

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M2006-R-12
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
June 19, 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:

Elizabeth G. Flores,
Alfredo Agredano,
Hector Garcia,
Johnny Amaya,
Johnny Rendon
Gene Belmares,
Juan Chavez,
Juan Ramirez,
Gustavo Guevara, Jr.,
Larry Dovalina,
Cynthia Collazo,
Horacio De Leon,
Rafael Garcia,
Jaime Flores,

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

Motion to excuse Cm. Galo.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Chavez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Cm. Agredano was not present.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Announcements

None.

Invitations

None.

Recognitions

- a. Recognition of District IV Scholarship Committee Co-Chair, George Beckelhymer, and
2006 District IV recipients: Samantha Jane Jimenez, Marisela Leyva, Monica Ramirez, Jacqueline Hernandez, Sandra Hernandez, Chelsea Lorraine Perez, Celina Medina, of Nixon High School; Angeles Flores, Monica Raquel Ramirez, Clarissa Kristine Aguilar, Vicente Castañeda, Miguel Angel Cuenca, Erica Escamilla of Martin High School; Samantha Yvonne Amaya of United High School; Arturo Jimenez, Jr., and Chris Lozano, Jr. of United South High School; and Jesus A. Reyes of Texas A&M International University.

Council Member Amaya gave the formal presentations to the recipients.

- b. Recognition by Mayor Elizabeth G. Flores and City Council Members of City Departments for their contribution and participation to the 2006 United Way Campaign and a special recognition to the City of Laredo employees as the highest employee group contributor for donations over \$100,000.00 and the R.E.A.C.H. Committee as the receipt of the Community Leader Award.

Certificate of Recognition

In grateful appreciation for helping the people of Laredo

Budget Department	Martin Aleman
Building Inspections Department	Erasmus Villarreal
City Attorney Department	Jaime Flores
City Secretary's Department	Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
Mayor/City Council	Mayor
Municipal Court	Thomas Ochoa
Parking/911	Jessica Hein
Planning & Zoning	Keith Selman

Certificate of Recognition/Pacesetters For Outstanding service to the People of our Community

Airport Department	Jose Flores
Community Development	Ronnie Acosta
Convention & Visitor's Department	Patricia Taylor
Engineering Department	Rogelio Rivera
Environmental Services Department	Ria Mia
Financial Services Department	Rosario Cabello
Human Resources Department	Dan Migura
I. T.	Heberto Ramirez

Library Department	Janice Weber
Public Works Department	Alejandro Labrada
Solid Waste Department	Oscar Medina
Tax Department	Elizabeth Martinez
Traffic Safety Department	Roberto Murrillo
Utilities Department	Adrian Montemayor

Bronze Glass Award

In recognition of employee contributions of amounts between \$5,000 to \$9,999.99

Bridge Department Employees	Mario	
Maldonado	\$5,851.45	
Health Department	Hector	
Gonzalez	\$7,296.43	
City Manager's Department	Larry Dovalina	\$8,793.60
Parks & Recreation Department	Mike	
Pescador	\$6,034.99	

Gold Glass Award

In recognition of employee contribution of amounts between \$25,000 to 49,999.00.

Police Department Employees	Agustin	
Dovalina	\$27,793.60	
Fire Department Employees	Luis Sosa	\$30,767.80

Highest Employee Group Contributor

City Employees

Community Leader Award

R.E.A.C.H. Committee Members

- c. Recognition of Mayor Elizabeth G. Flores by the Laredo Fire Department.

Mayor "The Laredo Fire Dept. would like to recognize you on your last meeting as City with a token of appreciation that is very close to our hearts.

Madam Mayor, words cannot express our appreciation, but I will try. You have assisted the Laredo Fire Department through thick and thin. You have always supported us in more ways than I can count.

When we had a train derailment inside the city, and there was a possibility of a hazardous spill, you were there. When the city was flooded by rain and the riverbanks were cresting, you were there. Who can forget the Sept 11the disaster? You were right there with us watching in horror. When evacuees of Katrina and Rita hurricanes were homeless, you were there to offer our

community's shelters. You have stood with
supported the department throughout these and many
other emergency events.

Laredo and us and have

For this and many other reasons, we feel you deserve this award, which in my 30
year career with the Fire Department, I have seen awarded only three
other times. The

award is so prestigious because it's part of our protection equipment, which we
use to save lives. This piece of equipment gives us great pride when we use it to
fight fires, to shield ourselves when we go to a motor vehicle accidents and when
we have to rescue somebody from a car or rushing waters.

This piece of equipment gives us courage when we run into a burning building
and we know there is a possibility of the building collapsing on us.

But most of all, this piece of equipment gives us honor when we present it to
someone as an award.

Madam Mayor, there have been many people that walk into my office and see
this cherished piece of equipment and ask me where can they get one,
where they can a buy one and I tell them, "You can't buy this anywhere, you have
to earn it!"

Madam Mayor, on behalf of all the Fire Chiefs before me and all the Firefighters,
I would like to present you this White Helmet Award because you have
earned it."

d. Members of the Laredo City Council recognize Mayor Elizabeth G. Flores for her
years of service to the community.

Cm. Rendon presented the Mayor with Mariachis who placed music in her honor.

Cm. Garcia presented the Mayor with flowers and a gift. He also said goodbye
to District I Council member Agredano.

Cm. Rendon, Cm. Chavez, Cm. Belmares, Mayor Pro Tempore Ramirez
presented the Mayor with a gift.

e. Response and farewell by Mayor Elizabeth G. Flores.

Mayor Flores thanked all the people that wished her well as she served her final
days as Mayor for the City of Laredo. She specifically mentioned Christopher
Craddick who wrote a letter to the Editor in the Laredo Morning Times. She also
thanked the Parks & Recreation Department for naming a park bench in her
honor. She thanked all of the Directors for their words of farewell at a recent

staff meeting. She said that she was especially proud of the recognition she received from the Commission of State Emergency Communications. She thanked the South Texas Workforce Development Board for their recognition for her work and accomplishments. She was honored to have her work recognized by Congressman Henry Cuellar. She was especially honored by the special recognition that she received while in Washington DC. She mentioned the honor of being honorary Police Chief for the City. She also thanked the United States Border Patrol and the Department of Homeland Security for giving her the Community Partner Award. She also thanked the Hispanic Mayors for their recognition. She said that it has been a world wind of “thank you” and so many wonderful appreciations.

Mayor Pro Tempore presented a frame from Senator Zaffirini for a job well done in the community.

Communiqués

Cm. Garcia congratulated the work that the Parks and Recreation Department has been doing with the recreational centers. He also congratulated the newly elected Council Members and Mayor Salinas. He said that he looks forward in working with them for the betterment of the community. Finally, he reminded pet owners to keep their animals in a shaded area with plenty of liquids because of the hot weather.

Cm. Amaya announced that he held his annual scholarship dinner where he has distributed over 57 scholarships throughout the years for a grand total of over \$31,000.

Cm. Rendon thanked the Public Works Department for cleaning up several trees in his district.

Cm. Belmares wished all the fathers a “Happy Father’s Day.” He thanked the Utilities Department for a job well done. He mentioned that he had attended a dance recital for his daughter and he realized that one of his constituents and a City employee was mourning the death of his daughter. Alyssa Resendez lost her battle with cancer and he sent his heart felt condolences to her entire family. He mentioned that no one knows God’s wisdom except for God. He said that Alyssa was a shining example of love, compassion, and mercy. He asked for a moment of silence for Alyssa Resendez and her family.

Cm. Chavez thanked the individuals of District VII for voting in the Run-Off Election.

Mayor Pro Tempore Ramirez announced that he had attended a Commissioner's Court Meeting on Monday where they agreed to negotiate with the City for the land to construct a waster park.

Cm. Agredano thanked the Mayor, City Council Members, and past City Council Members for enhancing his life through their words of wisdom and guidance. He also thanked the residence of District I for letting him represent them for the past eight years. He said that he did his best to represent District I and he learned that a person cannot please everyone all the time but he tried. He thanked City staff and mentioned that he never met anyone that he didn't like because they were all good people. He took the time to apologize if he did hurt anyone. Lastly, he said that is was a true pleasure to serve the City of Laredo.

V. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

a. Appointments by Council Member Johnny Amaya of:

1. Alfredo Juarez to the Telecommunications Advisory Committee.
2. Blanca Castro to the Laredo Commission for Women.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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b. Appointments by Council Member Juan Chavez of:

1. Elizabeth Kurczyn to the Laredo Commission for Women.
2. Dr. Tom Vaughn to the Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 1, Cuatro Vientos Subdivision, located at 4467 Exodus Drive, from R-1MH (Single Family Manufactured Housing 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. Amaya
For: 7
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Against: 0

Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Agredano
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 7
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Against: 0

Abstain:

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Agredano

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

City of Laredo by rezoning 53.34 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located at 2325 Bob Bullock Loop, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District), R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) and R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business 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:

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Garcia

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

City of Laredo by rezoning .37 acres, part of Block 1, Del Mar Village Subdivision, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located at 6919 San Dario Avenue, 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
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Against: 0

Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Agredano
Second: Cm. Rendon
For: 7
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Against: 0

Abstain:

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Agredano

4. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 3, Block 2026, Eastern Division, located at 3219 Ross Street, from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential 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. Amaya
For: 7
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Against: 0

Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Agredano
For: 7
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Against: 0

Abstain:

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Garcia

5. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 7A, Block 748, Western Division, located at 2409 Alamo Street, from R-3 (Mixed Residential 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. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and deny, support staff's recommendation to deny.

Moved: Cm. Ramirez

Second: Cm. Chavez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Ramirez

6. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by rezoning the Replat of Lot 1A, Block 1, Tesoro Plaza Subdivision, located on Tesoro Plaza Drive north of Calton 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. Chavez

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Jaime Blanco, representing the owners of the property, said that they would use the additional space for parking vehicles.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduced provided that they pave within 60 days.

Moved: Cm. Chavez

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Chavez

7. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 17, Lakeside Subdivision Phase I, located at 7223 Bob Bullock Loop, 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
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 7
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Rendon

8. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by rezoning the west 2/3 of Lot 7, Block 1103, Eastern Division, located approximately at 1906 East Lyon Street, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to R-O (Retail/Office 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
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

Humberto Vela, R. N. representing San Augustine Home Health, said that the facility would be used for administrative office which will hold personnel records and patient records.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Amaya
Second: Cm. Belmares
For: 7
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Against: 0

Abstain:

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Amaya

9. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by rezoning 30.14 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located east of Ejido Avenue north of Exodus Drive, from R-1MH (Single Family Manufactured Housing 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. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 7
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Agredano
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 7
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Agredano

10. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by rezoning 13.82 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located west of Ejido Avenue north of Exodus Drive, from R-1MH (Single Family Manufactured Housing 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. Garcia
Second: Cm. Agredano
For: 7
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Agredano

11. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by rezoning 8.12 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located on the northwest corner of Exodus Drive and Pita Mangana Road, from R-1MH (Single Family Manufactured Housing 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. Amaya

For: 7
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Agredano

12. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a bus terminal on Lot 10, Block 176, Western Division, located at 1102 Santa Ursula Avenue. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the conditional use permit.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and postpone for 30 days.

Moved: Cm. Ramirez
Second: Cm. Rendon
For: 7
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

13. Public hearing and introductory ordinance accepting funds in the amount of \$4,400.00 from the South Texas 9-1-1 Regional Administration Division to cost share personnel at the Laredo Police Department Public Safety Answering Point in accordance to Section 771.0751 of the Texas Health and Safety Code and Rule 251.3 Use of Revenue in Certain Counties from the Commission on State Emergency Communications; and amending the Fiscal Year 2005 – 2006 General Fund Budget of the City of Laredo by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$4,400.00 for salary expenses for Laredo Police Department Communications Division salaries.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 7
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Agredano
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 7
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

14. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the Fiscal Year 2005 – 2006 Customer Service Budget to appropriate revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$4,825.00 provided by the sale of tables and individual seats during the 2006 City of Laredo Commission for Women Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony; providing for an effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 7
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Belmares

15. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept contributions of \$30,000.00 from the Laredo International Airport, \$15,000.00 from Wells Fargo, \$4,000.00 from Coyote Creek, \$3,000.00 from HEB, and \$500.00 from South Texas Realty for a total of \$52,500.00 in contributions for the Miss Texas USA Pageant; and amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2006 Convention & Visitors Bureau Annual Budget by appropriating an additional \$2,500.00 in revenues and expenditures to the Convention and Visitors Bureau Fund. (Action required on Motion # 37 prior to Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Ordinance Introduction: City Council

16. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2005 – 2006 Annual Budget by increasing revenues and expenditures by \$30,000.00 of additional funds, for a total amount of \$64,678.00 from the Texas Department of State Health Services for the Title V Family Planning Services of the City of Laredo Health Department for the term from January 1, 2006 through August 31, 2006.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 7
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Agredano
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 7
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Against: 0

Abstain:

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

17. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances as follows: Chapter 2, Article II, Division 3 (Leave Policy), Section 2-58, 59 and 60, providing for the exclusion of part-time and temporary employees hired after July 2, 2006 from Holiday, Sick Leave, and Annual Leave benefits except as otherwise stated in any collective bargaining agreement; providing for an effective date of July 2, 2006.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 7
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 7
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

18. Public hearing and introductory ordinance approving an agreement with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) in the amount of \$18,000.00 and amending the Fiscal Year 2005 – 2006 City of Laredo Annual Budget by \$18,000.00. The agreement's purpose is to reimburse cost for overtime and fringe benefits incurred by the Laredo Police Department in providing resources to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) task force. The term of this agreement is from October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 7
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Against: 0

Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 7
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Against: 0

Abstain:

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

19. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept a supplemental overtime award from the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the amount of \$5,144.00 and amend the Fiscal Year 2005 – 2006 City of Laredo Annual Budget by \$5,144.00. The purpose is to reimburse cost for overtime incurred by the Laredo Police Department in providing resources of Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF). The term of this agreement is from October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 7
0

Against: 0

Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Agredano
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 7
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Against: 0

Abstain:

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

20. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Easement and Underground Service Agreement Document, WR# 13147452, with American Electric Power (AEP) consisting of approximately 2.070 acres out of Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 2, Laredo International Airport Passenger Terminal Subdivision, recorded in Volume 16, Pages 45-47, for the installation of electrical facilities at Laredo Town Square Project on Bob Bullock Loop at the Laredo International Airport; providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

21. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey three (3) City owned lots, namely, lots 6, 7 and 8 in Block 494, Eastern Division, in the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas to Habitat for Humanity, Inc., in support of the construction of three (3) homes; and providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VIII. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive the final readings # 2006-O-128, # 2006-O-129, # 2006-O-130, # 2006-O-131, # 2006-O-133, and # 2006-O-134.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

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Abstain:

22. 2006-O-128 Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey fee simple title to the Metro Affordable Housing Corporation, the "Surface Only", of certain property described as a 15,433.46 sq. ft. tract of land, more or less, out of New York Avenue, bounded on the north by the south line Chacon Street, on the east by the west line block 1782 Eastern Division, on the south by the north line Piedra China Street, on the west by the east line of block 1713 situated Eastern Division, as per the City of Laredo Plat Book, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas and described by Metes and Bounds and Survey attached as Exhibits A and B; and amending this Final Reading to provide that the City of Laredo retains a 15' wide sewer easement as described on attached Exhibits C and D and providing for an effective date. (As Amended)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-128.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

2006-O-129 Amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by authorizing

a Special Use Permit for mini storage/warehousing, on 3.29 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located at Monaco Drive and McPherson Road.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-129.

Moved: Cm. Belmares
Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-130 Amending the Laredo Municipal Housing Corp. (LMHC) Fiscal Year 2005

– 2006 Budget by drawing down and appropriating \$250,000.00 from its opening fund balance to the City's Capital Improvement Fund to cover additional costs associated with the Los Obispos Remediation Project. The amendment is authorized by the Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation's Articles of Incorporation.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-130.

Moved: Cm. Belmares
Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

2006-O-131 Accepting a grant by the United States Environmental Protection Agency's

Brownfields program in the amount of \$100,000.00 with the City designating \$20,000.00 in matching funds for a total of \$120,000.00 and amending the City of Laredo's Fiscal Year 2005 – 2006 Annual Budget for the Environmental Services Fund by appropriating the said grant revenue to the appropriate expenditure accounts. The grant monies will be used to cleanup the Killam Lake site located in Chacon Creek. Matching funds are available in the Environmental Services Fund.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-131.

Moved: Cm. Belmares
Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

2006-O-133 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Aero Center, Inc. for

Fuel Pad No. 1 consisting of 1,161 square feet located at the East Fuel Farm at the Laredo International Airport. Lease term is for five (5) years commencing on June 1, 2006, and ending on May 31, 2011, and may be extended for two (2) terms of five (5) years each ending on May 31, 2016, and May 31, 2021. Monthly rent shall be \$500.00 and will be adjusted annually according to changes in the Consumer Price Index and further adjusted by appraised fair market value at every fifth (5th) anniversary; providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-133.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-134 Amending the City of Laredo FY 2005-2006 annual budget by appropriating revenues from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio-South Texas Health Research Center (UTHSCSA-STHRC) and expenditures in the amount of \$243,173.00 for the Proyecto Bienestar-Laredo (PBL) of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007 and amending the FY 2005-2006 Full-Time Equivalent Positions by .50. (As Amended).

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-133.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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IX. RESOLUTIONS

and
23. 2006-R-065 Accepting the donation of a Utility Easement from Moises Gonzalez
Elvira Gonzalez for the installation of an underground box culvert to improve storm drainage on Gale Street in the Upper Zacate Creek area. Said easement consisting of a 310.79 square foot tract of land for a corner clip out of Block 11 of the McPherson Acres Development, Unit IV, as recorded in Volume 3, Page 26-A of the Plat Records of Webb County, Texas; and described by Metes and Bounds and Survey attached as Exhibits A and B.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2006-R-065.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

24. 2006-R-066 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract in the amount of \$70,000.00 from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to continue the operation of the two (2) continuous air monitoring stations (CAMS) by the City of Laredo Health Department for the term period beginning September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2006-R-066.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

25. 2006-R-067 A resolution by the City Council of the City of Laredo urging the President of the United States, the United States Congress and the Federal Government to appropriate federal funds each year to fund an additional one hundred and fifty (150) Laredo Police Officers and the equipment to provide aerial support and technological support for use by the Laredo Police Department in order for them to more effectively protect this community on the border, preserve life and safety, and enforce the law.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2006-R-067.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

26. 2006-R-068 Accepting the donation from Killam Ranch Properties, Ltd., of an approximate 18.0957 acre tract of land, as described by metes and bounds in Exhibit A, located along Chacon Creek that is to be remediated and developed as a park in accordance with the Chacon Creek Master Plan.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2006-R-068.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

27. 2006-R-070 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Department of Homeland Security, SAFER Grants Program in the amount of \$1,035,000.00 with the City designating \$1,381,869.00 in matching funds for a total of \$2,416,869.00 over a five (5) year period to hire ten (10) firefighters for the grant period of 2006. The City would be required to fund 10 % in the first year, 20% in the second year, 50% in the third year, 70% in the fourth year and 100% in the fifth year.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2006-R-070.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

X. MOTIONS

28. Consideration for approval of acceptance of the Santa Rita Park Phase I, Project 4, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$13,150.00 to Zertuche Construction, Inc., Laredo, Texas. Final contract amount is \$263,000.00. Funding is available in the Community Development Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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29. Consideration for approval of acceptance of the Laredo International Airport Engineered Materials Arresting System (EMAS) Runway 17R (35L End Safety Area) and approval of final payment in the amount of \$268,098.58 to Engineered Arresting Systems Corporation (ESCO), Philadelphia, PA. Final construction contract amount is \$4,390,000.00. Funding is available in the Airport Construction Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 7
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Against: 0

Abstain:

30. Authorizing the City of Laredo's participation in the Laredo Family Economic Success

Coalition, a local organization of non-profit, governmental, and financial agency members developed to promote and support efforts and strategies geared to helping low income individuals and families achieve financial economic success and independence and further authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Laredo Family Economic Success Coalition, that identifies the City's role in helping meet the Coalition's goals. The terms of this MOU shall be effective for each party on the date of its execution by the party, and shall continue until terminated by all parties.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 7
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Against: 0

Abstain:

31. Authorizing the City Manager to grant a public fireworks display permit at the Laredo

Country Club on July 4, 2006 Independence Day at 9:15 p.m. The technician for the display will be Atlas Enterprises Incorporated.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 7
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Against: 0

Abstain:

32. Authorizing the City Manager to grant a public fireworks display permit at the Veterans

Field on June 30th, July 4th, July 7th, July 14th, July 28th, August 4th, and August 18th, 2006 for the Laredo Bronco's Baseball Celebration. The technician for the display will be Atlas Enterprises Incorporated.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 7
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Against: 0

Abstain:

33. Motion to authorize the City Manager to initiate a local initiative to amend Section 852.108 of the TMRS Act to allow retirees to return to work with a reemploying municipality without the penalty of having their monthly benefits suspended.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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34. Motion to select the following ancillary providers for employees voluntary benefits: Group Life Insurance to be provided by Unum Provident and represented by Laurel and Associates; Group Short Term Disability to be provided by Unum Provident and represented by Laurel and Associates; Group Vision Care to be provided by Spectera and represented by Laurel and Associates; Group Cancer to be provided by Colonial Life and represented by Laurel and Associates; Group Critical Illness to be provided by Colonial Life and represented by Laurel and Associates; and Group Accident Disability to be provided by Colonial Life and represented by Laurel and Associates. These benefit changes will be effective October 1, 2006.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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35. Awarding a professional services contract (Number FY06-076) to sole bidder, Deer

Oaks EAP Services, LLC, to administer the City's Employee Assistance Program in conjunction with the Employee Health Division; and to authorize the City Manager to execute all contract documents. The contract will be for a term of three (3) years with a two (2) year renewal option exercisable by the City, with said terms being contingent upon future funding approved by City Council, at a guaranteed rate of \$1.65 per eligible employee per month for the first three (3) years and a different rate to be negotiated in the event the City decides to renew the contract. The contract price will not exceed an annual cost of approximately \$50,000.00, with funding available in the health benefits budget of the Employee Health Division.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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36. Authorizing the City Manager to submit payment to the Transportation Security Administration on behalf of the Laredo International Airport in the amount of \$15,000.00. Funding is available in the Airport Administration Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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37. Authorizing the City Manager to allocate \$30,000.00 from the USDOT Small Communities Development Pilot Program Grant as a gold sponsorship contribution to the Laredo Convention & Visitors Bureau for the Miss Texas USA Pageant. Funding is available in the Airport Construction Fund / Small Community Air Service Development Pilot Program Grant – City Promotions Account.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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38. Consideration to approve amendments No. 6 & 7 to Carter & Burgess, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the professional services to include the design of Chacon Creek Stream Restoration Project, Phase -2 EPA grant & the Phase-2 environmental assessment of Killam Lake for the EPA Brownfields Grant Project and to extend the contract period until December 31, 2007. The total contract amount will be \$778,032.00 with these amendments. Funding is available in the Environmental Service Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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39. Awarding a contract, not to exceed \$500,000.00, to Carter & Burgess (in association with Frank Architects, Sherfey Engineering); and authorizing the City Manager to execute said professional services contract. Contract will provide for consulting services for development of the Rio Grande River Vega Master Plan. Funding is available in the 2005 CO.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 7
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Against: 0

Abstain:

40. Consideration to award three (3) month supply contracts FY06-092 to the low bidders
Hollon Oil Company, Weslaco, Texas, not to exceed \$50,007.32; Arguindegui Oil Co., Laredo, Texas, not to exceed \$5,506.92; Lone Star Lubricants, Laredo, Texas, not to exceed \$6,353.00; and Oil Patch Petroleum Co., Laredo, Texas, not to exceed \$370.90 for the purchase of lubricants for the Fleet Maintenance Division. The bid pricing will be firm for a three-month period and all items will be purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 7
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Against: 0

Abstain:

41. Consideration to authorize Change Order No. 1 to Southwestern Bell Company, an increase in the amount of \$15,000.00 and Sprint in the amount of \$5,000.00, for providing network, equipment rental, equipment maintenance services for the Four (4) County Regional 9-1-1 System. The revised total amount is \$20,000.00. Funding is available in the 9-1-1 Regional Fund. The City of Laredo is the 9-1-1 Regional Administrator for the four (4) county region of Webb, Zapata, Starr and Jim Hogg Counties.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 7
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Against: 0

Abstain:

42. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for one (1) additional year for contract
FY05-074 to the low bidders, Laredo Wholesale, Laredo, Texas, in the base amount of \$58,110.50; Vehicle Maintenance Program, Inc., Boca Raton, Florida in the base amount of \$37,716.90, and A & A Automotive Supplies, San Antonio, Texas, in the base amount of \$15,442.90, for the purchase of general repair parts. These replacement parts will be purchased on an as needed basis for all City fleet vehicles. The contract items include: oil/fuel filters, front end parts,

hoses, clamps, belts, lamps/bulbs, service lubricants, and brakes. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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43. Consideration to award contract FY06-071 to the low bidder Mo-Vac Environmental Inc., McAllen, Texas, not to exceed \$25,000.00 to analyze, profile, transport, and dispose of contaminated water at the Solid Waste wash rack. The term of this contract will be for a one (1) year period with an option to extend this contract for two (2), one (1) year terms. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Department Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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44. Consideration to award contract number FY06-097 to the low bidder, Future Pipe Industries, Houston, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$35,326.00 for the purchase of 680 linear ft. of glass fiber reinforced polymer pipe for the FM 1472 Mines Road project. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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45. Consideration to award annual service contract number FY06-091 to the sole bidder, Freedom Construction, Laredo, Texas in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for furnishing cleaning services for domestic sewage back-ups into private properties. The frequency and number of service calls will vary depending on the City's need. Funding for this service is available in the Utilities Department – Wastewater Collection Division.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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46. Consideration to award contract number FY06-086 to the sole bidder, Grant Environmental Group, Laredo, Texas in the amount of \$168,580.00 for repairs to the Zacate Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant's bio clarifiers. Funds for this project are available in the Utilities Department Budget – sewer plant improvements.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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47. Consideration to award contract FY06-089 to the low bidder, Zertuche Construction LLC, Laredo, Texas in the total amount of \$129,500.00 for the construction of a block fence at the North Laredo Waste Water Treatment Plant. Funds for this construction project are available in the Utilities Department – sewer system construction projects.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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48. Consideration to award annual service contract number FY06-099 for providing hauling and disposal services of wastewater bio-solids from the Southside Wastewater Treatment Plant. This service supplements the department's equipment capabilities and helps control wastewater bio-solids overflow during rainy season. The frequency and number of loads vary depending on the City's need. The bid price is based on a per load rate. Funding is available in the Utilities Department – Wastewater Division budget. The bid opening will be held on June 16, 2006 at 4:00 P.M and the contract vendor will be announced at the City Council meeting.

Motion to award to Rafter P Transport in the amount not to exceed \$185,000.00.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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49. Consideration to award contract number FY06-085 to the sole bidder, Grant

Environmental Group, Laredo, Texas, in the total amount of \$98,628.00, for rehabilitation of the Laredo – Colombia Wastewater Treatment Plant’s main lift station. Funding is available in the Utilities Department – Sewer Operations Construction Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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50. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for one (1) additional year for contract number FY05-081, awarded to the low bidder, Hughes Supply, Helotes, Texas, in the estimated annual amount of \$112,809.21, for the purchase of water meters for the Utilities Department. The bid pricing will be fixed for a one (1) year period and will allow the department to purchase meters on an as needed basis. Funds for the purchase of these meters are available in the Utilities Department operations budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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51. Authorizing the City Manager to ratify Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$85,324.00 to Balch Machine Company for the pump repair project at the Jefferson Water Treatment Plant Raw Water Pumphouse #2 to pay for additional work identified as necessary improvements and modifications that could not be examined due to the equipments operation. Funding is available in the 2004 Water Revenue Bond.

Motion to approve in the amount of \$83,870.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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52. Authorizing the City Manager to award an engineering contract to NRS Engineering from Harlingen, Texas, in the amount of \$44,000.00 to provide design, bidding, and construction management services to improve the SCADA communications system of the water distribution system. Funding is available in the Water Operations Construction Fund.

Motion to approve in the amount of \$49,000.00.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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53. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts to be adjusted for the month of May 2006 represent an increase of \$67,323.47. These adjustments are determined by Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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54. Refund of property tax in the amount of \$1,307.38 to the following taxpayers and companies:

1. A refund in the amount of \$703.38 payable to Laredo National Bank due to an erroneous payment. Account # 938-11001-150.
2. A refund in the amount of \$604.00 payable to Wells Fargo Real Estate Tax Service due to an erroneous payment. Account # 985-60003-040.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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XI. STAFF REPORTS

55. A. Presentation by Ms. Olga Maldonado, AEP, regarding the future capital needs and CIP Program for the next 10 years.

Olga Maldonado gave the following presentation:

Transmission Projects

Transmission Upgrades for the last ten years

Rebuild of 320 miles of 138 kV line @ \$64 million

Addition of the +/- 150 MVAR STATCOM @ \$16 million
 Upgrades underway through June 2007
 Real and Reactive power control equipment @ \$34 million
 Upgrade of the local 69 kV system to 138 kV @ \$12 million
 Addition of the +/- 100 MW BtB CFE tie @ \$54 million
 Future Upgrades
 Laredo Lobo to San Miguel 345 kV line @ \$130 million
 Laredo Lobo to Rio Bravo 345 k V line @ \$40 million
 Rio Bravo to North Edinburg 345 k V line @ \$150 million

BtB CFE tie Benefits

Relief to transmission line overloads within seconds of a line outage

Support from CFE to prevent voltage collapse without any power exchange

Replacement of uneconomic energy from Laredo RMR generators with economic energy

Future opportunity for economic power exchanges between ERCOT and CFE once 345 kV system is extended to Laredo.

Commitment to Reliability

EHV Laredo's dynamic growth and remoteness to the bulk of the ERCOT transmission grid presents challenges to AEP

Laredo Since AEP cannot move Laredo to the grid, the EHV grid must be extended to Laredo

V In the last 12 years, CPL & AEP Texas have upgraded 3 of the 4 138 kV transmission lines serving Laredo (320 miles)

around Installed Voltage support equipment (STATCOM) in four locations in and around Laredo

Transmission Investment Comparison

Utility Investments Current and Future

CenterPoint – Houston area	240.0	57%
City Public Service – San Antonio	80.0	19%
Austin Energy – Austin	90.0	21%
Texas Central – South Texas	600.0	143%
Texas Central - Laredo	420.0	100%

Summary of Transmission

In the last ten years, AEP has invested over \$75 million in Transmission facilities to support Laredo

By 2007, AEP will invest another \$100 million including installation of the Variable Frequency Transformer (VFT) connecting Laredo and Nuevo Laredo

In the next seven years AEP will invest over \$300 million in Transmission facilities to support Laredo

AEP Texas Distribution Capital Investment City of Laredo

Load Growth

2005 Total Load – 429 MW's
Laredo's growth for 2005 – 22 MW's
Laredo Averages 15 MW's per Year

Growth Driven by Residential Sector in 2005

39 Subdivisions and 2 Major apartment Complexes
2829 Lots and 329 Unites
Capital Investment - \$4.1 Mil
Commercial Projects
LEC Entertainment Area
Trucking Facilities
Hotels

AEP Texas Distribution Capital Investment City of Laredo

Capital Investment to Support Future Growth

Sierra Vista Station

South Laredo Area
New Station with one 25MVA Transformer and 3 Circuits
Capital Investment \$7.5 Mil
In-Service 12/2006

AEP Texas Distribution Capital Investment City of Laredo

Capital investment to Support Future Growth

Milo Station

North Laredo Area
Add Additional 25MVA Transformer and 3 Circuits

Capital investment \$2.5 M
In Service 8/2006

AEP Texas Distribution Capital Investment City of Laredo

2006 Capital investment Summary

Distribution Station \$10 Mil
Residential investment Project \$4 Mil
Commercial investment Projection \$1 Mil
Increasing Workforce
Line Positions – Internal and Contract
Engineering Position – Internal and Contract

B. Discussion with possible action on the need to construct three (3) additional temporary northbound lanes with toll booths in the U.S. Customs and Border Protection facility area of the World Trade Bridge in order to process increased northbound commercial traffic.

Mario Maldonado, Bridge Director, said that the City of Laredo continues to be the number one inland port in the nation and commercial traffic continues to increase. With that in mind, a meeting was held with Mayor, the Mayor from Nuevo Laredo, City Staff, Port Director and Staff, and a good representation from the trade industry from Laredo and Nuevo Laredo. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the increase of north bound commercial traffic at the World Trade Bridge. During this meeting, a presentation was given by Port Director, Gene Garza. The strong recommendation or consideration during the discussion was to construct three additional lanes with toll booths at the United States Customs/Border Protection facility area at the World Trade Bridge in order to process the increase in commercial traffic northbound. The benefits of constructing the additional three lanes would be to reduce the weight time from 55 minutes to 30 minutes and in addition Custom Border Protection would be able to process an additional 180 trucks per hour which at the end of the day Custom Border Protection would be able to process about 29,000 more commercial trucks. The approximate cost to construct the three additional lanes is 1.4 million with a construction period of four to five months.

Larry Dovalina, City Manager, said that he had a conversation with GSA on the matter of the down ramp. While they were present, he discussed the proposal of adding the new toll booths. The City of Laredo has done a preliminary design which would require engagement from the Mexico. He added that once the City has a commitment from Mexico, he would meet with GSA for financial plans of a reimbursement.

Motion instruct the City Manager pursue the plans to construct three additional northbound lanes with toll booths in the U. S. Customs and Border Protection facility and report back to Council with a report recommendations.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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XII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

56. A. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Juan Ramirez

1. Discussion with possible action on creating a loading zone on Salinas Street between Hidalgo and Lincoln Streets.

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Director, advised Council that the City of Laredo has hired a consultant that is continuing to work on the downtown traffic flow. Once the study is complete he will return to council with a full report.

2. Discussion with possible action to consider the City's sponsorship of the 4th of July celebration to include the use of the Civic Center Ball Room and obtaining the permit for the 4th of July parade.

Miguel Pescador, Parks Director, mentioned that the actual cost of the permit for the parade is free but the liability insurance is \$1,700.00.

Cm. Ramirez advised that it would be better for the community to join together for one parade rather than several parades through the City.

Larry Dovalina, City Manager, explained that the activities within the community are not necessarily for the City of Laredo to organize because when the City takes over the activity you lose the community. The very good example that the parades are coming out of the different neighborhoods is that the community itself is what the community itself is putting on whatever the parade is.

Motion for the City of Laredo to sponsor the Fourth of July Parade and the celebration at the Civic Center.

Moved: Cm. Ramirez

Second: No Second

For:

Motion to instruct staff to find the monies to privately fund the Fourth of July Parade and the celebration at the Civic Center.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Ramirez

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:

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XIII. 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.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M2006-S-09
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
June 19, 2006
5:30 p.m.**

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

I. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Recognitions

- a. Recognition of David Garza for being selected to quarterback the South Team in the 2006 Texas High School Coaches Association All Star football game scheduled for August 1, 2006 in Austin, Texas.
(Sponsored by Council Members Alfredo Agredano and Gene Belmares)

Mayor Flores and City Council made the presentation to David Garza.

- b. Special presentation to Mayor Elizabeth G. Flores on behalf of the Honorable Judith Zaffirini, State Senator, District 21.
(Sponsored by Council Members Alfredo Agredano and Gene Belmares)

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done. Mayor Pro Tempore Ramirez presented Mayor Elizabeth G. Flores on behalf of Honorable Judith Zaffirini, State Senator, District 21. for a job well

II. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Agredano
Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7
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Against: 0

Abstain: