

CITY OF LAREDO

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A-2012-R-20

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1110 HOUSTON STREET

LAREDO, TEXAS 78040

NOVEMBER 5, 2012

5:30 P.M.



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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of October 15, 2012

V. COMMUNICATIONS

Communiqués

- a. Presentation by HEB staff regarding the upcoming 24th Annual Feast of Sharing event to be held on Sunday, November 18, 2012.
- b. Presentation by Roberto J. Santos, UISD Superintendent, regarding the U.I.L. Area G 5-A Marching Band Competition held at the Bill Johnson Student Activity Complex Field on Saturday, October 27, 2012.

Citizen comments

Citizens are required to fill out a witness card and identify themselves at the microphone. Comments should be relevant to City business and delivered in a professional manner. No derogatory remarks will be permitted. There is a time limit of three minutes per speaker. Speakers may not pass their minutes to any other speaker.

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- a. Appointment by Council Member Alejandro Perez of Ardith Epstein to the Library Board.
- b. Appointment by Council Member Charlie San Miguel of Mr. Carlos E. Flores to the Ethics Commission.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1. **Individual Public Hearing No. 1** for the unilateral annexation of one (1) tract of land:

Tract 1: International Commerce Center Tract – 277.3634 acres, more or less. Petitioner: City of Laredo;

For the voluntary annexation of two (2) tracts of land:

Tract 2: San Jose Tract – 0.3888 acres, more or less. Petitioner: TV and DW Investments, Ltd.;

Tract 3: San Isidro Rodriguez Ranch Tract – 217.14 acres, more or less. Petitioner: San Isidro Northeast, Ltd.;

for a total of 494.8922 acres, more or less, as described in the attached tract summaries, as required by Section 43.063 of the Texas Local Government Code.

- 2. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2012 General Fund Budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$4,588,000.00 for the purpose of upgrading current City facilities and equipment. This appropriation is for the financing of equipment for various City departments as it relates to energy efficiency in collaboration with Chevron Corporation. **(Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)**
- 3. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** authorizing the closing as a public easement, a 12,737.59 sq. ft. section (0.29 of an acre) out of the 2100 Block of Plum Street between Bartlett Avenue and Malinche Avenue; and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey to the Laredo Independent School District (LISD) at the total market value of \$212,982.00 in fee simple title, the “surface only”, of said section of Plum Street and those previously closed sections of the 2000 Blocks of Plum and Frost Streets between Malinche Avenue and Urbahn Avenue, all situated in the Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, being generally described on attached exhibits “A”; and “B” subject to any and all existing easements, and providing for an effective date. **(Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)**

4. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT), Section 5317, New Freedom (NF) Project Grant Agreement no. 51322F7169 in the amount of \$350,000.00 with a local match of \$87,500.00, for a grand total of \$437,500.00; and to amend the FY 2012-2013 Transit Capital Grants Budget by appropriating the same amount for the purchase of a computer scheduling software and mobile data terminals (MDTs) for the El Lift Paratransit fleet. **(Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)**

5. **Individual Public Hearing No. 2** for the unilateral annexation of one (1) tract of land:

Tract 1: International Commerce Center Tract – 277.3634 acres, more or less. Petitioner: City of Laredo;

For the voluntary annexation of two (2) tracts of land:

Tract 2: San Jose Tract – 0.3888 acres, more or less. Petitioner: TV and DW Investments, Ltd.;

Tract 3: San Isidro Rodriguez Ranch Tract – 217.14 acres, more or less. Petitioner: San Isidro Northeast, Ltd.;

for a total of 494.8922 acres, more or less, as described in the attached tract summaries, as required by Section 43.063 of the Texas Local Government Code.

(Recess)
(Press Availability)

VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

6. Closing as a public easement a 1,273.7 sq.ft., more or less, parcel of land out of the 600 block of Jackson Street Right-of-Way, and authorizing its sale at fair market value in the amount of \$6,687.00. Said parcel of land is being encroached upon by the improvements of the abutting property being Lot 1, Block 810, Western Division, situated in the City of Laredo, County of Webb, described in attached, "Exhibit A". Further authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey fee simple title to Felix S. Martinez, contingent upon his conveyance of a 16.24 sq.ft. parcel of land as an easement to AT&T as described in attached "Exhibit B", and providing for an effective date. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**

IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

7.

2012-O-177 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHS) and amending the City of Laredo Health Department FY 2012-2013 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$497,023.00 with an in-kind match of \$49,702.00 for a total of \$546,725.00 for continuation of the Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) to provide evidence-based nurse home visitation for first-time mothers and their children for the period beginning September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013. Continuation of this program will be contingent on funding availability.

2012-O-178 Amending the City of Laredo Health Department FY 2012-2013 full time equivalent positions (FTES) by creating one (1) additional FTE position funded by the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant of the City of Laredo Health Department. This aligns positions as required through the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

2012-O-179 Accepting a grant from the South Texas Development Council (STDC) in the amount of \$40,000.00 with no matching funds, and amending the City of Laredo's FY 2012-2013 annual budget for the Environmental Services Department by appropriating said grant revenue to the appropriate expenditure accounts. Funds will be used to purchase used oil recycling containers to be distributed to the citizens of Laredo, in order to further promote the City's used oil recycling program. Additionally this grant will fund the purchase of a bulk used oil container and advertising.

2012-O-180 Amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2013 Capital Improvements Fund budget to appropriate revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$2,846,994.00. Revenues are derived from a settlement received from Hanover Insurance Company. Expenditures will be appropriated as follows: \$1,436,994.00 for the Northwest Community Center Project and \$1,410,000.00 for the South Laredo Library Project.

2012-O-181 Amending Chapter 11 Electricity of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo by amending section:

11-2 of the Laredo Code of Ordinance by adopting, with modification and amendments, the 2011 edition of the National Electrical Code of the National Fire Protection Association;

providing a saving clause; providing for severability clauses; and providing an effective date.

2012-O-182 Amending Chapter 25 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Laredo, entitled Plumbing by amending section:

25-3 thereby adopting the 2012 edition of the International Plumbing Code,

25-6 International Fuel Gas Code, thereby adopting the 2012 edition of the International Fuel Gas Code,

25-7 Private Disposal Code, thereby adopting the 2012 edition of the International Private Sewage Disposal Code;

and repealing all ordinances and/or parts of ordinance in conflict therewith; providing for publication and effective date.

2012-O-183 Amending Chapter 12 Fire Prevention and Protection of the Code of Ordinances by amending Section 12-2 to adopt the 2012 edition of International Fire Code with the following amendments:

1. Section 507.5.1 where required. Fire hydrants shall be provided along public and private streets at every 300 feet for commercial development and every 500 feet for residential development, and where a portion of the facility or building hereafter constructed or moved into or within the jurisdiction is more than 400 feet (122 m) from a hydrant on a fire apparatus access road, as measured by an approved route around the exterior of the facility or building, on-site fire hydrants and mains shall be provided where required by the fire code official.

Exceptions:

1. Fire Group R-3 and Group “U” occupancies, the distance requirement shall be 600 feet (183m).
2. For buildings equipped throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with section 903.3.1.1 or 903.3.1.2, the distance requirement shall be 600 feet (183m).
2. Section 507.5.7 marking of fire hydrant locations. Raised blue pavement markers shall be provided on public and private streets to indicate the locations of fire hydrants. These markers shall be placed just off center to the side the fire hydrant is located.
3. Section 903.2 where required. Approved automatic sprinkler systems in new buildings and structures shall be provided in any building regardless of occupancy type in which the total fire areas within the exterior walls exceed 12,000 square feet, and shall also be provided in the locations described in sections 903.2.1 through 903.2.12.

Exceptions: spaces or areas in telecommunications buildings used exclusively for telecommunications equipment, associated electrical power distribution equipment, batteries and standby engines,

provided those spaces or areas are equipped throughout with an automatic smoke detection system in accordance with section 907.2 and are separated from the remainder of the building by not less than 1-hour fire barriers constructed in accordance with section 707 of the International Building Code or not less than 2-hour horizontal assemblies constructed in accordance with Section 711 of the International Building Code, or both.

4. Section 903.2.8 Group "R" an automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with section 903.3 shall be provided throughout all buildings with a group "R" fire area.

Exception: an automatic sprinkler system is not required in Group R-2 apartment houses with a maximum dwelling of four units in which the units are subdivided into groups of two by a vertical fire wall with a fire rating of no less than two hours.

5. Section 903.3.1.2.2 breezeways. Sprinkler protection shall be provided in breezeways of group r occupancies where buildings are of type five construction.

providing a severability, savings, repealing, and penalty clause; establishing an effective date; and providing for publication.

2012-O-184 Amending Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinance in order to adopt the 2012 version of FIVE (5) codes:

1. Amending Section 7-1 by adopting the 2012 edition of the International Building Code;
2. Amending Section 7-4 by adopting the 2012 edition of the International Mechanical Code;
3. Amending Section 7-7 by adopting the 2012 edition of the International Residential Code except for Section R313.2 One and Two Family Dwelling Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems. Which is prohibited by State Law SB1410 Section 12, which became law on September 1, 2009;
4. Amending Section 7-8 by adopting the 2012 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code;
5. Amending section 7-10 by adopting the 2012 edition of the International Existing Building Code;

and providing for an effective date.

2012-O-185 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 5, Block 2, Las Lomas Industrial Park Phase I, located at 109 South Aviators Road; providing for publication and effective date.

2012-O-186 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a thrift store on Lots 5 and 7, Block 169, Western Division, located at 1020 Santa Maria Avenue; providing for publication and effective date.

2012-O-187 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for an amusement redemption machine establishment on Lots 1 and 10 and a portion of Lots 2, 8 and 9, Block 281, Western Division, located at One South Main Avenue, 15th Floor; providing for publication and effective date.

2012-O-188 Ratifying the execution of easement document for the conveyance to AEP Texas Central Company a 10 ft. wide easement containing 1,273.87 sq. ft. out of Block 2 of the Laredo International Airport Subdivision Plat, City of Laredo, Texas, as recorded in Volume 5, Page 1, Plat Records of Webb County, Texas. Said easement being more particularly described by boundary survey and metes and bounds in attached Exhibit A. This easement is being requested to provide for a new electrical line extension to the Municipal Animal Shelter within the Airport property and providing for effective date.

2012-O-189 An ordinance of the governing body of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the execution and delivery of an equipment lease/purchase agreement with respect to the acquisition, purchase, financing and leasing of certain equipment for the public benefit; authorizing the execution and delivery of documents required in connection therewith; and authorizing the taking of all other actions necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this ordinance; and declaring an effective date.

X. RESOLUTIONS

8. **2012-R-089** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a Memorandum of Understanding, attached hereto as Exhibit A, between the United States Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Border Patrol, Laredo Sector, and the Laredo Fire Department for the purpose of granting authorization to use the City of Laredo Fire Department (FCC) licensed frequencies in Border Patrol communication assets to facilitate tactical communication interoperability among the U.S. Border Patrol—Laredo Sector (LRT) and other law enforcement or emergency service agencies in the LRT area of responsibility. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**

9. **2012-R-090** Accepting the conveyance of the following utility easement and temporary construction easement from:
Killam Ranch Properties, LTD—36 foot utility easement with corresponding temporary construction easement as follows:
One 2.51 acre tract, a copy of which conveyance is attached as Exhibit 1;
This 36 foot easement is for the 60 inch water transmission line, from El Pico Water Treatment Plant to IH 35 and will tie in the 36 inch waterline at IH 35, Mile Marker 11. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**
10. **2012-R-092** A resolution for entering into an energy services contract with Chevron Energy Solutions Company, a division of Chevron, U.S.A., Inc., for providing energy savings equipment to City of Laredo departments in the amount of \$6,128,120.00, and authorizing the City Manager to execute all relevant documents.
11. **2012-R-093** Expressing the City of Laredo's intent and commitment to work jointly with Webb County to create a Transportation Reinvestment Zone (TRZ) or zones along Loop 20 from its intersection with I-35 to its intersection with U.S. Highway 59 and U.S. 59 from its intersection with Loop 20 east to its intersection with the Webb County line which said sections are being considered for I-69 status once they meet U.S. Interstate Highway standards.

XI. MOTIONS

12. Consideration to authorize the purchase of computers, computer hardware, computer software, and other goods and services offered through the State of Texas, Department of Information Resources (DIR) Cooperative Purchase Contracts. The City is a member of the State of Texas—Texas Procurement and Support Services (TPASS) Cooperative Purchasing Program which allows the City of Laredo to take advantage of approved State contracts. Funding for cooperative purchase contracts and services are available in the respective departmental budgets. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**
13. Consideration for approval of amendment no. 3, an increase of \$34,025.00 to the professional services contract with Sherfey Engineering Company, L.L.C., Laredo, Texas, for the Upper Zacate Creek Multipurpose Detention Pond Project for additional construction phase services during the course of time that the contractor took over and beyond the contract time to complete the work. Current Engineering contract amount is \$1,015,575.00. Funding is available in the 2007 C.O. Bond—Zacate Creek Channel Phase II. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**
14. Consideration for approval to extend the Antares Development Corporation contract through March 2013 and amend it with a \$300,000.00 increase for the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract 331-09 to complete the animal control enforcement, investigation and operations data

management system automation and for the automation of the Animal Care Facility operations. Automation will improve field operations, inspections and permitting as well as the operations of the Laredo Animal Care Facility. Funding is available in the Health Department Budget.

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolutions and Motions previously brought before Operations and Finance Committees may be approved by City Council categorically *EN BLOC*. At Council's request, specific items may be withheld from the consent agenda for individual treatment.

XII (b) MOTIONS

15. Consideration to authorize the purchase of new uninterruptible power supply (UPS) systems for the Laredo Bridge System to replace current UPS systems in the Laredo Bridge System facilities from Flair Data Systems Inc., Austin, Texas, through the State of Texas DIR Cooperative Purchase Contract, SDD-1478 in the total amount of \$167,231.18. Funding is available in the Bridge System Revenue Bond Series 2008 and Bridge Construction Fund.
16. Consideration to award contract FY12-100 to Quest Diagnostics, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, in the estimated annual amount of \$330,000.00 to perform clinical laboratory testing services submitted by the City of Laredo Health Department. The vendor was selected based on the testing fees, years of experience, and their ability to meet the City's requirements. The term of the contract will be for a twenty four (24) month periods with an option to extend this contract for two (2) additional one (1) year period and contingent on future appropriations. All services will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Health Department's budget.
17. Consideration to accept the City of Laredo Fire Department Administration Center as substantially complete and release of partial retainage in the amount of \$289,822.17 to the contractor, Leyendecker Construction, Inc., Laredo, Texas. An amount of \$59,882.79 is being retained for completion of pending items. Funding is available in the 2006 C.O., 2007 C.O., and 2009 C.O. Bonds.
18. Consideration for approval of change order no. 2, an increase of \$94,856.00 to the Design-Build Contract with DEH Construction Co. L.L.C., Laredo, Texas, for the North Central Park Swimming Pool Complex for additional storm drainage system, exterior lighting, office and architectural fees and to add ninety (90) calendar days to the construction contract time. Therefore, completion for the project is scheduled for the end of January 2013. Current contract amount with this change order is \$1,325,211.08. Current contract time with this change order is two hundred ninety-nine

(299) calendar days. Funding is available in the Capital Improvements Fund, 2007 C.O. and 2009 C.O.

19. Award of construction contract to the lowest qualified bidder, Vision Construction Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$1,406,071.00 (which includes the base bid for kennels, asphalt parking lot and service road and fabric shades) Phase 2 for the City of Laredo Animal Care Facility, 5202 Maher Avenue with a construction contract time of two hundred forty (240) calendar days; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related contract documents contingent upon receipt and approval of insurance and bond documents. Completion date for the project is scheduled for July 2013. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund, 2007 C.O., 2010 C.O., and 2012 C.O.
20. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for annual contract FY10-081 awarded to:
 - a) Rush Truck Center, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$130,000.00; and
 - b) Rotex Truck Center, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$50,000.00

for the purchase of original equipment manufacturer (OEM) parts for the City's medium and heavy duty trucks. All parts will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.

21. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for annual contract FY11-009 for the purchase of original equipment manufacturer (OEM) parts for the City's lawn maintenance equipment awarded to the following vendors:
 - a) Neuhaus & Co., Weslaco, Texas, in the amount of \$35,000.00 and
 - b) RDO Equipment, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$40,000.00;

All parts will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.

22. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for annual contract FY10-097 awarded to Paul Young Chevrolet Co., Inc., in the amount of \$60,000.00 for the purchase of original equipment manufacturer (OEM) parts for the City's fleet vehicles. All parts will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.
23. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for annual contract FY12-001 awarded to Anderson Columbia, Lake City, Florida, in the estimated amount of \$225,000.00 for the purchasing of SS-1 and AE-P emulsified asphalt oils used for street paving projects. All materials are purchased on an as needed basis utilizing the construction project budgets. Funding is

available in the Public Works and Utilities Department construction project budgets.

24. Consideration to award contract FY12-098 to System Control & Instrumentation, Converse, Texas, in the amount of \$208,060.00, for the purchase and replacement of the existing Robicon VFD's with 18 pulse VFD's at the Milmo Booster Pump Station. Funding is available in the Utilities Department, 2011 Utilities Revenue Bond.
25. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for annual contract FY11-015 for the purchase of water and wastewater treatment chemicals for the Utilities Department, awarded to the following bidders:
 1. AOC Welding Supply, Laredo, Texas
 2. DPC Industries, Corpus Christi, Texas
 3. General Chemical, Paris, NJ
 4. Polydyne Inc., Riceboro, GA
 5. Altivia Corp., Houston, Texas

The term of these contracts shall be for a period of two (2) years. Approximately \$1,200,000.00 is spent on an annual basis. Funding is available in the Water and Wastewater Treatment Division's operating budgets.

26. Authorizing the City Manager to execute and award a contract to Terracon Consultants, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$207,835.00 for construction material testing services for South Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant 6, MGD Expansion Project. Funding is available in the Sewer System 2008 B Comb Tax/Rev Certificate.
27. Consideration to accept final payment of \$8,179.00 (including change order no. 3) for a total of \$183,174.23 and release of retainage in the amount of \$174,995.23 to Landmark Structures for the 3.0 MG Elevated Water Storage Tank at Bartlett and Price. Funding is available in the 2009 Utility Bond Fund.
28. Consideration for acceptance, final payment, release of retainage to Chavarria's Plumbing, Inc., Laredo, Texas, and approval of final change order no. 2, a credit in the amount of \$1,191.73 for the House to Line Connections for Rancho Peñitas West, Los Minerales, Los Minerales Annex and Antonio Santos. The credit change order is for the consolidation of quantities and an increase in the number of dwellings from 226 to 246. The total revised contract amount is \$1,652,672.25 and is subject to approval from North American Development Bank (NADBANK). Funding is available in the Colonias Fund.
29. Consideration for acceptance, final payment, release of retainage to Granite Underground Utilities, L.L.C. and approval of final change order no. 2, a

credit in the amount of \$3,444.82 for the 12" Water Line Replacement along Gustavus. The credit change order is for the consolidation of all the line items and additional line items that were needed for the completion of the project due to unknown existing utilities. The total revised contract amount is \$412,323.18. There are no additional days for this change order. Funding is available in 2009 Bond Sewer Rehabilitation.

30. Consideration for acceptance and release of remaining of 5% retainage in the amount of \$16,050.60 to Vision Construction, Laredo, Texas, for the Utilities Department Warehouse Canopy and approval of final payment in the amount of \$16,050.60. The final contract amount is \$160,506.00. Funding is available in the Sewer System 2009 Series C bond proceeds.
31. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for annual contract FY12-012 awarded to Cantu Electric, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$55,000.00 for the maintenance illumination systems along IH 35, Loop 20, FM 1472 and US Hwy. 83/SH 359 Interchange for a term of one (1) year. The contract vendor will be required to maintain, repair, and/or replace the various appurtenances related to the existing roadway assemblies. Funding is available in the Traffic Safety budget.
32. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for annual contract FY12-013 awarded to Star Operations, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$300,000.00 for the furnishing of materials, machinery, equipment, labor, and all other services necessary for the maintenance of street lights (not maintained by AEP-CPL) and traffic signal lights throughout the City. The Contract includes electrical services for traffic signals and street lights and for installation, construction, and underground work, for new and/or upgraded traffic signals and for the installation and maintenance of street lights. This contract also contains provisions for City departmental electrical service projects and repairs. Funding is available in the Traffic Safety budget and Capital Improvements Funds.
33. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for annual contract FY11-102 awarded to Clark Hardware Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$200,000.00 for the purchase of plumbing supplies for City maintenance and repair projects. This term of this contract will be for one (1) year and all items will be purchased on an as needed basis throughout the year and for various City departments. Funding is available in the Parks and Recreations, Airport, Public Works, Civic Center, Health, Solid Waste, Laredo Transit Management Inc., Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation and Utilities Department budgets.
34. Consideration to authorize the purchase of protective structural fire fighting suits and related equipment for the Fire Department from Dooley Tackaberry, Deer Park, Texas, through the Buy Board Cooperative Purchasing Program's Contract Pricing in the total amount of \$429,536.70. The equipment includes bunker coats, bunker pants, gloves, hoods,

helmets, suspenders, rubber boots, SCBA face-pieces, and wireless communications equipment. Funding is available from the Fire Department's operating budget.

- 35. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a one (1) year service agreement with SunGard Public Sector, Lake Mary, FL, in the amount of \$134,415.00. The service agreement is for software enhancements and maintenance on the financial applications residing on the City's IBM iSeries computer system for the period of October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013. Funding is available in the Information Technology Fund.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XIII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

36.

A. Request by Council Member Johnny Rendon

- 1. Status report on the installation of the baseball field protection net at the Unitrade Stadium, with possible action.

B. Request by Council Member Charlie San Miguel

- 1. Presentation by the TAMIU Autism Interventions Center regarding Families and Community Education for Autism (FACE) Conference to be held November 16, 2012 at Texas A&M International University (TAMIU).

C. Request by Council Member Jorge A. Vera

- 1. Naming the Northwest Recreation Center in memory of Barbara Fasken, with possible action.

XIV. STAFF REPORTS

- 37. Presentation on the City Special Events Policy and Procedures, with possible action.

XV. 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.

XVI. RECESS AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD

38. Consideration for approval of the El Metro ADA Sidewalks and Ramps Project No. 46 (7 Blocks-District I) as complete, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$10,134.35 to DEH Construction Co., L.L.C., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$32,165.00. Funding is available in the Transit New Freedom Grant XF7094. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**
39. Motion to waive bus fare collection to and from the HEB Thanksgiving "Feast of Sharing" to be held on Sunday, November 18, 2012 as participation by the City of Laredo co-sponsoring this event. The shuttle will start at the Transit Center, 1301 Farragut to and from the Civic Center from 10:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**

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

This notice was posted at the Municipal Government Offices, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas, at a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times. Said notice was posted on Wednesday, October 31, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary