

**CITY OF LAREDO  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
M2010-R-12  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1110 HOUSTON STREET  
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040  
JUNE 21, 2010  
5:30 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**III. ROLL CALL**

In attendance:

Raul G. Salinas,  
Mike Garza,  
Hector Garcia,  
Michael Landeck,  
Juan Narvaez,  
Johnny Rendon,  
Gene Belmares,  
Jose Valdez, Jr.,  
Cynthia Liendo Espinoza,  
Gustavo Guevara, Jr.,  
Carlos Villarreal,  
Cynthia Collazo,  
Horacio De Leon,  
Jesus Olivares,  
Raul Casso,

Mayor  
Council Member, District I  
Council Member, District II  
Council Member, District III  
Council Member, District IV  
Council Member, District V  
Council Member, District VI  
Mayor Pro Tem, District VII  
Council Member, District VIII  
City Secretary  
City Manager  
Deputy City Manager  
Assistant City Manager,  
Assistant City Manager,  
City Attorney

Motion to excuse Cm. Garza.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Mike Garza joined the meeting at 6:20 pm.

**II. MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes of May 17, 2010 & June 7, 2010

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

### III. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

#### Recognitions

- a. Recognizing Officer Albert Tijerina, City of Laredo Police Department, for his heroic CPR response to a four (4) year old found unconscious in a swimming pool on Wednesday, June 9, 2010.

Mayor Salinas and City Council publicly recognized Officer Tijerina and was presented with a Certificate of Recognition.

- A. Recognizing John Bondoc, III, a six (6) year old kindergarten student from St. Peter's Memorial School, who won first place in the national art contest sponsored by Holy Cross Family Ministries in its recent annual art contest during Catholic Schools Week.

Mayor and City Council presented John Bondoc, III a Seven Flags Certificate of Recognition.

#### Citizen comments

Mayor Salinas stated that he didn't want to do anything that would tarnish an ongoing investigation. He went on to say that he would not allow comments about the Transit insurance.

### IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the addition of a collection fee in the amount of 30% to debts and accounts receivable such as unpaid fines, fees, court costs, forfeited bonds, and restitution ordered paid by a court serving the municipality and amounts in cases in which the accused has failed to appear as provided for by Article 103.0031, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure and providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza  
Second: Cm. Valdez  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon  
Second: Cm. Narvaez  
For: 7

Against: 1  
Cm. Garcia

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- Public hearing and Introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo's *Land Development Code* to reflect the creation of an Arts and Entertainment Zoning District by: Amending Article IV, Section 24.62.1(a) Land Use Zoning District Establishment; amending Section 24.62.2 Zoning District Purpose; amending Section 24.63.2 Permitted Land Uses; amending Section 24.65 Supplementary Zoning District Regulations; amending Section 24.77 Dimensional Standards; amending Section 24.78 Off-Street Parking & Loading Requirements; amending Appendix "A", Definitions; and providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce as amended.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- Public hearing and Introductory ordinance 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 9, Block 1, Fesco Business Park, Unit One, located at 4801 Fesco Boulevard; providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the Special Use Permit. District II

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction:

4. Public hearing and Introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 8, Block 536, Eastern Division, located at 902 & 904 E. Locust Street, from B-1 SUZD (Limited Commercial District – Special Use Zoning District) to B-1 (Limited Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change. District IV

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Narvaez

5. Public hearing and Introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 6.2 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit “A”, located at 9600 McPherson Road, from R-O (Residential/Office District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change. District VI

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Belmares

6. Public hearing and Introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 6.2965 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located at 510 E. Del Mar Boulevard, from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change. District VI

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and remand it back to the Planning and Zoning Commission for further consideration as a Conditional Use Permit.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

7. Public hearing and Introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 5, Block 190, Western Division, located at 1114 San Francisco Avenue, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff does not support the application and the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended denial of the zone change. District VIII

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Carlos Enrique Cruz requested an approval on the ordinance amendment for a packing business similar to a postal service. He added that he would like to provide internet for those who do not have a credit card.

Motion to close the public hearing and table.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

8. Public hearing and Introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for electronic displays on Lots 1, 2, 8, 9 and 10, Block 281, Western Division, located at 1 South Main Avenue; providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the Special Use Permit. District VIII

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

## **V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES**

9. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a first amendment to ground lease (Flores Street) by and between the City of Laredo, a Municipal corporation (landlord), and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, (tenant), formerly known as or a successor-in-interest to Texas/Illinois Cellular Limited Partnership, by its general partner, Southwestern Bell Wireless, Inc., dated July 19, 1999 and attached hereto; to allow landlord to modify landlord's lease area location described in exhibit A with area location as described in exhibit A-1; to modify the base rent from \$14,740.00 to \$16,939.96 yearly; and to allow tenant to modify the notice section therefore; all other terms and conditions remain.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

10. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Promissory Note and a Contract for Loan Guarantee Assistance to provide for the refinancing of the City of Laredo's Section 108 Loan balance of \$765,000.00 in the July 21, 2010 Public Offering which will generate an estimated savings in interest of \$296,709.00 through the remainder of the loan. The savings could vary slightly depending on the actual rates. The existing Section 108 Loan in the original amount of \$1.7 million supported the restoration and conversion of the Hamilton Hotel to elderly housing. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

## **VI. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

Motion to waive the final readings of ordinances 2010-O-074, 2010-O-075, 2010-O-077, 2010-O-078, 2010-O-079, 2010-O-080, 2010-O-081, and 2010-O-082.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to waive the final reading of ordinance 2010-O-076.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

11. 2010-O-074 Recognizing the following organizations and expressing gratitude for their contribution to the City's Keep Laredo Beautiful Program, authorizing City Manager to accept said contributions and amending the FY 2009-2010 Keep Laredo Beautiful Annual Operating Budget by appropriating the said revenues and expenditures:

Gateway Rotary Club Grant	\$5,400.00
Associated Publishing	\$3,600.00
Keep Texas Beautiful	\$3,000.00
White Directory Publisher	\$2,250.00
Gateway Rotary Club	\$2,000.00
HEB Food Stores	\$1,500.00
Hearst Services	\$1,400.00
Earth Day booth fees	\$1,350.00
Council Contributions	\$1,200.00
Topaz Power	\$1,000.00
TAMIU Co-op	\$ 333.34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,033.34</b>
(As Amended)	

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-O-074.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2010-O-075 Authorizing the acceptance of \$2,250.00 as a contribution from Mall Del Norte for co-op promotional marketing funds for the purpose of shopping destination promotion and amending the City of Laredo FY2010 Convention & Visitors Bureau Budget by appropriating the contribution of said funds for CVB Marketing Division expenses.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-O-075.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2010-O-076 Amending Division 3 (Rates and Charges), Article III, (Water) of Chapter 31 (Utilities) of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, specifically section 31-138 which provides for water rate charges, by implementing a meter-size based minimum charge structure over a five (5) year period for all customer classes; by increasing the residential and commercial/multi-family minimum charges and volumetric rates each year from October 2010 to 2014 at the levels indicated in the rate tables provided within this ordinance. These increases will automatically go into effect on October 1, 2010 and for each subsequent year thereafter through October 2014 unless the City Council meets to revise this; providing for an annual minimum charge and volumetric rate adjustment of 2% for all customer classes beginning in October 2015 and continuing unless the City Council elects to revise; and, providing for publication and an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-O-076.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez

Second: Cm. Garcia

Motion withdrawn.

Motion to table and schedule further discussion for a Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 lunchtime Special Council meeting.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2010-O-077 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 17 through 23, Block 8, Lots 1 through 14, Block 9 and Lots 30 through 39, Block 2, La Joya Subdivision Phase 2, located south of Obsidian Boulevard and east of Pearl Stone Road, from R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) to R-1-MH (Single-Family Manufactured Housing District); providing for publication and effective date. Staff does not support the application and the Planning & Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change. District I

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-O-077.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2010-O-078 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a first amendment to ground lease (Flores Street) by and between the City of Laredo, a Municipal corporation (landlord), and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, (tenant), formerly known as or a successor-in-interest to Texas/Illinois Cellular

Limited Partnership, by its general partner, Southwestern Bell Wireless, Inc., dated July 19, 1999 and attached hereto; to allow landlord to modify landlord's lease area location described in exhibit A with area location as described in exhibit A-1; to modify the base rent from \$14,740.00 to \$16,939.96 yearly; and to allow tenant to modify the notice section therefore; all other terms and conditions remain.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-O-078.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2010-O-079 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement by and between the Laredo Transit Management, Inc., (Lessor) and the City of Laredo Police Department (Lessee) for the lease of 1,732 sq. ft. of building space located on the second floor west wing of the Laredo Transit Center, 1301 Farragut Street, at the rate of sixty one cents (.61 cent) per sq. ft., for a total monthly sum of \$1,056.52 for a term of three (3) years commencing on July 1, 2010.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-O-079.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2010-O-080 Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to grant a perpetual Utility/Access Easement for the installation of utilities that were displaced during the construction of the Canal Drainage Improvement Project. The Utility/Access Easement consists of 788 sq. ft. situated in Survey 799, Abstract 239, Laredo Town tract, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, being out of two (2) tracts owned by the City of Laredo:

**Tract "A"** – 170 sq. ft. out of Tract "A" recorded in Volume 2740, Page 233 of Official Public Records of Webb County, Texas; and,

**Tract "B"** – 781 sq. ft. out of Tract "B" as recorded in Volume 2799, Page 577, of Official Public Records of Webb County, Texas; and, more particularly described on attached, Exhibits A and B.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-O-080.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2010-O-081 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the lease agreement approved by Ordinance No. 2010-O-041 dated April 19,

2010 by changing the LESSEE's name from L.A. Ventures Del, Inc. to L.A. Ventures Terminal, Ltd., also to extend the lease term to 40-years from December 1, 2041 to November 30, 2050 for an approximate 3.135 acres (136,560.60 square feet) constituting Tract 6 of Block 1 and approximately 3.135 acres (136,560 square feet) constituting Tract 7 of Block 1 of the subdivision plat of the Laredo International Airport Terminal Subdivision at the Laredo International Airport. The annual rental obligation effective on December 1, 2041 shall be adjusted based on a fair market rent appraisal of the leased premises (land and improvements) and such revised rental shall be adjusted annually thereafter by changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). All other terms and conditions remain unchanged and in effect; providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-O-081.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2010-O-082 Amending Article I, (IN GENERAL) of Chapter 31 (UTILITIES) of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, specifically adding section 31-7 RESERVE ACCOUNTS which provides for establishing various reserve accounts for the City's combined waterworks and sewer system; creating an Operation Maintenance Reserve with a total initial deposit of \$5,398,222.00, of which \$3,232,810.00 shall be allocated to the water system, and \$2,165,411.00 shall be allocated to the sewer system; creating an Emergency Reserve with a total initial deposit of \$4,661,401.00 allocated to the water system and \$2,662,013.00 allocated to the sewer system; creating a Repair and Replacement Reserve with initial deposits of \$1,558,197.00 allocated to the water system and \$1,277,724.00 allocated to the sewer system; and providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-O-082.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## VII. RESOLUTIONS

12. 2010-R-054 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a Memorandum of Understanding, attached hereto as Exhibit A, between the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Laredo Police Department for the purpose of establishing a task force known as ATF Laredo Task Force.

