

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M2006-R-04
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
February 21, 2006
5:30 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Elizabeth G. Flores called the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Flores led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

In attendance:

I	Elizabeth G. Flores, Alfredo Agredano,	Mayor Council Member, District
II	Hector Garcia,	Council Member, District
III	John C. Galo,	Council Member, District
IV	Johnny Amaya,	Council Member, District
District VI	Gene Belmares, Juan Chavez,	Council Member, Council Member, District
District VII	Juan Ramirez,	Council Member,
District VIII	Gustavo Guevara, Jr., Larry Dovalina, Cynthia Collazo, Horacio De Leon, Rafael Garcia, Jaime Flores,	City Secretary City Manager Deputy City Manager Assistant City Manager Assistant City Manager City Attorney

Motion to excuse Cm. Rendon.

Moved: Cm. Galo
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain:

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of November 21, 2005, December 12, 2005, and January 30, 2006.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Announcements

a. Presentation by Linda Teniente, Leadership Coordinator, Human Resources Department, of the 2005 – 2006 City of Laredo Employee Leadership Development Class.

Linda Teniente, Leadership Coordinator, introduced each City of Laredo Employee Leadership Development Class:

Araceli Vasquez
Arturo Botello
Blanca Gonzalez
Eddie Zavala
Eloy Vega
Graciela Briones
Irma Soto
Isabel Ramon
John Solis
Jorge Jolly
Pete Rodriguez
Rosario Morales,
Roy Garcia,
Sandra Martinez
Sandra Ramirez
Thelma Herrera

City Manager’s Office – Fleet Division
Planning Department
Health Department
City Manager’s Office – Customer Service
Fire Department
Parks & Recreation Department
City Manager’s Office – City Manager’s Office
Bridge Department
Fire Department
Finance Department
Information Technology & Support Services
Health Department
Community Development
Solid Waste Department
Budget Department
Bridge Department

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Invitations

None.

Recognitions

a. Recognition by the Mayor and City Council members of employees that retired from the

City of Laredo with 20 or more years of service.

	Andres Bernal	Airport Department	28 years
	Roman Del Bosque	Parks & Recreation Department	29 years
	Alejandro Villarreal	Parks & Recreation Department	20 years
	Santiago S. Lopez	Police Department	24 years
	Benigno J. Martinez	Police Department	34 years
	Jose Luis Martinez	Police Department	33 years
	Zonia Medina	Police Department	20 years
	Antonio Ortegon	Police Department	27 years
	Jose L. Ramos	Police Department	30 years
	Felix R. Tellez	Police Department	28 years
	Jose Duarte	Public Works Department	23 years
years	Rogelio Fernandez	Public Works Department	23
	Rodolfo Macias	Public Works Department	34 years
	Ramon Reyes	Public Works Department	22 years
	Maria de Lourdes Mancha	Utilities Department	20 years

- b. Recognition of Ivan Santoyo, of the Environmental Services Department, on being selected and appointed by Governor Rick Perry to be a member of the Governor's Blue Ribbon Committee for the Environmental Excellence Award.

Mayor Flores and City Council publicly recognized Mr. Santoyo for being appointed by Governor Perry as a member of the Governor's Blue Ribbon Committee.

- c. Recognition of the Lyndon B. Johnson Boys' Basketball Team, the Wolves, for winning their first District 29-5A Basketball Championship.

2005-2006 29-5A District Champions

- # 10 Gabriel Orozco
- # 12 Jorge Aguilar
- # 14 Noel Martinez
- # 20 Anthony Macias
- # 22 Efren Ramirez
- # 24 Julio Cardenas
- # 30 John Lara
- # 32 Simon Charles
- # 34 Diego Esparza
- # 40 Steven Tressler
- # 42 Marc Cortina
- # 44 Fernando Tays
- # 50 Eric villegas
- # 52 Marco Diaz

Head Coach: Frank D. Gonzalez

Asst. Coaches: J. J. Anguinao, Charles Dalrymple, Casey Garza

Trainer: Jaoquin Villarreal

Manager: Lilian Martinez
Communiqués

Cm. Chavez said that it is a pleasure to be part of the City Council. He thanked the residence of District VII and everyone that supported him during the election. He noted that his door will be open to anyone that needs assistance or guidance.

Cm. Agredano congratulated Cm. Chavez on his victory and welcomed him to the City Council. He said that he has a big pair of shoes to fill but will be able to do so in time. He also announced an upcoming ribbon cutting at the Cielito Fire Station.

Cm. Galo congratulated Cm. Chavez on his victory for Council Member District VII. He congratulated any and all individuals that assisted with the George Washington Celebration. He added that he was impressed with the City departments for cleaning up after the parade.

Cm. Amaya welcomed Cm. Juan Chavez to the Council. He announced that he had the pleasure of meeting the participants of the current leadership class for the city of Laredo at the staff meeting. He stated that he was impressed with all of the George Washington events.

Cm. Belmares congratulated Cm. Chavez. He also congratulated the Washington Birthday Celebration Association. He said that most of the events went off without any problems which would not be possible without the support of City Staff. He also congratulated the Matias DeLlano Elementary School for being a 2004-2005 TAKS recognized school. He added that it is an achievement that very few schools have achieved.

Cm. Garcia thanked the Laredo Police Department for keeping the Hwy. safe during the Jalapeño Festival. He extended an invitation to everyone to attend the Border Olympics. He congratulated LBJ for winning the District Title and the Nixon Girls for winning their Bi-District and going on to the next level.

Mayor Flores thanked the Washington Celebration Birthday Association because it is the last time that she will celebrate as Mayor. She said that she will continue to enjoy all of the wonderful festivities because they do so much to add to Laredo and what Laredo is about. She added that most of the events are organized through volunteers and they did a great job. She specifically mentioned how wonderful the parade was and thanked the citizens for showing up despite the cold weather. She said that she was particularly happy that the carnival is at the arena and she thanked the City Manager and his team for working out the detail.

Mayor Flores read the following article:

"Fueled by booming construction and retail sales of virgining U. S. - Mexico Trade Laredo's economy will grow at least 8% this year making it one of the fastest growing communities in the United States. The projected 2005 expansion which mirrors Laredo's growth in 2004 indicates that the South Texas Cities explosive

growths since the North America free trade agreement took affect in 1995 continues unabated. These numbers simply reflect what we see going on around us every day. " The members of the City Council and I will continue to work towards ensuring the economic prosperity of this community" said Laredo's elected official Mayor Betty Flores. "This growth data confirms the City's status a premiere destination for all kinds of investment and business" said John Adams, then President of the Laredo Development Foundation. Laredo is the largest inland port for international trade in the Western Hemisphere with an estimated more than 100 billion dollars worth of good expected to pass to the City this year up from 89 billion in 2004. The City is serving as a principal gateway to Mexico for most of the United States and Canada gives retailers and other businesses direct access to more than eight million consumers in the Monterrey Saltillo area – the industrial heartland of Mexico. Evidence of the Laredo's economy is being felt at all levels. Tax revenue in 2005 fiscal year rose 9.3% in the last fiscal year while receipts are up almost 15% in October. The City will register more than \$700 million dollars worth of new construction in 2005. The report indicates the cities multiyear building shows no sign of letting up with projects underway ranging from new hotels and retail centers such as El Portal and the development of at least 1,800 new single family homes. Here are some of Laredo's construction highlights: Wal-Mart Stores Incorporated is building it's third 200,000 sq. ft. Super Center in Laredo, Target Corp., Horizon Group, six new hotel's, developers are building a 100,000,000 Town Center and Cinema Complex on 80 acres of land and because of the boom in trade and shipping the City is expected to add some 400,000 square feet in a distance related space this year. Further items of the cities growing business and cultural significance is a 23% rise in the bookings at the Laredo Airport. It's designation is the site of the Miss Texas Pageant for the next three years and the more than 30,000 people that cross the bridge each day between Laredo and Nuevo Laredo. The prospects for future growth for Laredo's retail industry in the bright given it's idea location near the Monterrey, Saltillo area. We will continue to court new businesses and persuade state and federal legislators to put more money back into our infrastructure Flores said. Most importantly we will maintain a safe and secure community by investing and expanding our fire and police protection. All other city services will be maintained and improved as our community continues to grow. Laredo is truly a wonderful place to live and a great place to conduct business. Now in the area of public safety, much has been made recently of rising drug related violence in Mexico leaving some journalist to erroneously report that Laredo Texas is afflicted with an escalated public safety problem in fact statistic show the complete opposite it true. Latest reports compiled by the FBI shows that violent crime in Laredo has dropped this year and the city remains one of the safest of it's size in the United States. In 2005 first nine months violent crime in Laredo dropped by almost 13% to 552 incidents from the same period of last year. Moreover, U. S. cities of the similar size such as Orlando, Florida, Batenrouge, Louisiana and Richmond, Virginia all have higher murder and crime rates than Laredo. Statistics also clearly demonstrate that the serge in violence in Nuevo Laredo earlier this year has not spilled into Laredo. Even if the rates of the two cities are combined they are still in line with violence in cities with similar populations such as Las Vegas, Nevada, and lower than others of comparable size such as Baltimore, Maryland."

- a. Mayor Elizabeth G. Flores reports on the City of Laredo Parks and Recreation Department.

City of Laredo Parks and Recreation Department

The Parks and Recreation Department is much more than just swings and slides or grass and trees. It is the department that can bring fun and enjoyment and harmony and balance to every citizen, young or old. Parks and Recreation Department offers a vast selection of indoor and outdoor sports and recreational activities, as well as special events and programs that provide both educational and physical enhancement to create a healthier mind and body.

Under the direction of Miguel A. Pescador, the Parks and Recreation Department oversees the installation, maintenance, and operation of 61 parks, six recreation centers, six skate parks, six swimming pools, five nature trails, four plazas, two senior citizens centers, five pavilions and two splash parks.

