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

Raul G. Salinas, Mayor
Mike Garza, District I
Esteban Rangel, Mayor Pro-Tempore, District II
Alejandro Perez, Jr., District III
Juan Narvaez, District IV
Roque Vela, Jr., District V
Charlie San Miguel, District VI
Jorge A. Vera, District VII
Cynthia Liendo, 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, Mayor Pro Tem Rangel and Cm. Vera.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. Narvaez
For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Vera joined the meeting at 5:36 pm, Mayor Pro Tem Rangel joined the meeting at 5:45pm, and Cm. Garza joined the meeting at 5:50pm.
IV. MINUTES


Motion to approve the April 9, 2013, August 14, 2013, September 10, 2013, September 11, 2013 and June 16, 2014 minutes.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. Liendo
For: 5                    Against: 0                    Abstain: 0

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Communiqués

a. Presentation by the Laredo Medical Society on “Drug Abuse Destroys Our Brain.”

Dr. Reynaldo Godines stated that they were seeing young people become vegetables due to substance abuse. He went on to say that in order for people to get educated, they had to have a healthy brain. He explained that the Texas Deceptive Trade Practice Act was brought about because of the impact of substance abuse issues.

A resolution to support the Act will be brought before City Council.

Recognitions

a. Recognizing Laredo Main Street for receiving the following awards/recognitions:

1. Laredo Main Street Program 2014 Nationally Accredited Main Street Program
2. Laredo Main Street Program 2014 Texas Main Street Accreditation
3. Certified Farmers Market “El Centro de Laredo Farmers Market”
4. Certified "Go Texan Program", El Centro de Laredo Farmers Market

Mayor Salinas and City Council congratulated Laredo Main Street representatives for their awards and presented them with a certificate of recognition.

b. Recognizing Ms. Valerie Bragg, KGNS Pro-8 News Reporter, for winning the Texas Associated Press Broadcasters 2013-2014 Investigative Report,
Division 4 Award.

Mayor Salinas and City Council congratulated Valerie Bragg for her award and presented her with a certificate of recognition.

Citizen comments

Armando Cisneros spoke on item 28, stating that usually when we talk about tax abatements, it will be close to $300,000 which he thought would mean more jobs than the ten mentioned. He added that tax abatements should be closely monitored.

Ernesto Sanchez from the Korean War Veterans Committee announced that on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. in Jarvis plaza, they would celebrate 61 years of the cease fire in Korea.

Jose Ortiz stated that he was present to complain against the distribution of monies for block grants. He explained that ten years ago, a block grant was given to Olive Street and only eight of ten blocks had been finished. He went on to say that this neighborhood had many elderly and infirm people who had trouble getting to their mailboxes due to the terrain. He concluded that he was appealing to Mayor Salinas and City Council to find funds to finish this project.

Douglas Alford representing the Honor Flag Program stated that he had interviewed WWII veterans who wished to see a memorial. He added that on September 12, they were scheduled for the memorial; however, they did not have a lot of people left to attend. Therefore, he decided to create a leather vest with, “WWII Veterans, Honor Flag 2014, Laredo, Texas,” on the back which would cost $500-$600 for veterans only. He requested $1,000 for the vest and transportation and the support of Council to make this happen.

Armando Cisneros said that he had seen many new businesses opening in Laredo which were loan companies and pawn shops. He added that there should be other businesses; for every one of these, another businesses such as a restaurant or convenience store did not open. He explained that other cities had ordinances regulating these types of loan stores which had the effect of keeping people in poverty.

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

a. Appointment by Council Member Mike Garza to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Motion to approve the nomination of Michael Barron to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
b. Appointment by Council Member Mike Garza to the Historic District/Landmark Board.

Motion to approve the nomination of Meg Guerra to the Historic District/Landmark Board.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel  
For: 8  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

c. City Council Member nominations with confirmation by the City Council to the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA) Board of Directors.

Motion to approve the nomination of Jose Murillo to the Regional Mobility Authority Board of Directors as per Council Member Garza and Mayor Pro Tem Rangel.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel  
For: 8  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public hearing allowing interested persons to comment on the 2014 Consolidated One-Year Action Plan which identifies the projects proposed to be funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The City anticipates receiving $3,553,204.00 in 40th Action Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, $685,083 through the HOME Investment Partnership Program, and $292,883.00 through the Emergency Solutions Grant.