Motion to approve Resolution 2010-R-054.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

13. 2010-R-055 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Federal Aviation Administration in the estimated amount of \$300,000.00 and to accept said grant, if offered, for the purpose of contracting for professional services to prepare an Airport Geographic Information System "AGIS" survey for the Laredo International Airport. The City's local match in the amount of \$15,789.47 (5%) is available through the Airport's Construction Fund. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve Resolution 2010-R-055.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

14. 2010-R-056 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$500,000.00 to the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services to fund the Child Sexual Predator (Prevention) Program (CSPP) for the period of October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2012. Funding will be used to enhance the Laredo Police Department's Investigative Division by paying salaries, fringe benefits, training, purchasing computer equipment and/or advanced technology that will be incorporated to investigate these crimes. This grant is 100% funded by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Service for the two (2) year period. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve Resolution 2010-R-056.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

15. 2010-R-057 Authorizing the City Manager to execute Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) Amendment no. 2, for CSJ-0922-33-116, and AFA Amendment no. 1, for CSJ#'s 0922-33-130, 0922-33-131, and 0922-33-132, with the Texas Department of Transportation reducing total funds allocated by \$400,000.00 intended for CSJ# 0922-33-138, known as the Laredo International Airport Industrial Park Streets Improvements Project. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve Resolution 2010-R-057.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

16. 2010-R-058 Authorizing the City Manager to execute Advanced Funding Agreement (Amendment no. 1) with the Texas Department of Transportation for the Airport Industrial Streets Project, further identified as CSJ# 0922-33-138, in order to allocate an additional \$660,217.20 in funds to the project. Funds are available in the Capital Grants Fund. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve Resolution 2010-R-058.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## VIII. MOTIONS

17. Consideration to award contract number FY10-058 to the following lowest responsible bidders:

1. W. W. Grainger, Northbrook, Illinois in the estimated amount of \$198,194.50;
2. General Electric Company, Louisville, Kentucky in the estimated amount of \$48,075.00; and
3. Lacks Valley Stores, Ltd, Laredo, Texas in an amount of \$91,300.00.

This contract is for the purchase of assorted appliances (gas ranges, refrigerators, window air condition units, and wall furnaces) needed for the Weatherization Assistance Program. These appliances will be purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Community Development A.R.R.A Fund – Weatherization grant. (As amended and approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

18. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for annual contract 09-063 awarded to Holguin Cleaners, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated annual amount of \$54,000.00 for dry cleaning services for uniform Police Officers. The City must provide dry cleaning services as a condition of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. The term of these agreements shall be for one (1) year. Funding is available in the Police Department budget. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

19. Consideration to renew contract FY09-034 currently awarded to Executive Office Supply, Laredo, Texas, and Patria Office Supply, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$400,000.00 for the purchase of general office supplies. The terms of this contract allow for an additional one (1) year renewal option. Funding is available in the office supply line item budgets for all the respective departments. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

20. Consideration to renew contract FY09-056 awarded to HD Supply Waterworks, San Antonio, Texas, in the amount of \$463,739.05, for the purchase of 1 ½ “ to 6” turbine and compound cold water meters for the Utilities Department. This contract will allow the Department to purchase meters on an as needed basis. Funding for the purchase of these meters is available in Utilities Department Budget. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

21. Consideration for approval to reject the bids received for the City of Laredo Health Department Clinical Renovation—Phase II since the bids were over the budget allotted; and approval to re-configure the bid specifications and re-bid the project.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

22. Consideration for approval of change order no. 2 a decrease of \$145,830.97 for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place, approval of nine (9) calendar days of liquidated damages (nine (9) calendar days @ \$3,000.00 = \$27,000.00), approving and accepting the Laredo International Airport Runway 17R/35L Reconstruction as complete, approval of release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$587,592.48 to Price Construction, Ltd., Big Spring, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$10,167,205.24. Funding is available in the Improvements other than Buildings. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

23. Award of construction contract to the lowest bidder Zertuche Construction, LLC., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$560,000.00 for the North Central Park Trailhead Facility with a construction contract time of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related contract documents contingent upon receipt and approval of insurance and bond documents. Funding is available in the 2008 and 2009 Certificates of Obligation. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

24. Consideration for approval of the Shiloh Drive Extension Project approximately 1,200 L.F. as substantially complete and approval of change order no. 3 an increase of \$217,190.35 for the construction of a detention pond and drainage channel north of the box culverts and to add ninety (90) calendar days to the construction contract time; partial release of retainage and other completed work in the amount of \$59,886.91 to Martinez Paving Co. Inc., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$1,582,709.20. Funding is available in the Shiloh Drive Extension Project. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

25. Authorizing the City Manager to grant a public fireworks display permit for the July 4th, 2010, Independence Day Celebration. The City of Laredo Parks & Leisure Services Department and the Laredo Broncos will be having a fireworks display show at Veterans Field located at 2200 Santa Maria at 9:15 p.m. The technician for the display will be Atlas Enterprises Incorporated.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

26. Authorizing the City Manager to grant a public fireworks display permit for the July 4th, 2010, Independence Day Celebration at the Laredo Country Club located at 1415 Country Club Drive at 9:15 p.m. The technician for the display will be Atlas Enterprises Incorporated.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

27. Referring the City of Laredo Comprehensive Plan to the Planning and Zoning Commission and requiring that a report from the Planning and Zoning Commission with any recommendations be brought back before the City Council before the adoption of the budget; in accordance with Article IX, Section 9.03 of the Charter of the City of Laredo.

Keith Selman presented a map before Council. This map can be viewed at the City Secretary's Office, 1110 Houston St., Laredo, TX 78040.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

28. Authorizing the award of a contract in the amount of \$90,000.00 to ARCADIS for the development of the Bus Rapid Transit Feasibility Study. Funding for the project is available through the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) account using Federal Planning Grant (PL 112) funds. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

29. Authorizing the award of a contract in the amount of \$90,000.00 to Alliance Transportation Group, Inc., for the development of the Del Mar Corridor Study. Funding for the project is available through the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) account using Federal Planning Grant (PL 112) funds. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

30. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts to be adjusted for the month of May 2010, represent a decrease of \$23,677.97. These adjustments are determined by the Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

31. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to enter into a consulting agreement with Foresight Golf, LLC, Boerne, TX for the development of the municipal golf course, compensation will be at a rate of \$7,500.00 a month for only those months when services have been rendered, term is from the effective date of the agreement until the golf course is opened for public play, and not to exceed twenty four (24) months. (As amended and approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

32. A. Request by Mayor Raul G. Salinas

1. Update regarding the City's of Laredo Hurricane Preparedness Program, with possible Steve Landin, Fire Chief reported that the city has emergency drills that are held on an annual basis. The City of Laredo is designated to receive the first 5,000 evacuees from the valley in the event that there is a hurricane threatening the Texas Coastline.
2. Presentation with possible action on the Virtual Wall project.

Xochitl Mora, Acting Public Information Officer, gave a comprehensive report on the Virtual Wall project.

### **B. Request by Council Member Michael Landeck**

1. Discussion with possible action on issues related to life insurance for the Transit employees.

Cm. Landeck stated that he had received many phone calls about the confusion regarding the life insurance that Transit employees had.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal stated that there was an ongoing police investigation and cautioned Council to not allow anyone to make any comments related to this matter. He urged again to not allow any comments.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Landeck

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to open citizen comments.

Moved: Cm. Landeck

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 5

Against: 3

Abstain: 0

Cm. Narvaez

Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

Cm. Garcia

2. Discussion with possible action regarding renovations to the Benavidez Softball Complex in preparation for the upcoming tournaments.

Osbaldo Guzman, Parks & Leisure Director, reported that they have been working on the renovations; however, they are missing scoreboards, PA Systems, fencing, and some work on the press box.

Motion to allow Parks and Leisure to acquire the scoreboards and to do other necessary renovations to the fields in preparation for the upcoming tournaments for an amount not to exceed \$25,000, if necessary with funds coming from Districts 3 and 8.

Moved: Cm. Landeck

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

C. Request by Council Member Gene Belmares

1. Discussion with possible action on appropriating Discretionary funding for sidewalks on the northeast corner of Sandy Lane and International Boulevard.

Cm. Belmares said that the sidewalk that is missing leads to a Metro Bus Stop shelter.

Motion to approve appropriating funding with District 6 discretionary funds with the caveat of looking for Transit money that could be used for these approaches.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Discussion with possible action on connecting Plantation east to Shiloh at Backwoods and addressing the drainage issues in that area.

Cm. Belmares asked to instruct the City Manager to begin to negotiate with the land owners for the dedication of the right of way for the necessary easement and financial contributions for the projects.

3. Presentation with possible action Building Department enforcement efforts on unlicensed plumbers and electricians.

Erasmus Villarreal, Building Director, said that he has met with some of the individuals from the plumbing industry. He noted that an audit of the plumbing industry is currently being conducted.

Esequiel Maldonado, owner of Maldonado Plumbing, expressed his opinion of the problems within the Building Department. He offered several suggested to better the department.

Jose Lopez, plumber, said that he knows of two plumbers that don't have a license. He expressed his concerns regarding the building department.

Erasmus Villarreal, Building Director, said that he has never issued a hardship license that does not exist. He also denied that his inspectors take four hour lunches because they are monitored.

Cm. Belmares asked that the number of citations over the last four years from the building department be brought to Council in two weeks.

D. Request by Council Member Jose A. Valdez, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action regarding City of Laredo's Fire/EMS Contract with Webb County.

Cm. Valdez asked for an update on the Fire/EMS Contract with Webb County.

Steve Landin, Fire Chief, said that he submitted the proposals to Webb County and they responded back by submitting an open records request. The City of Laredo submitted the material to the County and is waiting for their response.

Carlos Villarreal, City Manager, said that staff is ready to come to Council with a recommendation at the next City council Meeting.

2. Discussion with possible action to determine needed improvements at all fire stations and to establish a priority list.

Cm. Valdez reported that list of needed improvements were submitted in 2006. He asked for the 2006 list and asked staff to upgrade the list.

Chief Landin said there are station improvements which have been in the Capital Improvement Plan. He went on to say that the City has spent a lot of money to bring all the stations up to standards.

**X. STAFF REPORTS**

33. Discussion with possible action on the allocation from Council Members' proposed 2010 Certificates of Obligation bond sale to the Fire Administration Building Account.

Steve Landin, Fire Chief, asked the City Council to support the proposed 2010 Certificates of Obligation bond sale to the Fire Administration Building Account. He said that they are very close to reaching their goal. He asked each Council Member to assist the department equally.

Cm. Valdez asked the chief to consider the deductions in the bids.

Cm. Garza to take a million dollars from the capital expenditure to subsidize and the rest of the council match the other million.

Carlos Villarreal, City Manager, said that they way the proposed bond issue stands right now is at ten million dollars at which 1.5 million has already been spent for the Haynes Project. He explained that he would present an item on the agenda for direction of how they want the monies distributed.

Motion to adopt the allocation commitment from each Council member with a caveat that Council gets a reallocation or a reimbursement depending on what funding is available. Staff will return with the item on the agenda to get direction how the remaining ten million will be distributed.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8

Abstain: 0

Against: 0

- 34. Discussion with possible action regarding the acceptance and consideration of the Laredo Main Street Program’s application for Third Party - Hotel/Motel funding supporting the annual Jamboozie Festival.

Motion to direct staff to accept the application.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 35. A progress report presented by Mr. Roger Creery, Executive Director of Laredo Development Foundation.

Roger Creery made the following presentation:

Laredo Development Foundation  
City of Laredo  
FY 2009-2010, January – June  
Update  
AEDO  
LFD Executive Committee

2010-2011 President: Ed Sherwood  
Past President: Tom McSpadden  
Past President: Alfonso Arguindegui  
Past President: Rolando Ortiz  
Vice President: Tom Wade  
Treasurer: Natividad Lozano  
Workforce Demographics

Vice President: Cristy Swisher  
Vice President: Ivan Rodriguez  
Vice President: Bill Green  
Secretary: Guillermo Trevino  
Attorney: Steve Whitworth

	2009	2010	% Difference
Unemployment (Laredo MSA):	8.9	8.5	+1.1%
Workforce (Laredo MSA):	93,700	96,000	+2.5%
Total Jobs (Laredo MSA):	85,900	87,800	+2.2%

Unemployment (Texas) 7.3% 8.0% +9.6%

Website/Google Analytics

Countries:

United States

Mexico

Canada

Singapore

India

United States

Texas

California

Florida

New York

Illinois

Average Number of page visits: 2.35

Most Visited Pages:

Multimodal Transportation Page

Industrial Park/Available Buildings Page

Economic Indicators Page

Outreach Activities

2010 SAE Congress (partner with Oradel in N. L.)

Results:

Tier 1 Automotive Supplier

ROSATI Group

Solar Leasing Company

Laredo Day in Windsor, Canada

Texas One Phoenix Site Selector Visit

CB Richard Ellis, Phoenix

Ernst & Young, Phoenix

Sara Dial and Associates

Results:

Potential Real Estate Solution for Call Center Continuing to build relationship with CB

Richard Ellis, Phoenix

Visita a Empresarios a San Antonio, Office of Governor, State of Texas NAFTA Office-  
Mexico City of Laredo

Results:

1.) Mexico LTL logistics company wants to set up operations in Laredo, Texas

2.) Large Mexican food manufacturing company interested in  
setting up manufacturing in Laredo

Business to Business Roundtable, August 5 – 6, 2010.

LCVB/Infocred partnership: Supported by the Governor's Office of Economic  
Development

New York City Site Selector Visit

Continuing to Support Central America/South America Trade Initiatives

Symposium Ports Meetings

“Top Ten Customs Districts in the U. S. S

Matrix Information

Number of Prospects:	27
Individual Visits:	68
Customized Packets Prepared	63
Packets Mailed	33
Website Hits:	1,146/month
Phone Inquiries:	62

January through May 2010

LDF Prospect Activity

Manufacturing/Assembly

Electronic Assembly Operation

Project NASCAR (Pharmaceuticals Industry)

Appliance/Electronic Assembly Operation

Tier 1 Automotive Supplier

Food Equipment Assembly Operation

Food Manufacturing Operation Technology Sector

Commercialize Energy Saving Technology

Government Contracts in Technology Sector/BackRoom/ Customer Service

Call Center/ Back Office Operation Retail

Food/Entertainment Company

Cash and Carry Retailer Other

Solar leasing Company

Auto Dealership 2

Prospects Landed

PROLAMSA (Productos Laminados de Monterrey) Expansion in Spring of 2010

Domistyle (Laredo Candle Company)

DKR Wind

US Express

Las Lomas Industrial park

MB Tech

Congressman Henry Cuellar – Bubble Home Project

ProAir Charter

Auto Dealer

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**XII. 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. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

36. Consideration to award contract number FY10-055 to low bidder Sunbelt Air Conditioning & Refrigeration, Laredo, Texas, in the total amount of \$102,500.00 for a turnkey project to provide all labor and materials to remove and install thirty eight (38) complete air conditioning systems at an apartment complex located at 3220 Frost Street. Funding is available in the Noise Abatement Program Funds. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**XIII. ADJOURN AS THE LAREDO MASS MUNICIPAL HOUSING CORPORATION AND RECONVENE AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL AND ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn as the Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation and reconvene as the Laredo City Council.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

I, Gustavo Guevara, Jr., City Secretary, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes contained in pages 01 to 22 and they are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council meeting held on June 21, 2010.

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Gustavo Guevara, Jr.  
City Secretary