Parks and Recreation Department is comprised of seven divisions that include: Administration; Park Maintenance, Aquatics, Recreational Centers, City Cemetery, Civic Center/Mercado, and Veterans Field.

Administration Division: provides management and administrative support for the various department divisions. The division is responsible for creating, promoting, executing and continuing all community programs. The division provides valuable information to all individuals interested in the numerous activities offered by the department. Detailed information on special events, sport camps, recreational programs, aquatics, league information, park locations, scheduled events and registration, as well as rental information for facilities is also provided by this division.

Park Maintenance Division: is in charge of improving, maintaining and constructing parks and recreational facilities. The division is responsible for maintaining close to 600 acres of park space in the City of Laredo. In addition to their major duties, the maintenance division assists different civic and non-profit organizations by hanging up flags, cleaning up litter, setting-up seating stands, and also hooking up various electrical outlets and lighting, for example, for events during the Washington Birthday Celebration.

Aquatics Division: oversees 2 spray parks, as well as six swimming pools. Each year the department recruits, hires and trains candidates for lifeguard duties. The department also provides any necessary maintenance needed on pools throughout the year. One of the locations this division is responsible for is the Inner City Pool; this heated, indoor pool is open year-round and offers water aerobics, lap swimming, learn-to-swim classes and recreational swimming for the citizens of Laredo.

Recreational Centers: are built complete with exercise gyms, multipurpose game rooms, kitchens, and more; each of the seven centers offer an ideal setting to practice your leisure, ranging from basketball, volleyball, weightlifting, cardiovascular activities and computer technological programs. Additional activities include guitar classes, ballet dancing, bridge games, cooking classes and much more. For special needs children, the division offers an Adapted Physical Activities Program. This program will enhance the physical activity goal achievement of individuals between the ages 6-18 years and will promote a better quality of life for people with disabilities.

City Cemetery: is kept at a high level of appearance at all times through improving maintenance schedules. Cemetery personnel schedule, maintain, and monitor all watering schedules via the cemetery water well. Citizens of Laredo can be assured that their loved ones can truly rest in peace.

Civic Center/Mercado: the Civic Center is a spacious facility for convention stage shows, trade exhibits, weddings and family gatherings. It also is host to many community and civic events which include: WBCA, Miss Laredo, Fourth of July Festival, Sister Cities, and much more. El Mercado is Laredo's Old City Hall, which now hosts the Center for the Arts, as well as the Webb County Heritage Foundation.

Veterans Field: is a beautiful baseball field which is host to the new United Pro Baseball Team, various school baseball games, as well as special events such as, concerts, boxing, and wrestling matches, and other City-sponsored events. The field is maintained and supervised by Parks and Recreation.

Summer Programs: at Parks and Recreation help keep citizens cool and in shape during the dog days of summer by offering:

- Learn to swim sessions at five municipal pools around town, with one close to your neighborhood.
- Recreational center rentals for anyone who needs to have a place to entertain, meet or conduct trainings.
- Baseball camps and clinics are offered through the summer, as well as boxing, football, soccer, volleyball, cheer, and movie camps. For more outdoor exposure, enjoy the annual fishing derby at Lake Casa Blanca.
- Senior Programming, such as dancing, planned outings, aerobics, yoga, water aerobics, and water yoga. An array of indoor class activities include sewing, cooking, arts and crafts, knitting, a billiard tournament, dance contest, and loteria every Friday.
- A 4th of July Celebration that can be enjoyed by attending an All Star Baseball Game and a Fireworks Display; and finally,
- Classes in tennis, guitar, art, karate, chess, ballet folklórico or jazz ballet.

Spend your summer with us—everybody's favorite time of the year!

So what's next? As a result of the leadership and vision of Mayor Betty Flores and the Members of the Laredo City Council, the Parks and Recreation future looks very bright. Over the next four years, \$26 million in bond money will be issued for

the following projects: North Central Park; Father McNaboe Phase II; Northwest Rec. Center; El Eden Rec. Center; Eastwoods; Slaughter Soccer Complex; Baseball Sports Complex; Chacon Improvements; Indian Sunset; Market Resurfacing; Vaquillas Regional Park; River Vega Acquisition; Municipal golf course; and finally, a water park.

The Parks and Recreation Department is an innovative, fast-paced department, providing many forms of recreation to enhance the quality of life for citizens throughout the city.

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

a. Appointment by Council Member Johnny Amaya of Roberto Mancha to the Board of Adjustment, to replace Alfredo Juarez.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 5, Block 1413, Eastern Division, located at 2417 Market Street, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Commercial District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change.

Moved: Cm. Galo
Second: Cm. Agredano
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Jesus Rangel spoke in favor.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Galo
Second: Cm. Agredano
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Galo

2. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing a Special Use Permit for storage of flammable and explosive products on Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 11, El Portal Industrial Park Subdivision Unit 7, located at 11921 Conly Road. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the special use permit.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Chavez

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Chavez

3. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the

City of Laredo by rezoning 34.64 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located northwest of River Bank Drive, from AG (Agricultural District) to R-1A (Single-Family Reduced Area District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Chavez

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Chavez

4. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the

City of Laredo by rezoning 18.19 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located northwest of River Bank Drive, from AG (Agricultural District) to B-1 (Limited Commercial District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Chavez

5. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the

City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 2, Block 7, McPherson Acres Development Subdivision Unit 1, located at 5904 McPherson Road, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Arnoldo Sarli spoke in favor of the zone change.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Belmares

6. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the

City of Laredo by rezoning 4.77 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located at Alpes Court East of Campanario Lane, from B-3 (Community Business District) to R-1A (Single-Family Reduced Area District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Garcia

7. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the

City of Laredo by rezoning .95 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located on the south side of Highway 359 east of Rural Road 6068, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Garcia

8. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the

City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a four-plex apartment on 9,100 square feet, as further described in attached Exhibit "A", located west of Snowfalls and Piedmont Street. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the zone change.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Ron Whitehawk, on behalf of Consuelo Buchman, stated that the property is at the very end of the subdivision. He said that they have been to Council before as an R-2 Zoning changing; however, it has been modified and more specifics have been added to the zone change which will be a fourplex. The situation is unique in terms of the location of the property.

Motion to close the public hearing and deny.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

9. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Laredo Municipal Housing Corp. (LMHC) FY 2005/2006 Budget by drawing down and appropriating \$57,000.00 from its opening balance to the City's Capital Improvement Fund to cover increased engineering/construction oversight costs associated with the Los Obispos Remediation Project. The amendment is authorized by the Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation's Articles of Incorporation.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

10. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the 2005-2006 approved Full Time Equivalent Positions for the City of Laredo Community Development Department by creating one (1) full-time Program Administrator position. Funding is available in the Community Development Block Grant 31st Action Year.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

11. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Full Time Equivalent Positions by creating one (1) full time Audio Visual Technical Assistant position with benefits in lieu of one (1) Part-time Temporary Audio Visual Technical Assistant. Funding is available in the Public Access Channel Fund.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

12. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending Division 3 (RATES AND CHARGES) of Chapter 31 (UTILITIES) of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, specifically section 31-138 which provides for water rate charges, by changing the number of tiers in the water rates from 7 to 8 for residential with the establishment of a baseline rate tier for up to 2000 gallons usage that will not increase at this time, and a water conservation rate tier for largest volume water usage; and from 26 to 9 for multi-family and commercial; by increasing the remaining residential and commercial rates each year from 2006 to 2037 by the following percentages: 2006-25%, 2007-10%, 2008-7%, 2009-7%, 2010 through 2014-5% annually, and 2015 through 2037-2% annually. These increases will automatically go into effect on January 1st of each subsequent year after the 2006 increase unless the City Council revises the ordinance; providing for publication and an effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Adrian Montemayor gave the following presentation:

Securing Our Community's Water Future

Laredo is Growing

Great news for Laredo's economy

Growth also puts pressure on key infrastructure

Must keep infrastructure improvements ahead of community growth

Costs for catch up are much higher than planned improvements

Laredo is Growing – Some Facts

Population grown 54% in last 15 years

Water production has grown 41%

Population expected to grow 84% in the next 20 years

Laredo will need 78% more water over next 20 years

Aging water infrastructure

Facing regulatory enforcement

City of Laredo understand current/future water needs

Various water plan scenarios studied

Costs are less when planning ahead

Sound direction for long-term solutions in place

Community information and involvement is important

Laredo Has a Plan – Water Supply

Secure a secondary source of water

In review for more than a year
 Will provide nearly 40 million gallons per day
 Sustainable source for 50 years
 Diversifies sources of water
 Decisions on second water source in next several months
 Bring on line in next few years

New water main, water tanks
 Three new water tanks
 160,000 feet of new water mains
 Booster station improvements
 \$400 million for second source of water and new water mains/tanks
 paid through annual increases to water rates (residential and business)

The increases are phased in to keep water bills competitive
 April 24, 2006 25%
 Jan. 1, 2007 10%
 2008-2009 7%
 2010 – 2014 5%
 2015 – 2037 2%

Impact to Water Bills

Increases to water portion of bill only
 No changes to sewer, stormwater, garbage fees
 Average residential water use – 8,000

Water use	Current Bill	After increase	Increase
8,000	\$11.23	\$14.03	\$2.80
25,000	\$28.18	\$35.23	\$7.05

Conservation is Key

- Citizens/Businesses can participate in solutions
- Comprehensive conservation program for Laredo Entertainment Center
 Affordability programs
- Organize citizens committee to review and advise on new water program
 developments.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 6

Against: 1
 Cm. Ramirez

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

13. Dedicating two (2) City-owned parcels of land as Utility Easements for access by any

public utility company to provide public utility services in the El Portal Project area. Said Utility Easements being:

(1) A tract of land containing 3,394 square feet, more or less, out of Lot 10, Lot 9A, Lot 8A, Lot 7A, and Lot 6A, Block 22, Western Division of the Plat Book of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas described by Metes and Bounds and Survey attached as Exhibits A and B, and

(2) A tract of land containing 643 square feet, more or less, out of Lot 5, Block N, Western Division of the Plat Book of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, described by Metes and Bounds and Survey attached as Exhibits C and D; and providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive the final reading of Ordinance # 2006-O-034, # 2006-O-035, # 2006-O-036, # 2006-O-037, # 2006-O-038, # 2006-O-039, # 2006-O-040, and # 2006-O-041.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

14. 2006-O-034 Amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a daycare on Lot 6, Block 1645, Eastern Division, located at 2716 Corpus Christi Street.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-034.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2006-O-035 Amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2005 – 2006 Capital Improvement Fund Annual Budget by drawing down \$400,000.00 from the opening balance and amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2005

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2006 Bridge System Construction Fund Annual Budget by appropriating

said funds as Computer Operating System Upgrade expenditures and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget amendments.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-035.

charges, thereby making phase 2 the applicable rates; Adding a service fee of \$10.00 per account to administer paperwork for each new account; Increasing the reconnection fees from \$10.00 to \$35.00 during normal business days and hours (8 A.M. TO 5 P.M., Monday through Friday) on a 24 hour turnaround timeframe; from \$15.00 to \$55.00 for after business hours or same day service; And charging a reconnect fee of \$75.00 for weekends and holidays; Charging an N.S.F. fee of \$25.00 and a late fee (exempting customers who are 65 years and older) of 5% or \$5.00, whichever is greater, to the balance owed on the account at the beginning of the second business day after the bill due date of each month; Providing for publication and an effective date. As Amended.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-038.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2006-O-039 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Airport Fixed Base Operator

(FBO) License agreement between the City of Laredo, as Licensor, and Elite Aviation, Inc., as Licensee at the Laredo International Airport. Lease term is for fifteen (15) years and five (5) months commencing on February 1, 2006, and ending on June 30, 2020, and may be extended for two (2) terms of five (5) years each ending on June 30, 2025 and June 30, 2030. The FBO leased space requirements are being satisfied by leasing from both the City of Laredo and by subleasing from another commercial operator; providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-039.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2006-O-040 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Elite Aviation, Inc.,

for an approximate 2,500 square foot tract of land located in Block No. 1 at the Laredo International Airport Fuel Farm for the purpose of installing above ground fuel storage tanks. Lease term is for fourteen

(14) years and six (6) months commencing on February 1, 2006, and ending on July 31, 2020, and may be extended for two (2) terms of five (5) years each ending on July 31, 2025 and July 31, 2030. Monthly rent shall be \$250.00 and will be adjusted annually according to changes in the Consumer Price Index and further adjusted by appraised Fair Market Value on the 10th and 20th anniversaries; providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-040.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2006-O-041 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Elite Aviation, Inc.,

for approximately 117 square feet constituting Air Operations Area Office

No. 2 located at 5210 Bob Bullock Loop at the Laredo International Airport Passenger Terminal. Lease term is for three (3) years and five (5)

months commencing on February 1, 2006 and ending on June 30, 2009.

However, it is agreed by the parties that the lease may be terminated by

either party on not less than thirty (30) days' written notice from the party

terminating to the other. Monthly rent shall be \$315.00, and effective July

1, 2006, monthly rent shall be \$468.00, and will be adjusted annually according to changes in the Consumer Price Index; providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-041.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

X. RESOLUTIONS

15. 2006-R-014 Approving and adopting the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions including Architectural Guidelines, for all future development of real properties located at the Laredo International Airport and listed in said Declaration, in the form and content shown on Exhibit A attached to this Resolution; and directing the City Manager to

execute the same and have it recorded in official property records of Webb, County, Texas.

Cm. requested amending the resolution by allowing the developers a time limit of thirty days.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2006-R-014.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

16. 2006-R-015 Declaring the public necessity to acquire the "Surface Only" of four (4)

parcels of land for the Calton Road/San Bernardo Avenue Intersection Improvement Project, these being:

(1) A tract of land containing 2,533-sq. ft., more or less, situated in Survey 1026, Abstract 317, Northern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, and being within and a part of Lot 1 of Red Roof Inns-Calton Road, as recorded in Volume 16, Page 11, Webb County Plat Records, Webb County, Texas, and described by Metes and Bounds and Survey attached as Exhibits A and B,

(2) a tract of land containing 708.0 sq. ft., more or less, situated in Survey 1026, Abstract 317, Northern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, and being out of a 1.9161 acre tract, as described in a Deed recorded in Volume 253, Pages 619-623, Webb County Deed Records, Webb County, Texas, and described by Metes and Bounds and Survey attached as Exhibits C and D,

(3) a tract of land containing 334.0 sq. ft., more or less, in Survey 1026, Abstract 317, and being within and part of a 8.522 acres of land out of a 15.00 acre tract described in a Deed recorded in Volume 185, Pages 302-304, Webb County Deed Records, Webb County, Texas, and described by Metes and Bounds and Survey attached as Exhibits E and F, and

(4) a tract of land containing 154.0 sq. ft., more or less, in Survey 1026, Abstract 317, and being within and a part of a 0.60 acre tract known as the N. Tadros Plat recorded in Volume 25, Page 78, Webb County Plat Records, Webb County, Texas, and described by Metes and Bounds and Survey attached as Exhibits G and H; and authorizing staff to negotiate for the acquisition of said parcels by purchase at market values to be established by a State Certified Real Estate Appraiser, and further authorizing the City Attorney to initiate condemnation proceedings to acquire said parcels if staff is unable to acquire through negotiations due to inability to agree to a purchase price, conflict of ownership, owner refusal to sell, and/or inability to locate the listed owner(s).

Motion to approve Resolution # 2006-R-015.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

17. 2006-R-016 Declaring the public necessity to acquire the "Surface Only" of one (1)

parcel of land for the widening of Bartlett Avenue between Sandman Street and Hillside Road. Said parcel being a strip of land generally 4.00 feet in width, containing 509.12 sq. ft. or 0.012 acres, more or less, out of, lying, over, and across, a portion of Lot 1, Block 1, Flynn Subdivision, Section I, recorded in Volume 3, Page 5, Plat Records, Webb County, Texas; and described by Metes and Bounds and Survey attached as Exhibits A and B; and authorizing staff to negotiate for the acquisition of said parcel by purchase at market values to be established by a State Certified Real Estate Appraiser, and further authorizing the City Attorney to initiate condemnation proceedings to acquire said parcel if staff is unable to acquire through negotiations due to inability to agree to a purchase price, conflict of ownership, owner refusal to sell, and/ or inability to locate the listed owner(s).

Motion to approve Resolution # 2006-R-016.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

18. 2006-R-017 Accepting the donation of one (1) parcel of land as a Utility Easement from Miguel Guerra and Rosalinda Guerra, for the extension of water service lines to the Tanquecitos II Subdivision. Said Utility Easement, being the North 15 feet of Tract A-1, Tanquecitos II Boundary, situated in Porcion 32, Abstract 296, Webb County, Texas; and described by Metes and Bounds and Survey attached as Exhibits A and B.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2006-R-017.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

19. 2006-R-019 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Office

of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$80,977.00 for funding the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for the period of October 01, 2005 through September 30, 2009. This funding will be used for support staff overtime and equipment for police operations. The Bureau of Justice Assistance mandates that this grant be divided equally between the City of Laredo and Webb County.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2006-R-019.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

20. 2006-R-020 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute an inter-local government agreement between the City of Laredo Police Department and the Webb County Sheriff's Office. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to jointly apply for a grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), in the amount of \$80,977.00. This MOU is required in order to receive funding from BJA.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2006-R-020.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

21. 2006-R-021 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a contract in the amount of \$87,800.00 from the South Texas Development Council for the HIV / AIDS Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Project (HOPWA) of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning February 1, 2006 through January 31, 2007.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2006-R-021.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

22. 2006-R-022 Accepting the donation of two (2) Utility Easements from Humberto Martinez and Margarita Martinez, for the extension of water service lines to the San Carlos Subdivision, Phase I. These being:

(1) a 15-foot Utility Easement, containing 2,194 sq. ft. of land, more or less, situated in Porcion 32, Abstract 296, Webb County, Texas, being out of Lot 4, Block 1, San Carlos Subdivision I, owned by Humberto Martinez, being 1.2627 acres, recorded in Volume 4, Page 34, Webb County Plat Records; and described by Metes and Bounds and Survey attached as Exhibits A and B; and

(2) a strip of land 15.00 feet in width, containing 1,977.96 sq. ft. or 0.045 acres, more or less, over and across Lot 6, Block 1, called to contain 1.2627 acres in a plat entitled "San Carlos Subdivision, Phase I" recorded in Volume 4, Page 34, Plat Records, Webb County, Texas, situated in Porcion 32, Abstract 296, Webb County, Texas; and described by Metes and Bounds and Survey attached as Exhibits C and D.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2006-R-022.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

23. 2006-R-024 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into agreement with the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife to accept a grant in the amount of \$22,672.00 with a local in kind match of \$7,941.00 for the Outdoor

Exposure Program, this includes outdoor recreational programming that will enhance the yearly Summer Playground Program.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2006-R-022.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XI. MOTIONS

24. Consideration to award a contract with the sole source provider, Transcore LP for the

development and project management to upgrade the existing operating system of the Laredo Bridge System Toll Collection system from Windows NT 4.0 to Windows 2003 and for an amount not to exceed \$250,171.00. Funding is available in the Bridge System Construction Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

25. Consideration for approval of amendment no. 3 an increase of \$16,222.00 to the professional services contract with Structural Engineering Services, San Antonio, Texas, for the Santa Ursula Connector Project for additional surveying services and for redesign of a portion of The Santa Ursula Connector to relocate a column as required by the General Services Administration and United States Customs and Border Protection. Funding is available in the Revenue Bond 2005A.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

26. Consideration for approval of change order no. 3 a decrease of \$14,896.00 for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place, acceptance of the CDBG Sidewalks City-Wide Project No. 30 (25.5 Blocks) and approval of final payment in the amount of \$39,692.75 to J. Solis Maintenance and Welding Services, Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$146,702.75. Funding is available in the Community Development Fund - 30th Action Year 2004 Grant – CD Project / Sidewalks.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

27. Consideration for approval to ratify amendment no. 4 an increase of \$9,700.00 to

prepare plans and specifications to split project into phases to expedite bidding of project and amendment no. 5 an increase of \$107,040.00 for additional construction administration services due to extending the construction interval period for an additional estimated thirty-two (32) weeks to the existing professional services contract with Cutler-Gallaway Services, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, for the Los Obispos Affordable Housing Project. Total amount of the amendments is \$116,740.00. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund – Los Obispos Housing Project through a temporary transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund reserve in the amount of \$57,000. Reimbursement to the Capital Improvement Fund is contingent on the draw down and appropriation of \$57,000 from the Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation opening balance.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

28. Consideration for approval to award a construction contract to the lowest bidder G.O.

Excavating and Construction Company, Alamo, Texas, in the base bid amount of \$154,588.50 for the Laredo Colombia International Bridge Phase I Concrete Drainage Channel Improvements. Funding is available in the Revenue Bond 2005A.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

29. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore due to the vacancy created by Mayor Pro Tempore Jose A. Valdez, Jr.

Motion to accept the appointment of Cm. Ramirez.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

30. Consideration to authorize the purchase and installation of additional baseball field sports lighting system for the conversion of the existing Little League field into a Babe Ruth field at Dryden Park from Musco Lighting, through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (Buy Board) contract pricing in the total amount of \$55,477.00. Funding is available in the 30th Action Year – 2005 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the Dryden Park Improvements.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

31. Authorizing the issuance of a request for proposals (RFP) for the San Bernardo Renovation and Restoration Project from Calton Road to Hidalgo Street. The MPO has budgeted \$118,661.00 for the project and funding is available through the MPO account.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

32. Refund of property tax in the amount of \$2,923.32 to the following taxpayers and companies:
1. A refund in the amount of \$523.46 payable to Webb County Title & Abstract Co. due to an overpayment. Account # 900-06541-003.
 2. A refund in the amount of \$614.08 payable to Webb County Title & Abstract Co. due to an overpayment. Account # 909-00056-796.
 3. A refund in the amount of \$1,042.39 payable to Countrywide Tax Service due to an erroneous payment. Account # 900-90311-137.
 4. A refund in the amount of \$743.39 payable to Ofelia Alicia Salinas due to an overpayment. Account # 216-00779-071.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

33. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amount to be adjusted for month of January 2006 represents a decrease of \$19,550.88. These adjustments are determined by Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

34. Authorizing the City Manager to approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$108,350.80 to LEM Construction Company, Inc. for the Zacate Creek Odor Control and Rehabilitation Improvement Project to pay for additional work identified as necessary improvements such as the replacement of 90 ft. of air line, conduit replacement for clarifier, and replacement of waste sludge walkway bridge. Funding is available in the 2004 Revenue Sewer Bond.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

35. Authorizing the City Manager to approve amendment No. 1 in the amount of \ \$49,250.00 to Ferris & Flinn, LLC for inspection services for the Zacate Creek Odor Control and Rehabilitation Improvement Project in the addition of scope of services to construction work and contract time to the contractor. Funding is available under the 2004 Revenue Sewer Bond-Zacate Creek WWTP Rehabilitation Project.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

36. Authorizing the City Manager to award a contract to the sole lowest bidder Calgon Carbon Corporation in the amount of \$716,490.00 for the replacement of the Granulated Activated Carbon for water filtration at the Jefferson Street Water Treatment Plant. Funding is available in the 2004 B Water Revenue Bond and 2005 Water Revenue Bond.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XII. STAFF REPORTS

37. A. Presentation by the Public Works Department regarding the Street Resurfacing Project for the Fiscal Year 2005-2006.

John Orfila, Public Works Manager, advised that a list of streets that are scheduled for resurfacing for this fiscal year was placed in the Council's Friday packet. He said that the list of streets have been approved by the Utilities Coordination Committee. Each District was allocated eight to nine blocks for approximately \$25,000 per district.

Cm. Belmares said that the City has purchased a machine to be able to resurface additional blocks and they are doing less because of the funding. He expressed his concerns about the City of Laredo falling behind on the resurfacing in his district. He asked staff to begin appropriating money to assure that the City does not fall behind in resurfacing. He instructed the City Manager to concentrate on the major arteries in his district. He further discussed the use of "cold seal".

John Orfilia advised that staff has considered cold seal but staff did not find that it was efficient.

Cm. Belmares suggested using cold seal before streets get to a deteriorated state. Cold Seal may extend the life of the street which would save the City

money. He asked for a cost analysis to see where a reference point is for using a cold seal.

XIII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

38. A. Request by Mayor Elizabeth G. Flores

1. Discussion with possible action to finalize procedures for naming city facilities.

Larry Dovalina, City Manager, advised that staff has drafted an ordinance which was written by the City of Laredo Legal Department.

Jaime Flores, City Attorney, advised that the Mayor appointed Committee has not met to address the issue.

Mayor Flores asked staff to expedite the process because she has several suggestions for naming two of the facilities which are Yolanda Friedman for a recreational facility and the Animal Shelter after Diana Saucedo.

Larry Dovalina, City Manager, said that the animal shelter already has a name and reminded the Mayor that the facility is not a city owned facility.

Mayor Flores said that the City of Laredo donates monies to the shelter; therefore, she hopes that they would consider the name.

B. Request by Council Member John C. Galo

1. Discussion with possible action regarding the creation of and possible improvements to existing Parks and Recreation Facilities for the use of special needs populations with certain impairments or mobility challenges.

Cm. Galo confirmed that he had received a report from the Parks & Recreation Department.

Celina Rivera, Parks & Recreation Assistant Director, advised that the City of Laredo is offering two classes per week. The classes are indoor classes from seven to eight o'clock for children with special needs. She said that there are children with autism that participate in indoor football and volleyball. She went on to say that all of the city's recreational facilities are ADA compliant.

Mayor Flores asked if it was possible to add more programs.

Celina Rivera noted that the City of Laredo provided additional classes in prior years but the participants had problems with transportation. She suggested partnering with the El Lift or schools systems so they could provide transportation for the students. She noted that the city department will need to consider additional staff to meet the ratio of children that may participate.

Cm. Galo asked staff to initiate a report for Council regarding the creation of and possible improvements to existing Parks & Recreation Facilities for use of special needs populations with certain impairment or mobility challenges.

Horacio De Leon, Assistant City Manager, encouraged interested citizens to call the department so they can begin creating a log which is needed to see how they can provide the best of services or meet the needs of the parents.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council hereby reserves the right to go into executive session at any time during this public meeting, if such is requested by the City Attorney or other legal counsel for the City, pursuant to his or her duty under Section 551.071(2) of the Government Code, to consult privately with his or her client on an item on the agenda, or on a matter arising out of such item.

39. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 to

consult privately with the City's Attorneys regarding a sexual harassment complaint filed against City Secretary Gustavo Guevara, Jr., and contemplated litigation in the matter, and return to open session for possible action.

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 to consult privately with the City's Attorneys regarding a sexual harassment complaint filed against City Secretary Gustavo Guevara, Jr., and contemplated litigation in the matter, and return to open session for possible action.

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

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

40. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.074,

to deliberate the matter concerning the allegations in a sexual harassment complaint filed against City Secretary Gustavo Guevara, Jr., and pursuant to City Charter Section 2.17 to deliberate his employment, and possible discipline and removal from office, and return to open session for possible action.

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, to deliberate the matter concerning the allegations in a sexual harassment complaint filed against City Secretary Gustavo Guevara, Jr., and pursuant to City Charter Section 2.17 to deliberate his employment, and possible discipline and removal from office, and return to open session for possible action.

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

Motion to instruct the City Manager to take appropriate disciplinary action against the City Secretary, Gustavo Guevara, Jr., regarding the matter of the sexual harassment complaint filed against him.

Moved: Cm. Ramirez

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

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

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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41. Consideration to award contract (FY06-023) to Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company,

Akron, OH in the estimated amount of \$220,192.06 for providing tires to be used for the Laredo Transit Management, Inc., forty-eight (48) buses and eighteen (18) para-transit vehicles. The term of this contract will be for three (3) years with two (2), one-year (1) options subject to continued appropriations in future fiscal years. Funding is available in the El Metro Operations Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

42. Consideration to award annual supply contracts (FY06-035) to the low bidders, Leyendecker Oil, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amounts of \$73,476.75 and Arguindogui Oil, Co., Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amounts of \$7,910.00 for the purchase of engine oil and lubricants for El Metro. The bid pricing will be firm for one (1) year with a one-year (1) option and will be purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the El Metro Operations Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

43. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for one (1) additional year for contract number FY05-046 awarded to Staff Force, Inc., Laredo, Texas in the estimated amount of \$49,520.64 for providing up to four (4) temporary employees. These

employees will be assigned as cashiers for the Transit Center parking facility. Funding is available in the Transit Center Facility Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

44. Consideration to award annual supply contracts (FY06-036) to the listed vendors for

providing bus and van fleet parts. Contracts will be awarded by item(s) to the lowest responsible bidder for parts most commonly purchased for non-warranty repairs. All items will be purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the El Metro Operations Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

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

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Time: 10:30 p.m.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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