An additional $8,751.00 is anticipated to be received through CDBG program income, $97,062.00 in Section 108 Loan Repayment, $48,000.00 in Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan funds, and $82,296.00 in HOME program income. The following projects are proposed and subject to City Council approval.

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(Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

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

2. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo FY 2014 Airport Construction Budget to appropriate revenues from a grant received from the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program being Grant Project No. 3-48-0136-76-14 in the amount $2,890,905.00 to install Security Fencing to include replacement of vehicular gates with sliding gates and access controls along with video cameras; installation of fiber optic cable along with airfield thermal cameras; hardware and software upgrades to accommodate system expansion and increase functionality of the badging and dispatch systems; The City’s local match in the amount of $321,212.00 (10%) is available in the Airport Construction Fund Budget. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. Liendo
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. Liendo
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council
3. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and amending the FY 2013-2014 City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of $159,889.00 for the City of Laredo Health Department Healthcare and Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) to continue to conduct readiness among healthcare providers to address mass treatment, care, casualties in response to an event for the period beginning July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. Vera
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel
Second: Cm. Vela
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 2-C, Block 1, Ramirez Business Park Subdivision, located at 501 South Creek Drive, from B-4 (Highway Commercial District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff is in support of the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change. District II

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel
Second: Cm. Liendo
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.
Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel  
Second: Cm. Garza  
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0  

Ordinance Introduction: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel  

5. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for apartments on Lot 1, Block 1557, Eastern Division, located at 2601 Corpus Christi Street; providing for publication and effective date.  

Staff is in support of the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the Conditional Use Permit. District III  

Motion to open the public hearing.  

Moved: Cm. Vera  
Second: Cm. Liendo  
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0  

Sylvia Leal, property owner, stated that she purchased the property in January with three electric meter boxes but only one meter. She added that she purchased it with the intention of rehabilitating the property and got a permit to redo the roof and then another for remodeling. She concluded that she found out that it had the three electric meters because it was in an R-1 zone and so she applied for a zone change. However, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended a Conditional Use Permit. She went on to say that some neighbors had submitted letters in favor of this permit.  

Motion to close the public hearing and deny.  

Moved: Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Vera  
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0  

6. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a child daycare center on South 75.46’ of Lot 5, and North 63.43’ of Lot 5, Block 1654, Eastern Division, located at 2720 Clark Boulevard and 2304 North Arkansas Avenue; providing for publication and effective date.  

Staff supports the application and Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the Conditional Use Permit. District IV  

Motion to open the public hearing.
Moved: Cm. Vela  
Second: Cm. Vera  
For: 8  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

Maria Almanza, property owner, requested approval of her application for a zone change.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce as amended to reflect that the owner shall build the five-foot concrete block fence within three weeks after the final reading of Ordinance 2014-O-086 on August 4, 2014.

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

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Narvaez

7. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for a restaurant selling alcohol on Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, Block 1, Alexander Commercial Subdivision Phase I, located at 1705 Del Mar Boulevard Unit A-27 (also known as 7619 Rocio Drive, Unit A-27); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the Special Use Permit. District V

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vela  
Second: Cm. Vera  
For: 8  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Vela

8. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for townhouses on Lots 1 and 2, Block 2, Escondido Subdivision Unit 2, located
at 4903 and 4917 Escondido Drive; providing for publication and effective date.

Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the Special Use Permit. District V

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. Vera
For: 8   Against: 0   Abstain: 0

Juan Salinas with Escondido Development stated that these townhomes don’t meet the traditional dimensional standards, and one of the issues was that they were requesting a smaller setback than what is typically required. He explained that they were asking for a fifteen-foot setback because of the dimension of the property itself, and so their architects designed what it would mean in terms of parking. He concluded that their request was a variance for thirty-two feet.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce as amended to reflect a fifteen-foot setback on thirty-two and forty-four with a twenty-foot setback and a twenty-foot lot; and also to take a look at the Special Use Permit to possibly revise the townhome provision.

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

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Vela

9. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 22.46 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit “A”, located at the west side of Bob Bullock Loop between Shiloh Drive and Eskimo Drive, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff is in support of the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change. District VI

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. San Miguel
Second: Cm. Garza
For: 8   Against: 0   Abstain: 0
There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. San Miguel

10. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 8.54 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit “A”, located at the northwest corner of Eskimo Drive and Bob Bullock Loop, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff is in support of the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change. District VI

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. San Miguel

11. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 26.75 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit “A”, located at the southwest corner of Shiloh Drive and Bob Bullock Loop, from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) and B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff is in support of the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change. District VI
Motion to open the public hearing.

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

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. San Miguel

12. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a truck sales center on South one half of Lot 5, and Lots 5A and 7, Block 266, Western Division, located at 1512, 1514, and 1518 Santa Ursula Avenue; providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the Conditional Use Permit. District VII

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Liendo  
Second: Cm. Vera  
For: 8  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Liendo  
Second: Cm. Vera  
For: 8  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Liendo

13. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 4 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located at 8404 Casa Verde Road, from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Commercial District); providing for publication date.
Staff does not support the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends denial of the zone change. District V

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. Liendo
For: 8
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Planning Director Nathan Bratton reported that they had received a petition from Martha Rubio representing several other surrounding landowners who were all opposed to the zone change.

Pat Vela stated that the majority of the neighbors were against the zone change request.

Ron Whitehawk, representing Mr. and Mrs. Alvarado, reported that they had owned this property for over twenty years and that their property was ready for development. He pointed out that B-1 was neighborhood zoning to have those type of businesses most compatible with a residential area; however, he pointed out that the tract of land to the east had an existing paved roadway easement.

Marco Garcia stated that his family owned eight acres next to the Alvarado family and that they were in support of the zone change because they, too, wished to apply for an R-2 zone change in the future.

Motion to close the public hearing and deny.

Moved: Cm. Vela
Second: Cm. Vera
For: 8
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

14. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 24, Section 24.78 of the City of Laredo Land Development Code, Entitled Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements, Specifically Chapter 24, Section 24-78.3 Parking Space Formulas, by reducing required parking for offices from 1 per 200 sq. ft. to 1 per every 250 sq. ft.; reducing the required parking for sit down restaurants from 18 per 1,000 sq. ft. to 12 per 1,000 sq. ft.; reducing the requirement for queuing spaces at fast food drive-thru from 8 to 6 and removing redundant language from Bed and Breakfast formula; providing for publication and effective date.
Staff recommends approval of the Ordinance Amendment and the Planning & Zoning Commission recommends approval of the Ordinance Amendment. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

15. Authorizing the City Manager to approve an amendment to the lease agreement with Sanchez Oil and Gas Corporation approved by Ordinance No. 94-O-175 for Building No. 374, Building No. 372 and a 73,299 square foot tract of unimproved land. The proposed amendment changes the lease term from ten (10) to five (5) years from October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2019, provides for a $1,000.00 per month rent abatement for improvements, deletes a tract of unimproved land, amends lease termination clause, and amends LESSEE'S rental obligation from $20,879.76 to $15,879.76 effective October 1, 2014. All other terms and conditions of the lease agreement remain in effect and unchanged. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES


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

16. 2014-O-080 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning the North 370 feet of Lot 1-A, Block 4, Towne East Subdivision Phase II, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located at 5101 US Highway 59, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date. (AS AMENDED)

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-O-080.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Liendo
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. San Miguel was not present.

2014-O-081 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by
rezoning 2.97 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", and located at 1320 W. Mann Road, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-O-081.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Liendo  
For: 7  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

Cm. San Miguel was not present.

2014-O-082  
Altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 3,500.07 acres, more or less, located northwest of the city, west of Travel Centers and Flying J Truck Stops and east of Millennium Park, along FM 1472 (Mines Road) as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically N.D. Hachar Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of AG (Agricultural District).

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-O-082.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Liendo  
For: 7  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

Cm. San Miguel was not present.

X. RESOLUTIONS

17. 2014-R-53  
Ordering and proclaiming a general City Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014; ordering and proclaiming a Special City Election to fill a vacancy for Council Member for District VIII to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014; designating polling places; providing for publication; and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Webb County Elections Administrator for the purpose of conducting a joint election with Webb County, United Independent School District (UISD), Laredo Independent School District (LISD) and Laredo Community College.

Motion to approve Resolution 2014-R-53.
Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Liendo  
For: 7  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

Cm. San Miguel was not present.

18. 2014-R-72  
Accepting the conveyance of the following 0.24 drainage easement (30' x 350') by Alexander Residential Development for an extension of underground storm sewer lines to control drainage and prevent erosion and directing staff that the said easement be filed of record in official property records of Webb County, Texas. These drainage improvements will be located within the D & J Alexander Subdivision, Unit III. Conveyance document with corresponding survey and metes and bounds description is attached as Exhibit A and B. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Liendo  
For: 7  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

Cm. San Miguel was not present.

19. 2014-R-75  
Authorizing fee waivers and a Tax Abatement Agreement between the City of Laredo and HHR Lane, L.L.C., for a proposed commercial project located at 820 Laredo St., Lot 5, Block 93, Eastern Division that consists of rehabilitation of the existing structure into a day care center, in accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ). This agreement will be for a five (5) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of $102,679.50, estimated annual tax abatement total of $654.07 and estimated total fee waivers of $1,134.50. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Liendo  
For: 7  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

Cm. San Miguel was not present.
20.  2014-R-76  Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Laredo and the United Independent School District for joint participation in the construction and operation of a Natatorium and Water Park.

Cm. Garza stated that the Water Park was added in error.

Motion to approve Resolution 2014-R-76.

Moved:  Cm. Garza  
Second:  Cm. Liendo  
For:  7  Against:  0  Abstain:  0  
Cm. San Miguel was not present.

XI. MOTIONS


Motion to approve.

Moved:  Cm. Liendo  
Second:  Cm. Narvaez  
For:  7  Against:  0  Abstain:  0  
Cm. San Miguel was not present.

22. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to sell one (1) Fire Apparatus Pumper and two (2) Ambulances to our Sister City of Nuevo Laredo Tamaulipas, Mexico. The units consist of a 1988 Federal Motors Pumper, 2003 Freightliner Ambulance and 2006 Freightliner Ambulance. The value for each unit is $2,500.00. The total cost for the three (3) units is $7,500.00.

Motion to approve.

Moved:  Cm. Liendo  
Second:  Cm. Narvaez  
For:  7  Against:  0  Abstain:  0  
Cm. San Miguel was not present.

23. Consideration for approval of change order No. 1, an increase of one hundred twenty (120) calendars days to the construction contract time with Vision Construction Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas, for the Truck Scales Project at
World Trade Bridge and Colombia Bridge for utilities, rain delays and flooding of scale pit trench. Current construction contract time with this change order No. 1 is two hundred forty-five (245) calendar days. Completion date for the project is scheduled for August 2014. Funding is available in the Bridge 2008 Bond. (Approved by Operations Committee)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Liendo  
Second: Cm. Narvaez  
For: 7  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0  

Cm. San Miguel was not present.

24. Consideration to award supply contract number FY14-067 to the sole bidder, City Ready Mix, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to $2,368,000.00, for the purchase of ready mix cement (job site delivered) for various City Departments. All materials are purchased on an as needed basis utilizing the Utilities, Parks and Leisure Services and Public Works Departments - construction projects budgets.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Liendo  
Second: Cm. Narvaez  
For: 7  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0  

Cm. San Miguel was not present.

25. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts to be adjusted for the month of June 2014, represent an increase of $8,118.07. These adjustments are determined by the Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Liendo  
Second: Cm. Narvaez  
For: 7  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0  

Cm. San Miguel was not present.

26. 1. Refund of property tax in the amount of $896.70 payable to Dovenmuehle Mortgage Inc., due to an erroneous payment.

2. Refund of property tax in the amount of $1,017.99 payable to Only
Boutique due to an overpayment.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Liendo
Second: Cm. Narvaez
For: 7  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

Cm. San Miguel was not present.

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

XII (a) RESOLUTIONS

27. 2014-R-61 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a contract between the Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) and the City of Laredo for the implementation of the FY2014 South Texas 9-1-1 Regional Administration Strategic Plan Budget in the amount of $1,828,511.00 as approved by CSEC on August 14, 2013 and amended on February 20, 2014 for administrative, equipment and program budgets for Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb and Zapata Counties for the period beginning September 1, 2014 and ending August 31, 2015.

28. 2014-R-68 Authorizing and approving a Tax Abatement Agreement and an Economic Development Agreement between the City of Laredo and Celadon Trucking, Inc., for five (5) years. Celadon will invest $14,000,000.00 in land and real property improvements, and $1,000,000.00 in tangible personal property, including ten (10) new full-time jobs within the first year with five (5) additional jobs each year for four (4) more years for a total of 30 new full-time jobs by the fifth year. The total five (5) year tax abatement is estimated to be $229,320.00 and one time permit and fees to be waived in the amount of $47,458.00. The proposed Celadon Trucking facility will be located at the Hachar Tract along IH35.

Dustin Jones representing Celadon stated that their company started in Indianapolis and had been in Laredo for over twenty
years. He added that they did not take lightly the Council’s approval of tax abatements. He went on to state that they had taken a look at tax revenue and they projected a total revenue of over $2 million over ten years for the city, county and school district. He concluded that the thirty new jobs at the new facility would increase their traffic by 25% in the immediate future which would increase toll revenue.

Patricio Gonzalez representing Celadon said that they were going to invest in any person who wanted to be in the trucking business.

Motion to approve.

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

29. 2014-R-69 Authorizing City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of $52,499.00 from the Texas Department of Transportation for Enforcement of Commercial Motor Vehicle Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. The City of Laredo will be required to provide a match in the amount of $22,532.27 for a total amount of $75,031.27. This grant is for overtime salaries. The grant period will begin October 1, 2014 and runs through September 30, 2015.

30. 2014-R-70 Authorizing City Manager to accept a grant award in the amount of $94,000.00 from the Texas Department of Transportation for Enforcement of Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. The City of Laredo will be required to match $41,971.00 for the total grant amount of $135,971.00. The grant period will begin October 1, 2014 and runs through September 30, 2015. This grant is for overtime salaries.

31. 2014-R-71 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application, if offered, to the Federal Aviation Administration in the approximate aggregate amount of $4,000,000.00 to Rehabilitate General Aviation Apron (Phase 9), and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents resulting from the award. The City’s local match in the amount of $444,444.00 (10%) is available in the Airport Construction Fund Budget.

32. 2014-R-74 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application, if
offered, to the Federal Aviation Administration in the amount of $4,000,000.00 for the Noise Abatement Program at the Laredo International Airport and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents resulting from the award. The purpose of the grant is to provide funding for acquisition, soundproofing of residential structures and for the acquisition of aviation easements. The City’s local match in the amount of $444,444.00 (10%) is available in the Airport Construction Fund Budget.

33. 2014-R-73 Authorizing the City Manager to accept the contract with the United States Health and Human Services (HHS) Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) in the amount of $100,000.00 for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Food Inspection Innovation Program to enhance the workforce capacity in food safety management to reduce foodborne public health threats associated with inappropriate food management, storage, illegal food entry and illegal food vending for the period beginning July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

XII (b) MOTIONS

34. Authorizing the purchase of a ten (10) foot tree extension with ornaments and lights, not to exceed $50,000.00, for the Christmas tree at the Laredo Energy Arena. Purchase will be from Downtown Decoration Inc., which was the original vendor for the current Christmas tree. Funding is available from the City’s Arena Renewal and Replacement Account which is funded by the Sports and Community Venue Fund.

35. Authorizing the City Manager to contract with the providers for Group Medical Benefits / Services with the best services proposal.

1) Third Party Medical Claims, Stop Loss & COBRA Administration:
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas; Agent Services: Laurel Insurance Agency & Associates, Inc.

2) Medical Network:
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas; Agent Services: Laurel Insurance Agency & Associates, Inc.

3) Section 125 Administration:
Connect Your Care through Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas; Agent Services: Laurel Insurance Agency & Associates, Inc.

4) Pharmacy Benefit Management:
Prime Therapeutics through Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas; Agent Services: Laurel Insurance Agency & Associates, Inc.

5) Medicare Supplement Carrier (Effective 1/1/15):
United American (Direct)

These contracts will be effective October 1, 2014, with the exception of item No. 5 that is effective January 1, 2015.

36. Authorizing the City Manager to purchase replacement Customer Premises Equipment (CPE) for each Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), also known as 9-1-1 Call Centers, in the four county region of Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb, and Zapata through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) Contract No. EC07-14 in the total amount of $679,137.10 from CenturyLink. The existing equipment will be replaced at 8 PSAPs including Laredo PD, Jim Hogg County SO, Rio Grande City PD, Roma PD, Starr County SO, Webb County SO, Zapata County SO, and the Laredo Backup/Training Center. Funding is available in the 9-1-1 Regional Fund FY 2014.

37. Authorizing the City Manager to execute contract payments with five (5) vendors (Centurylink, Intrado, AT&T and Sprint/Nextel and Time Warner Cable) for providing existing 9-1-1 telephone network, database, wireless and equipment maintenance for the four county regional 9-1-1 system in the amount of $409,443.40. Payments are for the period September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015. Funding is available in the 9-1-1 Regional Fund FY2015.

38. Authorizing the City Manager to purchase Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) call takers consoles from Motorola through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Contract No. RA05-12 in the total amount of $190,201.90. These fixtures will be installed at the Laredo Police Department, and Starr County Sheriff’s Office. Funding is available in the 9-1-1 Regional Fund FY2014.

39. Consideration to award a construction contract to the lowest bidder, Davila Construction, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, in the base bid amount of $1,156,000.00 for the Chacon Creek Pedestrian Trail: Phase 2 CSJ – 0922-33-142 with a construction contract time of one hundred eighty (180) 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 February 2015. We received a letter of approval from TxDot to proceed with the award of contract. Funding is available in the Parks Capital Grant.

40. Consideration for approval to award a professional services contract to Terracon Consultants, Inc., Laredo, Texas, for an amount of $21,140.00 to provide laboratory, sampling and testing services of materials for quality assurance for the Chacon Creek Pedestrian Trail Phase 2. Contract time is for the duration of the project. Completion date is scheduled for February
2015. We have received a letter of approval from TxDot to proceed with award of contract. Funding is available in the Parks Capital Grant.

41. Consideration to ratify the City Manager's authorization to award contract FY14-071 to Gomez Floor Covering, San Antonio, Texas in the amount of $182,846.15. This contract is for the removal and installation of carpet and vinyl tile (LVT) at the Laredo Main and Bruni Library. A committee composed of staff members evaluated all proposals and deemed Gomez Floor Covering to provide the best overall proposal for the City. The contract was executed the first week of July in order to allow for materials to be ordered. Funding is available in the General Fund - Main Library Operations Division and the Capital Improvement Fund.

42. Consideration to renew annual supply contract number FY13-056 to the following vendors:

1. **Century Asphalt**, Houston, Texas in an amount up to $9,455,900.00 for the purchase of the following paving, and construction materials:
   a. Black base F.O.B., jobsite - $61.95/ton
   b. Asphalt Type D hot mix, F.O.B jobsite - $61.95/ton
   c. Asphalt Type D hot mix, 1% lime w/RAP F.O.B. vendors plant - $52.00/ton
   d. Asphalt Type D hot mix, 1% lime, F.O.B jobsite - $63.45/ton
   e. Asphalt Type D hot mix, 1% lime, F.O.B. vendors plant - $56.45/ton
   f. Asphalt Type D hot mix, 1% lime, w/RAP F.O.B jobsite - $59.00/ton;

2. **Martin Marietta Materials**, Raleigh, North Carolina in an amount up to $230,600.00 for the purchase of the following paving, and construction materials:
   a. Asphalt cold laid material, F.O.B. jobsite - $57.65/ton;

3. **S.C.C. Pure Materials**, Laredo, Texas in amount up to $249,500.00 for the purchase of the following paving, and construction materials:
   a. Flexible base Type D – crushed concrete, F.O.B. jobsite - $18.75/cyd
   b. Flexible base Type D – crushed concrete, F.O.B. vendors plant - $15.50/cyd

This contract is for the purchase of materials required for all city paving and construction projects. All materials are purchased on an as needed basis utilizing the Public Works Department, Utilities Department, and construction project budgets.
43. Consideration to renew the existing annual contract FY13-055 to HD Supply Waterworks, Atlanta, Georgia, in an amount up to $276,156.30 for the purchase of fire hydrants and repair kits for the City of Laredo's Utilities Department. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Fund.

44. Consideration to renew annual supply contract number FY13-061 to the following bidders:

1. Sections I, II, V, and VIII to HD Supply Waterworks, Brownsville, Texas in an amount up to $594,169.71

2. Section III, IV, VI, and VII to Ferguson Waterworks, Newport News, Virginia in an amount up to $768,791.84

for the purchase of mechanical joint fittings, brass fittings, copper pipe, repair clamps, and valve boxes for the Utilities Department. These materials are purchased on an as needed basis by the Utilities Department- Water Operations for construction and repair projects. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Fund.

45. Authorizing the City Manager to approve Amendment No. 2 to the contract with Crane Engineering Corp., Laredo, Texas in the amount of $11,500.00 for a total amount of $208,630.00 to perform additional services for the design of the 24" Water Main at Lomas del Sur Extension, the 16" Water Main at Cielito Lindo Extension, the 12" Water Main at Backwoods Trail from Shiloh to the AEP easement and the 8" Water Extension along SH 359 at Fiesta Subdivision. This amendment proposes the design, surveying and preparation of construction plans and specifications and construction administration services for a 24" steel casing extension at Cielito Lindo crossing Cuatro Vientos. This bore is for future wastewater main. Consultant will need 30 days to provide the design, plans and specifications including TxDOT permit and field verified as built drawings. Funds are available in the 2012 Water Revenue Bond.

46. Authorizing the City Manager to award and execute a construction contract to LED Electric and Lighting Contractors, L.L.C., Laredo, Texas in the amount of $55,425.00 for the Procurement, Construction, and Installation of Canopy Lights and Electrical Equipment. The construction time is ninety (90) working days. Funds are available in the Waterworks Construction - Warehouse Improvements account.

47. Authorizing the City Manager to award and execute the construction contract to the sole bidder, SER Construction Partners, Houston, Texas in the amount of $396,000.00 for the construction of El Pico Water Treatment Plant 60-in Finish Water Steel Pipe Thrust Block project. Construction time is one hundred (100) working days for final completion. Funding is available in the
48. Authorizing the City Manager to approve change order No. 1, for a net increase in the amount of $107,044.88 to the construction contract with Vision Construction Company, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, for Jefferson WTP Administration Building and Learning Center Project. This change order includes overhead costs to the contractor plus adds an additional one hundred twenty-six (126) working days to the contract. The new contract amount is $4,612,397.31 and total working days is three hundred seventy-six (376). Funding is available in the Waterworks 2010 Water Revenue Bond.

49. Authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 3, an increase of $113,100.00, to the professional engineering services contract with Sherfey Engineering Company, L.L.C., for the 1.75 MGD Wastewater Treatment Plant located at Sombreretillo Creek of Mines Road. The consultant will provide the Environmental Assessment thru Blanton & Associates, Inc., Platting of Plant Site, Texas Water Development Board Requirements compliance and Project Expenses. The total new contract amount is $1,949,900.00. Funding is available in the 2011 Sewer Revenue Bond.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XIII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

50. A. Request by Council Member Alejandro "Alex" Perez

1. Discussion with possible action to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for City of Laredo to install irrigation and landscaping on property owned by TxDOT bordered by U.S. Highway 83, Guadalupe Street and Milmo Street. TxDOT has installed post and cable and will provide one-cycle maintenance on the property. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Cm. Perez stated that TxDOT agreed to maintain it once per year and their job would be to run the waterline and provide a xeroscape plan; the investment should be minimal.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Perez
Second: Cm. Garza
For: 7  Against: 0  Abstain: 0

Cm. San Miguel was not present.

Cm. Perez stated that he had taken pictures in the Chacon area and that this was a big problem. He added that he knew that they were doing pickups every so often, but that it was not enough. He asked for a status report.

Assistant Environmental Services Director John Porter reported that the Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee had been working on that ordinance. He added that they hoped to bring the revised ordinance to Council in August which would include a core fee with tires.

Health Director Dr. Hector Gonzalez stated that they had attended the hearings for this committee and were going to make an additional effort to inspect tire shops. He added that there were some illegal vendors dumping tires and last week they had cited a brand-new illegal vendor and had shut them down.

3. Status report on street cuts in District III.

City Manager Carlos Villarreal reported that they had met with the people from Center Point. He added that from now on, they would have only Public Works take care of this. He concluded that Center Point would have to make more of an investment to be able to completely resurface the streets, and that they would not be authorizing any additional cutting permits to them until they handled what they had right now.

B. Request by Council Member Jorge A. Vera


Cm. Vera stated that they needed to make sure that there was some kind of input from the public and to ensure that they brought everybody to the table before they began changing these ordinances. He asked City Council to look at whom they might appoint to this ad hoc committee.

Cm. Vela suggested creating a subcommittee from the Planning and Zoning Commission and bringing in the developers.

XIV. Staff Reports

51. 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 Police Officer Ernesto Cantu, Jr.
Motion to approve.

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

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

52. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1)(a) to consult with attorney regarding potential litigation, reference Cause No. 2012CVF000602-D1; Laredo Housing Authority v. Metro Affordable Housing Corporation, and return to open session for possible action.

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1)(a) to consult with attorney regarding potential litigation, reference Cause No. 2012CVF000602-D1; Laredo Housing Authority v. Metro Affordable Housing Corporation, and return to open session for possible action.

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

After Executive Session, Mayor Salinas announced that no formal action was taken.

Motion to go forward on the possibility of adjoining the lawsuit with the lawsuit that is already in place pending the information and with staff’s recommendation.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Narvaez
For: 2 Against: 6 Abstain: 0

Cm. Garza
Cm. Narvaez
Mayor Pro Tem Rangel
Cm. Perez
Cm. Vela
Cm. San Miguel
Cm. Vera
Cm. Liendo

Motion fails.

XVI. 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. Garza
Second: Cm. Vela
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

53. 2014-RMH-01 Dissolving the Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation (LMHC) and transferring all corporation assets to the City of Laredo, identified as the sole and only beneficiary in the LMHC's Articles of Incorporation; and further authorizing the LMHC President to execute all documents pertaining to such.

Motion to approve Resolution 2014-RMH-01.

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

XVII. ADJOURN AS THE LAREDO MUNICIPAL HOUSING CORPORATION AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD

Motion to adjourn as the Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation and convene as the Laredo Mass Transit Board.

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

54. 2014-RT-02 Authorizing the City of Laredo to submit a grant application with the Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, United States of America, in the amount of $351,397.00 for the Fiscal Year 2014 Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities authorized under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (Map-21) and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related documents. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve Resolution 2014-RT-02.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Cm. Liendo
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
55. Consideration to authorize to contract the purchase of eight (8) 40 ft. low floor Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses in the amount of $3,627,488.00 from Gillig L.L.C., (“Gillig”) Hayward, California, through a joint procurement with Corpus Christi Regional Transit Authority, Request for Proposal (RFP) No:2013-V-20. Funding for the eight (8) buses is available through the sale of 2013 bond proceeds and transit sales tax. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

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

56. Consideration to award contract FY14-058 to Institute for Mind & Body Wellness, L.L.C., IMBW, Laredo, Texas to provide Occupational Medical Services for the El Metro bus operations. The term of the contract will be for a period of two (2) years, with one (1) one-year option. The contract amount is not to exceed $16,500.00 which includes 10% for contingency. Funding is available in the El Metro Operations Fund. (Approved by Operations & Finance Committees)

Motion to approve.

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

XVIII. 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.

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

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Garza
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel
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 30 and they are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council meeting held on July 21, 2014.

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Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary