I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Salinas led in the pledge of allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

In attendance:

Raul G. Salinas, Mayor
Mike Garza, Council Member, District I
Esteban Rangel, Council Member, District II
Alejandro Perez Jr., Council Member, District III
Juan Narvaez, Council Member, District IV
Johnny Rendon, Mayor Pro Tempore, District V
Charlie San Miguel, Council Member, District VI
Jorge A. Vera, Council Member, District VII
Cynthia Liendo Espinoza, Council Member, District VIII
Gustavo Guevara, Jr., City Secretary
Carlos Villarreal, City Manager
Cynthia Collazo, Deputy City Manager
Horacio De Leon, Assistant City Manager
Jesus Olivares, Assistant City Manager
Raul Casso, City Attorney

Motion to excuse Cm. Garza and Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez
Second: Cm. Rangel
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of July 29, 2011, August 8, 9, 10, 2011 & August 15, 2011.
Motion to approve the minutes of July 29, 2011, August 8, 9, 10, 2011 and August 15, 2011.

Moved: Cm. Vera  
Second: Cm. Narvaez  
For: 6  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon joined the meeting at 5:39 pm.  
Cm. Garza joined the meeting at 6:06 pm.

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Recognitions

a. Recognition by the Mayor and City Council Members of Employees that retired from the City of Laredo with twenty (20) or more years of service.

Dan Migura, Human Resources Director, stated that these were employees who had retired since March of this year. He added that seven of them were present for recognition and read the names of those who were not present:

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Mayor Salinas and City Council gave certificates of recognition to the retired employees who were present at the meeting.

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Citizen comments

Mr. Ed Ramirez from the Laredo Chamber of Commerce stated that he was there in his capacity as chairman of the board to express the Chamber’s full support for agenda item #20, authorizing the City Manager to negotiate with Aeromexico for daily trips to and from Mexico City.

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES
a. Appointment by Council Member Mike Garza of Ms. Angie Salinas to the Library Board.

Motion to confirm the appointment of Angie Salinas to the Library Board.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez  
Second: Cm. Rangel  
For: 8  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

b. Appointment by Council Member Mike Garza of Mr. Alfredo Agredano to the Redistricting Commission.

Motion to confirm the appointment of Alfredo Agredano to the Redistricting Commission.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez  
Second: Cm. Rangel  
For: 8  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

c. Appointment by Council Member Mike Garza of Ms. Patty San Miguel to the Redistricting Commission.

Motion to confirm the appointment of Patty San Miguel to the Redistricting Commission.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez  
Second: Cm. Rangel  
For: 8  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

d. Appointment by Council Member Mike Garza of Mr. Hector Gomez to the Transportation & Traffic Safety Advisory Committee.

Motion to confirm the appointment of Hector Gomez to the Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez  
Second: Cm. Rangel  
For: 8  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

e. Appointment by Council Member Mike Garza of Mr. Marcus Moreno to the Airport Advisory Board.

Motion to confirm the appointment of Marcus Moreno to the Airport Advisory Board.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez  
Second: Cm. Rangel  
For: 8  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0
f. Appointment by Council Member Esteban Rangel of Ms. Belinda Guerra to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motion to confirm the appointment of Belinda Guerra to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez  
Second: Cm. Rangel  
For: 8  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

g. Appointment by Council Member Juan Narvaez of Mr. Marcus Holliman to the Economic Development Advisory Commission.

Motion to confirm the appointment of Marcus Holliman to the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez  
Second: Cm. Rangel  
For: 8  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

h. Appointment by Mayor Pro-Temp Johnny Rendon of Mr. Jesus Romero to the Airport Advisory Board.

Motion to confirm the appointment of Jesus Romero to the Airport Advisory Board.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez  
Second: Cm. Rangel  
For: 8  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

i. Appointment by Council Member Charlie San Miguel of Mr. David Montes to the Para Transit Advisory Committee.

Motion to confirm the appointment of David Montes to the Para Transit Advisory Committee.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez  
Second: Cm. Rangel  
For: 8  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

j. Appointment by Council Member Charlie San Miguel of Mr. Jose Valdez, Sr. to the Drug and Alcohol Commission.

Motion to confirm the appointment of Jose Valdez, Sr. to the Drug and Alcohol Commission.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez  
Second: Cm. Rangel  
For: 8  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0
k. Appointment by Council Member Charlie San Miguel of Mr. Jerry Perez to the Civil Service Commission.

Motion to confirm the appointment of Jerry Perez to the Civil Service Commission.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez
Second: Cm. Rangel
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

l. Appointment by Council Member Jorge Vera of Mr. Juan Sebastian Mendive to the Para Transit Advisory Committee.

Motion to confirm the appointment of Juan Sebastian Mendive to the Para Transit Advisory Committee.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez
Second: Cm. Rangel
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

m. Appointment by Council Member Jorge Vera of Mr. Orlando Navarro for the Convention & Visitors Bureau Advisory Committee.

Motion to confirm the appointment of Orlando Navarro to the Convention and Visitors Bureau Advisory Committee.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez
Second: Cm. Rangel
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

n. Appointment by Council Member Alejandro “Alex” Perez to the Library Advisory Committee.

Motion to confirm the appointment of Melissa Padilla to the Library Board.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Narvaez
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

o. Appointment by Council Member Alejandro “Alex” Perez to the Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

None.

p. Appointment by Council Member Alejandro “Alex” Perez to the Drug and Alcohol Commission.

Motion to confirm the appointment of Romeo Rodriguez to the Drug and Alcohol Commission.

Moved: Cm. Garza
q. Appointment by Council Member Alejandro “Alex” Perez to the Redistricting Commission.

Motion to confirm the appointment of Mercurio Martinez III to the Redistricting Commission.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Narvaez
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

r. Appointment by Council Member Alejandro “Alex” Perez to the Civil Service Commission.

Motion to confirm the appointment of Alma Palacios to the Civil Service Commission.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Narvaez
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept a continuation contract from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in the amount of $75,000.00 with a projected amount of program income of $1,000.00 for a total of $76,000.00 to continue to provide medical and dental services for children who are underserved, uninsured and medically indigent. Due to a state budget reduction we are decreasing the City of Laredo Health Department FY 2010-2011 Annual Budget by $10,140.00 for the term period of September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council
2. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept a continuation contract from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response in the amount of $267,077.00 with an in-kind match of $27,382.00 for Public Health Emergency Response. Furthermore, due to a state budget reduction we are decreasing the City of Laredo Health Department FY2010-2011 Annual Budget by $23,826.00 for the term period of August 1, 2011 through July 31, 2012. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon  
Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza  
For: 8  Against: 0  Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon  
Second: Cm. San Miguel  
For: 8  Against: 0  Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

3. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo FY 2011 Airport Construction Budget to recognize additional revenues from a grant received from the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program Grant Project No. 3-48-0136-068-11 in the amount of $6,347,019.00 to rehabilitate General Aviation Apron Phase 6, Realign Taxiway F and Rehabilitate the EMAS at the Laredo International Airport and appropriating said grant revenue to the appropriate revenue and expenditure accounts and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget amendment. The City’s local match in the amount of $335,054.00 (5%) is available in the Airport Construction Fund. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon  
Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza  
For: 8  Against: 0  Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon  
Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza  
For: 8  Against: 0  Abstain: 0
4. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo FY 2011 Airport Construction Budget to recognize additional revenues from a grant received from the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program being Grant Project No. 3-48-0136-66-11 in the amount of $1,000,000.00 for noise mitigation under FAR PART 150 Noise Abatement Program at the Laredo International Airport and appropriating said grant revenue and local match to the appropriate expenditure accounts and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget amendment. The City’s local match of five (5%) percent in the amount of $52,632.00 is available in the Airport Construction Fund. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza
Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon
Second: Cm. San Miguel
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo FY 2011 Airport Construction Budget to recognize additional revenues from a grant received from the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program being Grant Project No. 3-48-0136-67-11 in the amount of $285,000.00 for FAR PART 150 Noise Contour Study for the Laredo International Airport and appropriating said grant revenue and local match to the appropriate expenditure accounts and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget amendment. The City’s local match of five (5%) percent in the amount of $15,000.00 is available in the Airport Construction Fund. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon
Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon
6. Public hearing and introductory ordinance to adopt the proposed Annual Budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 by appropriating the proposed revenues, expenditures, and balances reported therein for the year beginning October 1, 2011 and ending September 30, 2012, consistent with the financial plan described in said Annual Budget (see Exhibit “A”) and motions approved by City Council at public workshops (see Exhibit “B”) and authorizing the City Manager to implement said Annual Budget. (Action needed on motion no. 29 prior to this item.)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza
Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon
Second: Cm. San Miguel
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

7. Public hearing Consideration to adopt the 2012-2016 Capital Improvement Program of the City of Laredo.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon
Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and adopt the 2012-2016 Capital Improvement Program.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon
Second: Cm. San Miguel
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

8. Public hearing and adoption of Resolution no. 2011-R-085 Adopting the City of Laredo Comprehensive Plan with amendments to the Future Land Use and
Thoroughfare Plan maps of the Comprehensive Plan in accordance with Article IX, Section 9.03 of the Charter of the City of Laredo.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon  
Second: Cm. San Miguel  
For: 8  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Cm. Garza stated that, looking at the proposed bridge sites in the Comprehensive Plan, he remembered that the Council had taken an official position on the locations and felt that this information might not necessarily be accurate.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal responded that it was best that they not specify a site until there would be an agreement with the Mexican side, and then they could amend the Plan. He added that they would bring back a report to Council after meeting with the new Mexican administration. He concluded that they would poll whatever site was indicated in the Plan as a bridge site until Council would make a determination and confer with the Mexican side.

Motion to close the public hearing as amended and adopt Resolution 2011-R-085.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza  
For: 8  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

9. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to convey the following easements to Columbus Energy, L.L.C., for the installation of a new gas pipeline extending north from an existing well site within city property located west of the South Laredo Waste Water Treatment Plant and establishing a defined easement for the existing pipeline extending south of the well site as depicted in the attached metes and bounds survey documents, Exhibit A and B, and described as follows:

Tract A: A 50’ Temporary Construction Easement being a 2.5048 acre tract being out a tract of land called to contain 84.79 acres as recorded in Volume 709, Pages 724-726, Deed Records of Webb County, Texas, and out of Riverside Subdivision recorded in Volume 2, Page 208, Plat Records of Webb County, Texas, situated in Porcion 36, (A-473), Laureano Salinas, Original Grantee and Porcion 37 (A 410), Jose Bartolo Chapa, Original Grantee, Webb County, Texas.

Tract B: A 10’ Pipeline Easement legally described as 0.8088 acre easement out of a tract of land called to contain 84.79 acres, recorded in Volume 709, Pages 724-726, Deed Records of Webb County, Texas, situated in Porcion 36, (A-473), Laureano Salinas, Original Grantee and Porcion 37, (A-410), Jose Bartolo Chapa Original Grantee, Webb County, Texas. City will receive from Columbus Energy
$4.00 per linear foot for 3,198 linear feet for a total of $12,792.00. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

10. Authorizing the City Manager to grant a Right-of-Entry to United States of America on City owned property described as follows: River Vega area south of Blocks N, M, and L, more particularly south of River Road, alongside Los Dos Laredo’s Park and further depicted in Exhibits A-1 and A-2. The Right-of-Entry is being requested to provide temporary access to U.S. Government contractors and/or agents to survey the area for consideration of a utility easement for electrical services for future Border Patrol boat ramp operations. This right of entry is requested for a period of twelve (12) months. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

11. Providing for the adoption of a tax rate of $0.637000 per $100 value with a Maintenance and Operation Rate of $0.512326 per $100 value and a Interest and Sinking Fund Rate of $0.124674 per $100 value for the levy and the collection of General and Special Ad Valorem taxes for the City of Laredo for Tax Year 2011 and Fiscal Year 2011-2012. (This is the eighth year that the City has adopted this same rate.)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

12. Designating as a one-way northbound the 3200 and 3300 blocks of Monterrey Avenue, between W. Ash Street and W. Locust Street, during the peak school hours of 7:15 a.m. to 8:15 a.m., and 2:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, during school days, to indicate one-way traffic at Sanchez-Ochoa Elementary School and providing for publication and effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

13. Designating as a two-way road section for the Airport Truck Route, to include: Maher Avenue from Bustamante Street to Hillside Road, Thomas Avenue between Hillside Road and Pappas Street, Pappas Street between Thomas Avenue and Daugherty Avenue; providing for the installation of appropriate signs to provide for two-way traffic and providing for publication and effective date. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

14. Authorizing the City Manager to amend the lease agreement approved by ordinance no. 2011-O-030 with Uni-Trade Forwarding, L.C., as Lessee, and the City of Laredo as Lessor, to add an additional 22,394 square feet increasing the leased premises to approximately 2.017-acres (87,860 square feet) located at 4600 Maher Avenue and known as Lot No. 1-B-1A, Block No. 1 at the Laredo International Airport to enable Lessee’s development of the property. Initial monthly rental will
increase accordingly from $1,800.00 to approximately $2,416.00, providing for effective date. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council except for Cm. San Miguel

IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES


Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon  
Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza  
For: 8  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

15. 2011-O-112 Amending the FY 2011 Financial Task Force and the Public Corruption Task Force Budget by reducing Revenues and Expenditures in the amount of $200,000.00 in the 2010 award due to a de-obligation from the agency. Both grants are funded by the Executive Office of the President, Office of the National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) at no cost to the City. Funding is used to pay personnel salaries, fringe benefits, overtime, travel and operating expenses.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-O-112.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon  
Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza  
For: 8  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

2011-O-113 Accepting a grant awarded by the Office of the National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), and amending the City of Laredo FY 2010-2011 budget by increasing revenues and expenses in the amount of $69,000.00. Funds will be used to pay overtime expenses for a special operation from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. Fringe benefits will be funded from the program income division.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-O-113.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon  
Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza  
For: 8  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

2011-O-114 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a continuation contract from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Office of Border Health (OBH) Early Warning Infectious Disease Surveillance (EWIDS) project in the amount of $75,000.00. Due to a budget reduction and decreasing the City of Laredo Health Department FY 2010-2011 Annual Budget by $96,282.00 ($75,000.00 in direct funds and $7,718.00 in-kind match) for the
term period of August 1, 2011 through July 31, 2012. (AS AMENDED)

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-O-114.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon
Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2011-O-115 Amending the City of Laredo fiscal year 2011 Recreation Fund by appropriating $80,000.00 composed of $30,000.00 in additional revenues for classes and lessons and a drawdown of $50,000.00 to cover operational expenditures. Funding is available in the Recreation Fund.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-O-115.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon
Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2011-O-117 Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute an Advanced Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation in the amount of $405,740.00 including a local match of $11,867.00 and to amend the FY2010-2011 Capital Grants Fund by appropriating said funds for a proposed feasibility study to determine the preferred location for the eventual construction of a grade separation over the Union Pacific Rail line, between Scott and Sanchez Street. Local match has been identified in the 2008 C.O. Issue. Grant will be accounted for in the Capital Grants Fund.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-O-117.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon
Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2011-O-119 Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey Fee Simple Title to Bernardo Escobedo for the “Surface Only”, at its market value of $4,400.00, a certain property currently encroaching upon City property within the Maryland Avenue Toddler Park adjacent to the Laredo Health Clinic, and described as being a tract of land containing 1,236.1 square feet or 0.0284 of an acre, more or less, out of Lots 7 and 8, Block 338, Eastern Division, being further described on attached, Exhibit A.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-O-119.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon
Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza
2011-O-120 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Lease with Ronny Salamon D/B/A Avionics Services Intl., as Lessee, for approximately 12,000 square feet constituting the western most section of Hangar No. 1309 located at 4207 North Jarvis Avenue at the Laredo International Airport. Lease term is for ten (10) years commencing on October 1, 2011 and ending on September 30, 2021. Monthly rent shall be $4,505.00 and will be adjusted annually according to changes in the consumer price index; providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-O-120.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon
Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2011-O-121 Authorizing the City Manager to recognize PV Investments, Inc., as the successor and now the Lessee to that lease agreement approved by Ordinance No. 96-O-200 between the City of Laredo, as Lessor and Eleuterio Garza, as Lessee, on two (2) tracts of land being Lot No. 1 consisting of approximately 15,463.8 square feet and Lot No. 3 consisting of approximately 4,769 square feet all located on Block No. 15 at the Laredo International Airport. All items, conditions and reservations of Ordinance No. 96-O-200 remain the same.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-O-121.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon
Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

X. RESOLUTIONS

16. 2011-R-062 Authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the United States Foreign-Trade Zones Board for a temporary boundary modification on behalf of Uni-Trade Brokers L.C., in accordance with Ordinance No. 2000-O-183 dated July 24, 2000 and the termination of Resolution 2009-O-183 effective the date the Foreign Trade Zone Board approves the new Temporary Boundary Modification. The Temporary Boundary Modification consists of temporarily transferring the designation of (2.15) acres from the City of Laredo, Foreign-Trade Zone Site No. 1, located at the Laredo International Airport to the new temporary site which shall be designated as Site No. 12 located at 130 Flecha Lane, Laredo, TX 78045. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve Resolution 2011-R-062.
17. 2011-R-080 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a service agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit A, between the City of Laredo Police Department and Property Room.com, Inc., for the purpose of providing auction and disposition services. Property Room.com will remit to the City of Laredo Police Department payment of proceeds (less any fees) arising from completed sales. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve Resolution 2011-R-080.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon
Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 1
Cm. San Miguel

18. 2011-R-081 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Foreign Trade Zone Operator Agreement with Uni-Trade Brokers L.C., as Zone Site Operator located at 130 Flecha Lane, Laredo, Texas, and located within Foreign Trade Zone Proposed New Site No. 12; effective October 1, 2011 and ending September 30, 2014. Providing for activation, administration, annual and transaction fees to be paid to the City. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve Resolution 2011-R-081.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon
Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

19. 2011-R-086 Accepting the conveyance of the following utility easement, for an 8 inch water line and fire hydrant at Nixon High School from Laredo Independent School District—Utility Easement as follows:

One over a 0.01 Acre Tract, a copy of which conveyance is attached as Exhibit 1; and directing that the said Easement be filed of record in official property records of Webb County, Texas. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve Resolution 2011-R-086.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon
Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
20. 2011-R-088 Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate with AEROVIAS DE MEXICO, S.A. DE C.V. (AEROMEXICO AIRLINES) for daily air service to and from Mexico City as enabled under Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code for the promotion and encouragement of economic development and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents. (Co-Sponsored by Mayor Raul G. Salinas & Council Member Mike Garza)

Motion to approve Resolution 2011-R-088.

Moved: Cm. San Miguel  
Second: Cm. Narvaez  
For: 8  Against: 0  Abstain: 0

XI. MOTIONS

21. Authorizing the issuance of two (2) banner permits to the Texas A&M International University Alumni Association, for the installation of a banner across the intersection of Calton Road and Yeary Road and a banner across Del Mar Blvd and McPherson Road from September 12, 2011 to October 8, 2011 to advertise the Autumn Music Festival (Autmus Fest). (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza  
Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon  
For: 8  Against: 0  Abstain: 0

22. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Shenandoah Valley Subdivision Homeowners Association for placement of a subdivision monument along the east right of way of Snowfalls Drive near its intersection with Shiloh Dr. and to further authorize the City Manager to sign a temporary construction license (6 months) to allow the Shenandoah Valley Homeowners and its agents and contractors to construct and place said monument. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza  
Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon  
For: 8  Against: 0  Abstain: 0

23. Consideration for approval of the Chacon Creek Hike and Bike Trail—Phase I (CSJ: 0922-33-100) as complete, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of $41,404.00 to ALC Construction, Inc., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is $328,639.00. Funding is available in the Parks Capital Grants Fund. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.
24. Consideration for approval of change order no. 3, to A Plus Plumbing Contractor, Inc., Laredo, Texas, for the City of Laredo and Webb County, Texas, House to Line Connections at Old Milwaukee, Tanquecitos I, Tanquecitos II, San Carlos I, San Carlos II, Los Altos, Ranchitos 359, Laredo Ranchettes, D-5 Acres. This change order is required to add fourteen (14) more dwellings, subject to approval by Texas Water Development Board. The contract amount remains the same in the amount of $949,906.30. Funding is available in the Colonias Fund. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza
Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

25. Consideration for acceptance, release of retainage, approval of change order no. 1, for a decrease in the amount of $47,792.12 and final payment in the amount of $24,263.53 to Jimmy Closner and Sons Construction Co., Inc., Mercedes, Texas, for the construction of the 16” Waterline replacement along FM 1472 from San Gabriel to Loop 20. Funding is available in the 2009 Utility Series C Bond. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza
Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

26. Certification of elected City employees’ nominees as per Ordinance 2011-O-095 to the Civil Service Commission and City Council confirmation of elected members. The elected members representing the City employees are: Jesus Hinojosa, III; Jorge Dominguez; and Reynaldo Campos, Jr.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza
Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

27. Ratifying the approval to award a construction contract to the selected Construction Manager at Risk Leyendecker Construction, Inc., Laredo, Texas, for a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of $15,655,990.00 for the City of Laredo Minor League Ballpark, and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related contract documents contingent upon receipt and approval of insurance and bond documents. Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) firm is to provide pre-construction series
such as constructability guidance, cost estimates, and construction schedules; provide a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP); and perform complete construction services consistent with the CMAR construction delivery process as requested by the City of Laredo. Funding is available in the 2011 Sales Tax Revenue Bond and the Sports Venue Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza
Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

28. Consideration to ratify the City Manager’s authorization to purchase a ceiling sectional tempered glass/chromacoat wall system and office furniture for the City Hall annex building from Workplace Resources L.L.C., San Antonio, Texas, in the amount of $554,519.10 through the State of Texas –Texas Multiple Award Schedule (TXMAS) Cooperative Purchasing Contract. Funding is available in the CIP-City Hall annex.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza
Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

29. Consideration to amend revenue and expenditure appropriations for the proposed FY 2011-2012 Annual Budget by approving the following motions:

1. Implement a 2% cost of living adjustment on April 1, 2012 for an estimated cost of $682,539.00.

2. Increase funding for Veterans Coalition by $20,000.00 and Habitat for Humanity by $3,500.00.


4. Revenue and expenditures for the Municipal Maintenance Agreement with TXDOT for sweeping portion of IH 35.

5. Additional funding for the Convention and Visitor’s Bureau from Hotel Motel for promotional events related to the Golf Course, Baseball Stadium, Eagle Ford Shale and airline service.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza
Second: Cm. San Miguel
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
XII. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion to approve consent agenda.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza
Second: Cm. Vera

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

XII (a) RESOLUTIONS

30. 2011-R-084 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services in the amount of $230,491.00, with a projected amount of program income of $76,374.00 for the continuation of the Immunization Action Plan (IAP) Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the term beginning September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

XII (b) MOTIONS

31. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract for the collection of delinquent property taxes and other charges with Flores & Saucedo, A Professional Limited Liability Company for the period of October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2015. Attorney fees payable under this contract shall not exceed the amount actually received by the City as collections costs from delinquent taxpayers pursuant to the Texas Property Tax Code. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

32. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Toll Collection System Maintenance Service Contract between the City of Laredo and TransCore, L.P., for the hardware and software maintenance of the Laredo Bridge System Toll Collection Equipment. This maintenance service contract is for a term not to exceed one (1) year effective October 1, 2011 and will not exceed $190,000.00. Funding is contingent upon availability in the FY 2011-2012 Bridge Fund Budget. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

33. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Service Mechanical Group, LTD., for the repair of the dehumidifier at the Laredo Energy Arena in an amount not to exceed $110,000.00. Funding is available under the Sports and Community Venue Fund. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

34. Consideration to award annual supply contract FY11-093 to Executive Office Supply, Laredo, TX and Patria Office Supply, Laredo, Texas for the purchase of general office supplies. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one year with a renewal option for an additional twelve month period upon mutual agreement. This contract is being awarded utilizing best value evaluation criteria.
Approximately $500,000.00 is spent on office supplies and copy paper on an annual basis. Funding is available in the office supply line item budgets for the respective departments. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

35. Authorizing the City Manager to renew a contract with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas and Pay Flex to provide Third Party Administration to include Administrative Services, Utilization Review Services, Medical Network Provider Service, Stop Loss Insurance, Prescription Benefit Management Services, COBRA/HIPAA Administration, Flexible spending account administration, Disease Management and other related services for a period of one (1) year, with an option to renew for up to two (2) additional one (1) year terms subject to satisfactory performance reviews and satisfactory pricing, the effective date will be October 1, 2011. Funding is available in the Health and Benefits fund. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

36. Consideration to award amendment no. 1, in the amount of $10,000.00 to Birch, Becker and Moorman, L.L.P. (BBM), Austin, Texas, for additional legal services for the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Storm Water Permit renewal application to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Initially BBM was contracted by the City on August 26, 2010 in the amount of $47,250.00 and for number of reasons associated with the TCEQ’s processing of the renewal application BBM now estimates additional cost for the post-submittal services. The City had submitted the permit application on December 3, 2010 and received a draft permit in June 23, 2011 and BBM submitted the comments on behalf of the City regarding the draft permit and finally in August 4, 2011 received Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision of the TPDES permit. The total contract with this amendment no. 1 will be $57,250.00. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

37. Consideration to award contract number FY11-097 to Zertuche Construction, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of $ 81,250.00 for the construction of five (5) concrete foundations for the Utilities Department. Funding is available in the 2009 Sewer Bond. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to reconsider items 37 and 38.

Moved: Cm. Perez
Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza
For: 8  Against: 0  Abstain: 0

City Manager Carlos Villarreal reported that several staff members had met with Mr. Zertuche and that they had decided that these items should be tabled until other projects were completed because some projects were lagging behind considerably.

Motion to table items 37 and 38.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rendon
For: 8  Against: 0  Abstain: 0
38. Award a construction contract to the lowest bidder, Zertuche Construction L.L.C., Laredo, Texas in the amount of $557,695.42 for the construction of two (2) concrete channels and concrete parking lot and outlet structure totaling 109.160 sq. ft. of concrete to manage storm water discharge from existing 60” and 36” pipe within the Santa Rita Subdivision with a construction time of sixty (60) working days. Funding is available in the 2004 & 2007 Sewer Bond. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

39. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the construction contract with the responsible second lowest bidder, DEH Constructors, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of $1,006,752.24 for the procurement, construction, installation, and fuel of lift station improvements phase II—Alternative Power Generators. The construction time is two hundred sixty (260) working days for final completion. Funding is available in the 2009 Sewer Bond. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

40. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract and award $100,000.00 in 2008, 34th AY Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, and an additional $100,000.00 in 2010, 36th AY CDBG funds made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, to Bethany House in support of the Rehabilitation of their homeless shelter, the Bethany House Center for Hope. Funding is available in the 2008 and 2010 Community Development Block Grant funds. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

41. Authorizing the award of 2010 HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) set-aside funds in the amount of $207,270.00 to Habitat for Humanity of Laredo, Inc., to assist in the construction of approximately nine (9) homes for the Tierra Prometida a 50 home project; and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents in support of the same. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

42. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract and award $200,000.00 in 2010, HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, to Bethany House in support of the construction of nine (9) transitional rental units, to be constructed as part of the Bethany House Center for Hope. Funding is available in the 2010 HOME Investment Partnership Program Grant funds. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

43. Award of construction contract to the lowest bidder ALC Construction, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the base bid amount of $161,286.00 for the CDBG Sidewalks Project No. 40 (23 Blocks)—District V with a construction contract time of seventy (70) working 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 Community Development Block Grant—35th Action Year/2009 Grant. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

44. Award of a construction contract to the lowest bidder, ALC Construction, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the base bid amount of $216,795.00 for the CDBG Sidewalks Project No. 41 (23 Blocks)—District VII with a construction contract time of
seventy (70) working 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 Community Development Block Grant—35th Action Year/2009 Grant and 36th Action Year/2010 Grant. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

45. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Amendment to Municipal Maintenance Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation to provide for the sweeping of portions of IH 35, twice a week for a five (5) year period and reimbursing the City of Laredo up to $300,000.00 per year plus 4% per annum of the amount reimbursed. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

46. Consideration to award annual supply contract number FY11-095 to the low bidder, IPC(USA) Inc., Irvine, California, in the estimated annual amount of $5,000,000.00 for the purchase of unleaded and diesel fuel for the City’s automotive fleet. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Fund. (Approved as amended by Operations & Finance Committees to include Arguindegui Oil Co. as a secondary alternative source where fuel from IPC(USA) Inc., becomes unavailable)

47. Consideration to amend annual supply contract number FY10-066 awarded to the low bidder, Arguindegui Oil Co., Laredo, Texas, for the purchase of unleaded and diesel fuel for the City of Laredo’s fleet, by increasing the contract award in the amount of $600,000.00 to cover the cost to purchase fuel until September 15, 2011. The new contract total will be $5,375,000.00. The contract amount is being modified as a result of an industry wide increase in the cost of automotive fuel. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Fund. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

48. Consideration to award annual contracts FY11-103 and FY11-104 to the low bidder, Holguin Cleaners, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated annual amount of $67,800.00 for providing laundry and dry cleaning services for the Police Department. The contract vendor will provide services for both the uniform and non uniform police officers. The term of these contracts shall be for one (1) year. These contracts may be extended for an additional year upon mutual consent of both parties. Funding is available in the Police Department budget. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

49. Consideration to authorize the purchase of seventy four (74) body armor vests for the Police Department in the estimated amount of $55,962.50 from G.T. Distributors, Inc., Austin, Texas through the Buyboard Cooperative Purchasing program’s contract pricing. Funding is available in the 2007 C. O. Bond proceeds. (Approved by Operations Committee; as amended by Finance Committee)

50. Consideration to authorize the purchase of duty ammunition for the Police Department in the estimated amount of $85,627.80 from Precision Delta Corporation, Ruleville, MS, through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program’s contract no. 363-10. Funding is available in the Police Department’s budget. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)
51. Authorizing an agreement with Webb County for the payment of a total of $650,000.00 to Webb County as the City of Laredo’s participation in the construction of the Fernando Salinas Community Center formerly known as the Buenos Aires Recreation Center; said amount to be paid in periodic installments upon application by Webb County as work on the project progress; and, authorizing the City Manager to make such payments as they become due up to the total amount. Funding is available in the 2007, 2009, 2010 Contractual Obligation Bonds. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XIII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

52. A. Request by Mayor Raul G. Salinas

1. Discussion and possible action to establish a policy urging the development community to name streets after Laredo’s first responders who, in the line of duty, have fallen and those patriotic members of the U.S. Armed Forces who paid the ultimate price in the service of their city and country [and to request that the City Secretary maintain and keep a list of the names of those heroic men and women for said purposes]. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Esteban Rangel, Council Member Juan Narvaez, & Council Member Jorge A. Vera)

Mayor Salinas reported that the purpose of this item was that there were heroes in the community who had made the ultimate sacrifice. He wished to consider naming streets after those heroes in the future on a case-by-case situation.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal stated that staff would look at this item and bring back a report.

2. Discussion with possible action to implement a grading system for City projects upon their completion that would be considered in awarding future contracts. A committee of three members from project related departments would conduct the evaluation. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alejandro “Alex” Perez, Council Member Charlie San Miguel & Council Member Cynthia Liendo Espinoza)

Mayor Salinas said that they wanted to make sure that the people who were doing the work were doing their jobs right. He added that he asked Council to consider giving credit for doing a good job, and taking note of when they failed to complete the work or didn’t do a good job. He wanted staff to establish something just to be fair.

Cm. Vera said that he thought that the Council Member should also be part of the evaluation and relate any calls received to the contractor and to the corresponding department.

Mayor Salinas asked for staff to consider this information and bring back a recommendation.
B. Request by Council Member Mike Garza

1. Discussion with possible action on responsibilities of all grant availability for all departments.

Cm. Garza stated that as Council Members they often mentioned grants, but he didn’t know if there might be opportunities for other grants and wanted to know if there was perhaps a clearing house where they could check to see what applications had been made or what could be targeted.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal said that they already made sure to not leave any grant on the table. He added that availability of grants was plummeting because of the current crisis in Washington.

Cm. Garza replied that he wished to look at grants that had not previously been considered, if any.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal responded that all department directors had a green light to explore all possibilities and follow any lead in regards to getting grants. He concluded that no one had brought a grant to them that had been turned down.

C. Request by Council Member Alejandro “Alex” Perez

1. Status report on the pavement on Gustavus Street, with possible action.

Utilities Director Tomas Rodriguez reported that one private contractor replaced the water and sewer lines on Gustavus from Arkansas two blocks to the west all the way to Ryan Elementary. He added that then they started on the opposite side and went from Martin all the way to Bartlett, putting the millings. He said that they would schedule for Public Works to pave later. He went on to say that the crews had not worked on Gustavus because they were working at the baseball park. He explained that they would be going a little slower on Gustavus. He continued saying that it would take three months to finish the baseball park and Flores together. He concluded that if the Council Member would allow one more meeting, he could give him a schedule.

2. Discussion with possible action on the maintenance and upkeep of railroad crossings by Kansas City Southern in District 3, as compared to Union Pacific.

Mr. Arturo Dominguez from Kansas City Southern gave a presentation on the following streets:

- Arkansas and Guadalupe
- Market and Jarvis
- Bartlett / Market and Cortez
- Cortez and Malinche
- Guatemozin and Buena Vista
- Aldama and Seymour
Aldama and Stone
Aldama and Hendricks
Aldama and Logan
Market and Springfield
Chihuahua and Springfield

Arturo Dominguez stated that there were no immediate plans for planking but the repairs would be capital projects for next year.

D. Request by Council Member Charlie San Miguel

1. Discussion with possible action concerning the City’s sign ordinance.

Cm. San Miguel stated that he receives many calls about signs posted on light poles, for example. He added that he wanted to keep Laredo beautiful because even workers from AEP had problems because of these signs posted, even presenting a hazard when the signs were posted with screws.

Building Director Erasmo Villarreal reported that they have five zoning officers with tools to take the signs down. He added that they had removed 395 signs from poles, had issued 65 warnings, and had given 59 citations to ones who had been caught repeatedly. He went on to say that most of the violations were committed by business owners. He concluded that they would work on getting more information out to the public so that they would know that they could not use the light poles in this way.

Motion to make each sign illegally posted an individual offense.

Moved: Cm. San Miguel
Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Garza was not present.

2. Discussion with possible action on the implementation of front lot construction for the placement of utilities.

Horacio de Leon informed Council that they had been working with AEP who had done a preliminary presentation on this issue. He explained that they had also been working with the Planning and Zoning department to take this to the Planning and Zoning Commission in order to construct an ordinance.

Ben Hinojosa from AEP said that they had been working with staff to try to develop a process to amend the subdivision ordinance handbook to allow for front lot construction. He stated that they had experienced many issues in the past, but that this change in the ordinance would allow the developer to select either front lot or rear lot construction. He gave a presentation to Mayor Salinas and City Council.
Motion for staff to work with AEP to develop an ordinance amendment to allow for front lot construction.

Moved: Cm. San Miguel  
Second: Cm. Vera  
For: 7  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

Mayor Pro Tem did not vote due to chairing the meeting in the temporary absence of Mayor Salinas.

3. Discussion with possible action to allow for opening prayer at all City Council Meetings as part of protocol rotating pastors, priests, rabbi, and all clergy of the community. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Juan Narvaez)

Toni Gamboa from Destiny Ministries spoke in favor of this request. She stated that the quality of life for the city needed to be a healthy one and she felt that prayer was a very important factor in the daily dealings of service in their respective districts. She asked for Council’s full support.

Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon stated that his concern was that in the past, a minister who was a witch had given a prayer in a different way. He explained that he felt bad because the prayer received a lot of negative feedback. He concluded that he felt very comfortable with a silent prayer.

Cm. San Miguel said that what he would like to do would be to follow the example set at the state capitol by having prayers after the gavel had been struck.

Cm. Narvaez said that he had received calls regarding the prayer item. He agreed with Mayor Pro Tem Rendon to have a moment of silence after the pledge of allegiance to allow for silent prayer. He added that religion and the state should not be mixed.

Cm. Vera said his only concern was that when this was done, anyone from any kind of religion could come in, and this would be opening a can of worms. He went on to say that even Satan worshipers would have to be allowed.

City Attorney Raul Casso reported that legislative prayers were allowed so long as there was no discriminating or disparaging of particular religions. He went on to say that it was not prohibited and that they could place it in their order of business wherever they chose.

Motion to ask staff to research how the state handles the protocol of opening prayer before their meetings in Austin.

Moved: Cm. San Miguel  
Second: Cm. Liendo Espinoza  
For: 8  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0
4. Discussion with possible action to enter into negotiations for possible acquisition with respective owner regarding a 16.5 acre tract located north of the Longhorn Subdivision for the extension of North Central Park.

Cm. San Miguel stated that he was authorizing staff to enter into negotiations with the landowner.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal replied that he could not negotiate if there was no money to back up a deal. He added that there had to be a public need for the piece of property and an appropriation of money so that he could proceed and negotiate in good faith. He concluded that he had received a letter from Mr. Marshall asking for certain conditions between $500-2 million dollars.

E. Request by Council Member Jorge A. Vera

1. Discussion with possible action to explore the possible modification of the Laredo Coat of Arms logo so as to give the United States flag its proper place of honor.

Cm. Vera reported that the current logo has the United States flag beneath the Mexican flag. He commented on two revised versions by Marco Mendez that had changed the position of the United States flag and had also changed the Confederate Flag to the National Confederacy Flag.

Cm. Narvaez said that the Confederate flag should be kept as it was in the past.

Mayor Pro Tem Rendon commented that he wanted to find out if the Confederate flag flew over Laredo or if it was the National Confederacy Flag.

City Secretary Gustavo Guevara replied that it was the Confederate, or “rebel” flag that flew over Laredo.

Cm. Liendo Espinoza asked if there were a copyright on the original logo. She also felt that the order of flags should be changed, but also wanted to look at using the round logo instead of the coat of arms. She went on to say that she thought that they should officially adopt one logo or the other so as not to be moving back and forth.

Cm. Vera replied that the person who had changed the confederate flag had taken it upon himself to do so; however, he wanted to make sure that the United States flag had its place above all the other flags in the coat of arms. He also said he wanted to make sure that they could do the change without any repercussions.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Narvaez
Second: Cm. Vera
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
Cm. Garza and Cm. San Miguel were not present.

F. Request by Council Member Cynthia Liendo Espinoza


Cm. Liendo Espinoza stated that many months ago, they had voted on developing a committee that would focus on working on an incentive package to bring new business to Laredo and help existing businesses to grow. She went on to say that they only had four members appointed to this committee and wanted to know if Council had changed its mind about having the committee.

XIV. STAFF REPORTS

53. Presentation of the proposed TPDES storm water permit (WQ0004592000) issued by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for the City of Laredo, with Laredo Community College & Texas Department of Transportation (District 22) as Co-permittee, with possible action.

Angela Moorman from the Law Firm of Birch, Becker, and Moorman, stated that this was the third permit that the City had, and its current renewal application was pending at TCEQ. She added that through this process, TCEQ always added new requirements each cycle. She stated that the new requirement was a requirement for the construction areas in town. She went on to say that the current city ordinance would need to be amended from five acres to one or more acres.

Motion to accept the permit.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza
Second: Cm. San Miguel
For: 7  Against: 0  Abstain: 0

Cm. Garza was not present.

54. Discussion with possible action to consider a first request for an extension of Injury Leave with pay in accordance with 143.073 (b) of the Texas Local Government Code for Patrol Officer Jacobo Huerta.

Human Resources Director Dan Migura reported that this was a first request for an extension of injury leave for Jacobo Huerta who was hurt in the line of duty. They were requesting a 60 work day extension.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza
Second: Cm. Narvaez
For: 8  Against: 0  Abstain: 0

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION
XVI. 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. Liendo Espinoza
Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

55. 2011-RT-003 Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute the Texas Department of Transportation Section 5307, Grant No. 51222F7050, for fiscal year 2011-2012, in the amount of $617,525.00, from the State Public Transportation Funds for Transit Operating Assistance. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve Resolution 2011-RT-003.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon
Second: Cm. San Miguel
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

56. 2011-RT-004 Authorizing the City of Laredo to execute a Public Transportation Master Grant Agreement no. 512XXF7078 with the Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, for a five (5) year term beginning September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2016, and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related documents. This master agreement stipulates the guidelines required by the U.S. Department of Transportation for any grant funds received by the Laredo Mass Transit. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve Resolution 2011-RT-004.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon
Second: Cm. San Miguel
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

57. Consideration to award an annual supply contract number FY11-096 to the low bidder, IPC (USA) Inc., Irvine, California, in the estimated amount of $1,700,000.00 for the purchase of unleaded and diesel fuel for the Transit System’s automotive fleet. Funding is available in the Transit Maintenance Fund. (Approved as amended by Operations & Finance Committees to include Arguindegui Oil Co. as a secondary alternative source where fuel from IPC(USA) Inc., becomes unavailable)

Motion to approve.
Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Rendon
Second: Cm. San Miguel
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

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

Motion to adjourn as the Laredo Mass Transit Board and reconvene as the Laredo City Council and adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Liendo Espinoza
Second: Cm. Rangel
For: 7 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 30 and they are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council meeting held on September 6th, 2011.

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Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary
KCS Railroad Crossings between Arkansas and Springfield

Laredo, Texas.
September 6, 2011
Arkansas and Guadalupe
Arkansas and Guadalupe
Guatemozin and Buena Vista
Aldama and Stone
Aldama and Logan