities" with the word "Investment" throughout the document;
2. Grammatically modify various sections throughout the document;
3. And provide for effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-O-002.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2010-O-003 Amending the City of Laredo's 2010 General Fund Budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$1,180,351.00 from the Homeland Security Grant Program, Texas Division of Emergency Management. The use of these funds will be divided in the following manner: \$801,327.00 for an upgrade to the ASTRO 25 System Master Switch (800 MHz Trunked System) from its current System Release 7.2 to 7.7, including Integrated Voice & Data with programming Over the Air and Global Positioning System capability by the Information Services & Telecommunications Department and \$379,024.00 for the purchase of minor and capital equipment for the Police Department's Bomb Squad Unit. There are no matching funds required.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-O-003.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2010-O-004 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for an amusement redemption machine establishment on Lot 1, Block 2, Cuatro Vientos Norte

Subdivision, Phase 1, located at 3302 Chacota Street, Units 21 and 22; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-O-004.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

Cm. Narvaez

2010-O-005 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 6, Block 1693, Eastern Division, located at 2806 Clark Boulevard, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-O-005.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2010-O-006 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 1-7, Block 3; Lots 1-29, Block 2; Lots 12-23, Block 1; Lots 1-13, Block 4; Lots 1-13, Block 5; Lots 1-29, Block 6; and Lots 9-16, Block 8 of La Joya Subdivision, Phase 2, located north and south of Obsidian Boulevard and east and west of Pearl Stone Road, from R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) to R-1MH (Single Family Manufactured Housing District) providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-O-006.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2010-O-007 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 1-10, Block 488, Western Division, located at 2220 Moctezuma Street, from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-O-007.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2010-O-008 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for the storage of flammable and explosive products on Lot 2, Block 2002, South Laredo Industrial Park, located at 321 Wildcat Drive; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-O-008.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2010-O-009 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement by and between the Laredo Transit Management, Inc., (El Metro) and Bringing Everyone Special Together (B.E.S.T.) Time Bank, a Texas non-profit corporation, for the lease of building space at the Laredo Transit Center located at 1301 Farragut Street, for a monthly sum of two hundred sixty-five dollars (\$265.00) for a term of one (1) year commencing on January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 and thereafter on a month to month basis depending on B.E.S.T.'s funding availability and or Transit building lease space availability.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-O-009.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## VIII. RESOLUTIONS

4. 2010-R-001 Declaring a public necessity to utilize the area under IH-35, between Park Street, and Sanchez Street, as a parking area on February 18, 2010, for the Annual Youth Parade and on February 20, 2010, for the Washington's Birthday Parade and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Texas Department of Transportation for the use of said property.

Motion to approve Resolution 2010-R-001.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

5. 2010-R-002 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute cooperative working agreements, mutual assistance agreements, and memorandums of understanding with law enforcement agencies and organizations that provide social services, as listed on Exhibit A. The general purpose of these types of agreements are to assist these organizations in their law enforcement goals, and to refer civilians that come in contact with the Laredo Police Department to those listed social service organizations that could assist them.

Motion to approve Resolution 2010-R-002.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. 2010-R-003 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Serving Children and Adolescents in Need (SCAN), Inc. to continue the partnership for services provided by the City of Laredo Health Department. The HIV program provides HIV outreach, HIV testing, pre and post test counseling and pre-treatment services. The amount of the contract is for \$45,000.00 for the term from October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010.

Motion to approve Resolution 2010-R-003.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## **IX. MOTIONS**

7. Consideration to authorize the use of the State of Texas-Procurement and Support Services (TPASS) Division's Cooperative Purchasing Program contract awarded to fourteen (14) qualified library book vendors for the purchase of library materials. This contract will supplement the Library's ability to purchase books and audio visual materials. Funding is available in the Public Library Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

8. Consideration to award contract FY10-020 to the low bidder meeting specifications, Mark Rite Lines Equipment, Billings, Montana in the amount of \$62,445.00 for the purchase of a trailer mounted thermoplastic applicator for the Traffic Safety Department. This machine will be used for the maintenance of road marking details on City streets. Funding for this purchase is available in the 2007 C.O. Bond.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

9. Authorizing the issuance of a permit to the Streets of Laredo Urban Mall Association, for the installation of three (3) banners to be placed across the intersections of Springfield Avenue and Village Blvd., 2400 block of San Bernardo Avenue, and Jacaman Road and Sinatra Parkway. Banners are to be hung from January 5, 2010 to January 24, 2010; and require that the Streets of Laredo Association sign a release of liability to the City of Laredo.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

10. Authorizing the Washington Birthday Celebration Association (W.B.C.A.) to place two (2) temporary promotional banners for the annual W.B.C.A. festivities scheduled for January 15, 2010 through February 21, 2010. One banner will be installed on the 2400 block of San Bernardo Avenue from the period of January 25, 2010 to February 21, 2010 and the other banner will be installed at the intersection of McPherson Road and Del Mar Blvd., from the period of January 11, 2010 to February 21, 2010 and require that W.B.C.A. sign a release of liability to the City of Laredo.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

11. Authorizing the City Manager to waive parking permit fees for parking meters, no parking anytime, and loading zone areas for the 13th annual UETA Jamboozie Festival on Saturday, January 23, 2010. A total of 218 parking meters and 36 loading zones will be utilized at \$5.00 each. The total estimated revenue the City of Laredo is requested to waive is \$1,270.00.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

12. Consideration to authorize a professional service contract with Bexar County Forensic Science Center, San Antonio, TX, in the estimated annual amount of \$140,000.00 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. Funding is available in the Police Department budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

13. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Doctors Hospital of Laredo, to provide Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners who will render services on an as-needed basis, for the collection of evidence and courtroom testimony for cases involving sexual assault victims in an annual amount not to exceed \$55,000.00,

beginning January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2012. This agreement also enables the City of Laredo to be reimbursed expenses by the Crime Victims' Compensation Program of the Office of the Attorney General, for those costs associated with forensic sexual assault examinations of victims in the maximum aggregate amount of \$700.00 per victim. This agreement will allow the City to continue reviewing each future case individually for additional reimbursements by the Office of the Attorney General Crime Victims Compensation Program to the City.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

14. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Dr. Amando Garza, III who will render services on an as-needed basis, for the collection of evidence and courtroom testimony for cases involving sexual assault victims in an annual amount not to exceed \$55,000.00, beginning January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2012. This agreement also enables the City of Laredo to be reimbursed expenses incurred, by the Crime Victims' Compensation Program of the Office of the Attorney General, for those costs associated with forensic sexual assault examinations of victims in the maximum aggregate amount of \$700.00 per victim. This agreement will allow the City to continue reviewing each future case individually for additional reimbursements by the Office of the Attorney General Crime Victims Compensation Program to the City.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

15. Consideration to approve two (2) professional service contracts (FY10-005) between the City of Laredo and both David H. Cruz, MD, PA and Francisco J. Gutierrez, MD to perform drug and alcohol testing pursuant to the City's Drug and Alcohol Testing Ordinance. The term will be for one year beginning on January 1, 2010 through January 1, 2011 with a two (2) year option to renew exercisable by the City only. The cost of this one year contract is \$25,000.00 each for a total of \$50,000.00. Funding is available in the Health Benefits Fund/Employee Health Division Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

16. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to enter into contract with the firm of Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson, LLP, Corpus Christi, Texas for collection services for delinquent Municipal Court fines and fees for traffic citations; and authorizing the City Manager to sign all contract documents. The term of this contract

shall be for a period of two (2) years with an option to extend the contract for two (2), additional one (1) year terms.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 7

Against: 1

Abstain: 0

Cm. Garcia

17. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract and execute all necessary documentation pertaining to the lease/purchase of the Cigarroa Building located on 1500 Logan Avenue, with Carlaw Properties, Ltd., to be leased to the City of Laredo at the rate of \$12,000.00, per month; with an outright purchase of the building by the end of 2010, at fair market value.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## **X. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

18. A. Request by Council Member Juan Narvaez

1. Presentation by Webb County Constable Rudy Rodriguez.

Webb County Constable Rudy Rodriguez thanked the entire Council for their participation at the Navidad en el Barrio. He stated that this is the second year that the City of Laredo has worked with his department in creating a better Christmas for students throughout the City of Laredo and Webb County. He added that over 15,000 gifts were distributed including 500 bicycles and 12 lap tops.

- B. Request by Council Member Michael Landeck

1. Discussion with possible action regarding issues related to San Agustin Plaza including the possibility of voiding all the traffic/parking tickets issued in and around San Agustin Plaza during December 2009; Clarifications and statistics by the City Administration/Police Department; Presentation on San Augustin Plaza issues by Guardianas de las Plazas y Vias Publicas representatives.

Dr. Landeck said that the reason that he placed this item on the agenda is because of the continued problems at the San Agustin Plaza. He noted that he received a large amount of telephone calls of people that were saying that they were ticketed for dropping people off. He added that there is a great confusion about the tickets that were issued.

Police Chief Maldonado reported that there were 47 citations issued.

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Director, reported that the department has 851 citations not including the once given by the Police Department.

Cm. Landeck asked the City Attorney if they City Council has the authority to cancel the traffic/parking violations given around the St. Augustine Plaza.

Raul Casso, City Attorney, said that City Council lacks the jurisdiction because they are part of the legislative body and not the judiciary. He also advised Council not to make recommendations to the judiciary on how they have cases pending before them.

Mayor Pro Tempore Garza said that the prior motion made by the Council Member was to remove the barriers and return to the previous way of enforcing and return to City Council with recommendations. He added that the City may be able to create a drop off point somewhere within the downtown area and the new trolley will take them to their final destination.

Jay Johnson-Castro stated that the people were not aware that they were receiving violations because the parking enforcer ran the license plate and issued the citation. He continued to say that the plaza is a precious historical place. He advised that the plaza is the shortest point for any pedestrian to be picked up.

Carlos Villarreal, City Manager, emphasized that there are problems that need to be addressed at the plaza.

2. Discussion with possible action regarding usage and charges for the use of LEC ice rink/field by the Laredo Junior Bucks, a 501c3 organization. Presentation by representatives of the Laredo Junior Bucks organization.

Cm. Landeck reported that he included this item on the agenda after he came across information that the Junior Bucks, which is a 501 ©3 organization, hosts young students to play on the ice. He said that they pay a significant amount of money each year to the City of Laredo. He said that it is very difficult for families to raise the money for this sport.

Tomas Reyes stated that the Laredo Junior Hockey was formed in 2005 to give the youth of Laredo an opportunity and experience to enjoy ice hockey. He said that the students range in ages five to eighteen years old. He said that the group has been using the LEC for six year. He went on to say that the cost to use the facility is astronomical. He asked Council for their assistance in lowering the fee for the students to participate in ice hockey.

City Manager, Carlos Villarreal, said that he would need to review the material meet with the Jr. Bucks and return to City Council with recommendations. He voiced that he cannot open the arena up without charge because they are running on a million dollar deficit.

Cm. Garza suggested for City staff to meet with the Jr. Bucks for different proposals and return to City Council with recommendations. He said that he is curious as to what other cities do regarding their fees for using their ice. Finally, he said that this non-profit should qualify for the hotel/motel monies.

Cm. Landeck asked the City Manager to inform him about the meeting with City staff and Jr. Bucks so he can participate.

Motion to instruct the City Manager to calculate the additional cost for allowing the Jr. Bucks to use the LEC for their ice hockey. In addition, meet with the Jr. Bucks to discuss possible options.

Moved: Cm. Landeck

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## **XI. STAFF REPORTS**

19. Discussion with possible action to consider the disposition of \$389,750.93 in matching funds the City previously disbursed to the Texas Department of Transportation as the City's contribution to the cost of preliminary engineering, construction and contingencies for the rehabilitation and/or replacement of the bridge over the Kansas City Southern (KCS) railroad crossing on Meadow Avenue.

Keith Selman, City Planner, said that this is an item where staff is specifically requesting Council to give direction to take steps necessary to get back the \$389,750.93 given to TxDOT for a project on the reconstruction and design of Meadow. The project under new scoring no longer qualifies for the TxDOT and state dollars that are used for all system bridges. He added that the monies are going to be needed for matching other projects.

Motion to direct City staff to take the necessary steps in obtaining \$389,750.93 given to TxDot as the City's contribution to the cost of preliminary engineering, construction, and contingencies for the rehabilitation and/or replacement of the bridge over the Kansas City Southern railroad crossing on meadow Ave. An amendment to earmark the funds for the Quatro Vientos Road.

Moved Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

20. Presentations by Kell Muñoz Architects, Inc. (San Antonio), Gateway Planning Group (Ft. Worth), ROMA Austin Collaborative Design Studio (Austin), and Alamo Architects (San Antonio), with possible action on the selection of one of the firms for the development of the City of Laredo Downtown Master Plan.

Kell Munoz Architects, Inc. made the presentation first before the City Council.

**Kell Munoz Architects, Inc.**

## City of Laredo Downtown Master Plan

“Our experience in master planning, urban design, historic townscapes, economic development, transportation, cultural values, and community issues in the Texas-Mexico Borderlands is unique and unmatched.”

122 Year of Experience

35 Master Plan Projects

Specialists in the design of South Texas Border Architecture

20 years of successful work in Laredo

109 Design Awards

An Organizational Chart was exhibited

City of San Antonio – City South Master Plan

T-6Core, T-5 Urban Center, T-4 General Urban, T-3 Urban, T-2 Rural Reserve and T-1 Rural-Preserve

The Private Frontage is the layer between the building and the lot lines. It is as important as providing the manner in which the building façade meets the pedestrian.

- a. Common yard: a frontage wherein the façade is set back substantially from the frontage line. The front yard created remains unfenced and is visually continuous with adjacent yards, supporting a common landscape. The deep setback provides a buffer from the high speed thoroughfares.
- b. Porch & Fence: a frontage wherein the façade is set back from the frontage line with an attached porch permitted to encroaching. A fence at the frontage line maintains the demarcation of the yard. The porches shall be no less than 8 feet deep.
- c. Terrace or Light Court: a frontage wherein the façade is set back from the frontage line by an elevated terrace or a sunken light court. This type buffers residential use from urban sidewalks and removed the private yard from public encroachment. The terrace is suitable for conversion to outdoor cafes.
- d. Forecourt: a frontage wherein a portion of the façade is close to the frontage line and the central is set back. The forecourt created is suitable for vehicular drop offs. This type should be allocated in conjunction with other frontage types. Large trees within the forecourts may overhang the sidewalks.
- e. Stoop: a frontage wherein the façade is aligned close to the frontage line with the first story elevated from the sidewalk sufficiently to secure privacy for the windows. The entrance is usually an exterior star and landing. This type is recommended for ground-floor residential use.
- f. Shopfront and Awning: a frontage wherein the façade is aligned close to the frontage line with the building entrance at sidewalk ground. This type is conventional for retail use. It has a substantial glazing on the sidewalk level and an awning that may overlap the sidewalk to the maximum extent possible.
- g. Gallery: a frontage wherein the façade is aligned close to the frontage line with an attached cantilevered shed or a lightweight colonnade overlapping the sidewalk. This type is conventional for retail use. The gallery shall be no less than 10 feet wide and may overlap the whole width of the sidewalk to within 2 feet of the curb.
- h. Arcade: a frontage wherein the façade is a colonnade that overlaps the sidewalk, while the façade at sidewalk level remains at the frontage line. This type is conventional for retail use. The arcade shall be no less than 12 feet wide and may overlap the whole width of the sidewalk to within 2 feet of the curb.

Brooks City-Base Master Plan

Our Lady of the Lake University  
24<sup>th</sup> Street/Campus Commons Development  
Texas A & M International University - Phase I & Phase II  
City of San Antonio Convention Center Expansion  
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Bexar County Community Arenas Master Plans  
City of Brownsville – Downtown Revitalization Plan  
City of Roma – Visitor’s Complex & Plaza  
San Antonio – Master Plans

### **Gateway Planning Group**

City of Laredo, The Gateway City

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Transportation & Infrastructure  
Pate Engineers  
Ron Hallenberger, PE  
Mike Garza, EIT  
Arnulfo Ramirez, PE

Public Facilities Investment  
HKS Architects  
John Hutchings, AIA, LEED AP

Local Experts  
Mejia Engineering, Carlos Mejia, PE  
Howland Engineering, Robert Martinez, PE

Fiscal & Market Investment  
TXP, Inc. Jon Hockenyos

Catalytic Development  
City Visions, Barry Alberts, AICP

Downtown Governance & Entitlement  
Gateway Planning Group  
Jay Narayana, AICP

We Get Downtowns

Connecting the opportunities

Rio Grande Vega Lands  
San Bernardo

Main Street Project  
Convention Center  
El Portal  
Downtown Shopping

#### Connecting Places and Projects

Laredo Community College  
Laredo River Road  
Arts & Entertainment District  
Rio Grande Vega Lands  
San Bernardo

#### Reconnecting Downtown

Creating partnerships for Development  
Success in Downtowns

Catalytic Projects & Development, Roanoke, Texas  
Down Town Laredo Master Plan  
Facilitating Public-Private partnerships, El Paso, Texas  
Building on Success, McKinney Texas  
Waterfront Park, Historic Core, East Downtown Residential infill, Owensboro, KY  
Catalytic Projects & Development – Owensboro, KY  
Form-Based Coding  
Building on Public Investment, Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis, IN  
Building on Public Investment, Dallas Convention Center, Dallas, Texas

Creating Urban Opportunities  
Creating a destination environment, American Airlines Center, Dallas, Texas  
The Right Team for Downtown Laredo

#### **Alamo Architects** Moule & Polyzoides

Downtown Master Plan

Consultant Team

Alamo Architects  
Moule & Polyzoides  
Overall Project Leadership  
Architecture and Urbanism

Mr. + E and Urban Development Services  
Economic Analysis

TND Engineering and DeShazo Tang & Associates

Traffic, Parking and Transit

Howland Engineering and Pape-Dawson Engineers  
Civici Engineering and infrastructure

Fong Hart Schnieder & Partners and The Sage Group  
Urban and Regional Landscape

Nationally recognized firms for Transit Oriented Developments, mixed-use, streetscapes, housing, and sustainability

Expertise in both architecture and urbanism

Extensive track record assisting public clients to implement designs

Deep experience coordinating multi-disciplinary teams and facilitating an integrated public and private process.

Previous experience with Master Planning on the US – Mexico International border and throughout the Southwest

Unique Qualifications & Experience

Key Project Ingredients

Economic Development  
Integrated Land Use, Urban Design and Transportation  
Implementation – Tools and Recommendations  
Public Process

Exhibits of  
River North District Master Plan, San Antonio, Texas  
Broadway infill Development River North District Master Plan  
Avenue B Streetcar – River North District Master Plan  
The Shops at La Cantera, San Antonio, Texas  
Downtown Corridor & border Crossing Master Plan, City of Sunland Park, NM  
Santa Ana Renaissance Specific Plan, Santa Ana, CA  
Central Highland/Upper Nob Hill, Albuquerque, NM  
City of McAllen Parking Garage and Retail, McAllen  
St. Mary's St. Parking Garage and Retail, San Antonio, Texas

Vehicular and Pedestrian Traffic

Convent Street/International Bridge # 1 – Looking South  
El Portal/International Bridge # 1/Santa Maria/River Drive Parking Looking Southeast

Public Places Attract People  
Street Trees Shelter Pedestrians, Calm Traffic  
Sustainable Infrastructure Design  
Transparent Shop Fronts High light Merchandise

Comfortable Lighting Supports Safety  
Public Space Houses Community Events  
Project Approach and Schedule

Task 1: Project definition/Discovery/Outreach/Pre-Charrette Three months  
Task 2: Charrette One Week  
Task 3: Post Charrette – Refinements/Review?Comment Two Weeks  
Task 4: Master Plan Preparation Four Months  
Task 5: Adoption – Community Workshops and Public Hearings to be determined by the City.

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Catalytic Development  
City Visions, Barry Alberts, AICP

Downtown Governance & Entitlement  
Gateway Planning Group  
Jay Narayana, AICP

We Get Downtowns

Connecting the opportunities

Rio Grande Vega Lands

San Bernardo  
Main Street Project  
Convention Center  
El Portal  
Downtown Shopping

Connecting Places and Projects

Laredo Community College  
Laredo River Road  
Arts & Entertainment District  
Rio Grande Vega Lands  
San Bernardo

Reconnecting Downtown

Creating partnerships for Development  
Success in Downtowns

Catalytic Projects & Development, Roanoke, Texas  
Down Town Laredo Master Plan  
Facilitating Public-Private partnerships, El Paso, Texas  
Building on Success, McKinney Texas  
Waterfront Park, Historic Core, East Downtown Residential infill, Owensboro, KY  
Catalytic Projects & Development – Owensboro, KY  
Form-Based Coding  
Building on Public Investment, Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis, IN  
Building on Public Investment, Dallas Convention Center, Dallas, Texas

Creating Urban Opportunities  
Creating a destination environment, American Airlines Center, Dallas, Texas  
The Right Team for Downtown Laredo

Motion to approve Kell Munoz Architects, Inc. as the firm to develop the City of Laredo Downtown Master Plan.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## **XII. 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.

21. Request for executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (1)

(A) to consult with attorney on pending litigation: Juan Jose Flores D/B/A J J Flores & Roofing Co. VS. City of Laredo, Maria Peña D/B/A Rio Realty and Lucas Galvan as administrator of the estate of Gilbert Galvan; Cause No. 2009CVQ000528-D2; in the District Court 111th Judicial District 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) (A) to consult with attorney on pending litigation: Juan Jose Flores D/B/A J J Flores & Roofing Co. VS. City of Laredo, Maria Peña D/B/A Rio Realty and Lucas Galvan as administrator of the estate of Gilbert Galvan; Cause No. 2009CVQ000528-D2; in the District Court 111th Judicial District Webb County, Texas; and return to open session for possible action.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

After Executive Session Mayor Pro Tempore Garza announced that no formal action was taken

### **XIII. RECESS AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD**

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

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

22. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for annual contract FY08-025 awarded to Andy's Auto Air and Supply, Laredo, Texas in the estimated amount of \$60,000.00 for providing bus and van fleet air conditioning services for the Transit System. The term of this contract will be for a period of one (1) year. Funding is available in the Laredo Transit Management Inc., Operation Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

23. Authorizing the City Manager to waive the parking fees for persons attending the 13th annual UETA Jamboozie Festival for a donation of \$600.00 from the Streets of Laredo Urban Mall Association to assist El Metro in personnel costs, overtime and extra security for traffic and crowd control for the use of the parking facility on Saturday, January 23, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Motion to approve.

