

**CITY OF LAREDO  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
M2006-R-16  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1110 HOUSTON STREET  
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040  
August 28, 2006  
5:30 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

With a quorum present, Raul G. Salinas called the meeting to order.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Raul G. Salinas led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ROLL CALL**

In attendance:

Raul G. Salinas, Mike Garza,	Mayor Council Member, District I
Hector Garcia, District II	Council Member,
Michael Landeck, District III	Council Member,
Johnny Amaya, District IV	Council Member,
Johnny Rendon, District V	Council Member,
Gene Belmares, District VI	Council Member,
Juan Chavez, District VII	Council Member,
Juan Ramirez, District VIII	Mayor Pro Tem,
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

**IV. MINUTES**

None.

**V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

## **Announcements**

a. Announcement by Esmeralda Martinez, Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas Branch Coordinator, on the new Laredo office and their recent outreach efforts in the community.

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Esmeralda Martinez and Tony Elizondo, Regional Director, shared the following information:

Big Brothers Big Sisters is the oldest and premier mentoring organization in the country with over 102 years of experience nation wide. Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas was founded in 1976 in San Antonio. In April of 2006 big Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas, through the procurement of a grant from the Texas Department of Family and

Protective Services, expanded its services to include the children of Laredo. Today, big Brothers big Sisters serves primarily as a preventative program, working to keep at-risk children from becoming a statistic.

Big Brothers Big sisters of South Texas' mission is to help children reach their potential through professionally supported, one-to-one relationships.

Big Brothers big Sisters of South Texas' vision is successful mentoring relationships for all children who need and want them, contributing to brighter futures, better schools, and stronger communities for all.

## **Invitations**

None.

## **Recognitions**

a. Recognition of Armando Moreno, Fleet Supervisor, and Martin Salazar, Automotive Mechanic, on achieving Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certifications for Brakes in the Medium/Heavy Truck Technician category and Brakes in the Automobile Technician category, respectively. Armando Moreno is also ASE certified in Diesel Engines.

Jessica Hein, Fleet Director, introduced the two auto mechanics who received the award publicly. Mayor Salinas and City Council publicly recognized their achievements.

b. Recognizing Humberto Garza, Airport Operations Manager, for successfully completing the requirements of North American Small Business International Educators (NASBITE) course and obtaining the designation of Certified Global Business Professional (CGBP).

Jose Flores, Airport Director, thanked Council for an opportunity to publicly recognized one of his employees. He said that Humberto Garza has been with the Airport for approximately twenty years. He said that two years ago he attained ACE Certification and now he is being recognized for completing the requirement of North American Small Business International Educators course and obtaining the designation of Certified Global Business Professional. He added that there are only 117 people that have this type of certification.

c. Recognition of H.E.B., Time Warner, Laredo Center for the Arts, KLDO, and McDonalds for their participation and contributions to the Laredo Public Library's Summer Programming.

Maria Solis, Assistant Library Director, reported that every summer the Laredo Public Library sponsors a number of programs for parents and their children. The purpose of these programs is not only to have something for the children to do, but to entertain and educate them. She said that the past summer there was an increase in participation by forty percent. She noted that increase was due to assistance from community organizations. The Library and Staff asked Council to join them in thanking the following organizations: HEB for the HEB Buddy Reading Hour, Time Warner, Laredo Center for the Arts, and KLDO.

### **Communiqués**

Cm. Garza congratulated everyone for a smooth transition into the new school year. He thanked all the police officers, fire fighters, and support staff that assisted in organizing special routes to assure safety in the school zones.

Cm. Garcia echoed Cm. Garza in thanking the public and employees for making sure that the new school year got off to a great start. He invited the viewing public to support their local volleyball and football teams. He congratulated the efforts of Mayor Salinas and Congressman Cuellar for working with the families that have someone missing in Mexico. He told the Mayor that he would support him to the best of his ability.

Cm. Landeck congratulated Humberto Garza, employee of the Airport Department, noting that he had worked with him for eight years on the Airport Advisory Board and he did a great job.

Cm. Amaya reported that he distributed full back-packs to less fortunate children in Districts II, III, IV, and V. He thanked all the schools that participated and especially thanked the Laredo Police/Fire, and the District VI Special Projects Volunteers. He thanked George Beckelhymer, LISD School Board Member for distributing over 160 backpacks in the hot sun.

Cm. Rendon mentioned that he had attended the Future of the Region Conference in Corpus Christi, Texas. He noted that there were 150 people in attendance. He added that Congressman Henry Cuellar was the guest speaker. The key issue was to draw up a map that would map an economic plan for the communities. He was excited to announce that the next Future of the Region Conference would be held in Laredo.

Cm. Belmares congratulated the Laredo Broncos for a phenomenal baseball year. He concurred with Cm. Garza on congratulating the teachers and parents by getting the

Children back to school safely. He too said that the Police and Fire departments did a

tremendous job controlling the traffic. He informed his district that the City would be widening McPherson from Mahogany to Shiloh later this year. Lastly, he addressed the

Mayor and acknowledged that they had several differences but he gave his word to work on

all issues positively, professionally, and privately for the betterment of the community and the betterment of this Council.

Cm. Chavez thanked the Third Party Funding Committee for working diligently to distribute the Third Party funds. He said that there are times where tough decisions need to be made and they did a great job.

Mayor Salinas said that he has visited with the families that are searching for their family missing in Mexico. He said that he feels their pain and can assure them that the city of Laredo is going to do everything that they can to get answers. He noted that he met with Congressman Cuellar for three hours to discuss the Mexcio problem. He said that he

would be asking the new President of Mexico to meet with him to discuss the solutions. He

asked the viewing public and audience to continue to pray for the families of the missing. He asked them to also pray for the teachers, students, and the employees behind the scene that working to make sure that school is successful. He said that when he got elected he got elected to lead this City and he noted that he is so proud and honored and humble by the opportunity that the people of the City has given him to be Mayor. He said that he would work very hard because the people in Laredo deserve the best.

## **VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

a. Appointments by Mayor Raul G. Salinas of:

1. Jose Gamez to the Para Transit Advisory Committee

2. Gerardo Madrazo to the Transportation & Traffic Safety Advisory Committee as Nuevo Laredo Transportation Association representative.
3. Danny Dunn to the Tree Advisory Committee.
4. Council member Mike Garza to the Legislative Liaison Committee replacing Council Member Gene Belmares.
5. Naming the appointees to the Blue Ribbon Committee for the River Vega Mast Plan.

Laredo Community College	Dr. Ramon Dovalina
TAMIU	Dr. Ray Keck
Webb County Heritage Foundation	Margarita Araiza
Streets of Laredo Urban Mall	David Newman
Azteca Economic Development	Rafael Torres
Downtown Merchants Association	Les Norton
Laredo Center for the Arts	TBA
Laredo Chamber of Commerce	Miguel Conchas
Laredo Posada Hotel	TBA
Laredo Development Foundation	TBA
Laredo Hotel/Motel Association	TBA
International Bank of Commerce	TBA
Laredo National Bank	TBA
Wells Fargo	TBA
Laredo Rio Grande Study Center	Dr. Tim Earheart
Downtown Attorney	Ricardo de Anda
Nuevo Laredo Representative	Jack Sunason
Ex Director for the WCHF	Gloria Canseco
Historic Landmark Board	Betsy Gil
Laredo Real Estate Board	Mercurio Martinez III
Gallery Owner	Gal Rodriguez
Homeland Security	TBA
City of Laredo and staff	

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Landeck

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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- b. Appointment by Council Member Dr. Michael Landeck of John Bruce to the Airport Advisory Committee to replace Ronnie Salamon.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

**VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. Public hearing for the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.637000 per \$100 value. The tax rate will provide revenue for general fund and debt service. The rate includes \$0.513745 per \$100 value of Maintenance and Operation and \$0.123255 per \$100 value for the Interest and Sinking Fund of the Debt Service and is estimated to generate a tax levy of \$53,431,828.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Mr. Peterson said that he does not agree with raising the tax rate at this time. He said that the Council can do several prudent things to offset increasing the tax rate. He said that Council needs to "scrub" the budget, cut wasteful spending, and travel junkettes. He advised that they would be able to cover the short fall of revenues to cover the debt.

Juan Jose Gamboa spoke against the Council providing for a tax increase due to the low salaries in Laredo to which he pointed out that at leave 55% of the citizens are making from \$5.15 to \$6.00 per hour wages.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept a \$3,000.00 donation from Paul Young Properties, LTD. and amend the City of Laredo FY 2005-2006 Annual Budget by appropriating and revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$3,000.00 in the form of a donation for the purpose of building a perimeter fence at the Eastwoods Park.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Garcia  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Garcia

3. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending Chapter 19, Motor and Traffic, Article VIII Stopping, Standing or Parking, Section 19-355, Minimum Fines for Parking Violations for the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo, to increase the minimum fines for the parking violations, include the additional parking violations and associated fines and to add a late charge for nonpayment; and providing for severability, publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares  
Second: Cm. Valdez  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce with the amendment to increase the fine to \$500 or allowable by law.

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

Against: 1

Abstain:

0

Cm. Ramirez

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Belmares

4. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the FY 2005-2006 Annual Budget by accepting a grant for \$28,500.00 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the funding of the Joint Hazardous Material Education Initiative.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Ramirez

5. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo FY 2005-2006 Annual Budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$164,837.00 in funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services, which includes \$24,712.00 from an estimated Program Income for the Tuberculosis Elimination Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Chavez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

6. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a concession agreement between the City of Laredo and Carlos Becerra, Jr. DBA Carlos Jr. refreshments for the right to sell food and non-alcoholic beverages from a cart at the corner of Iturbide and Convent Streets. The term of the agreement is for two (2) years at a rate of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) per month.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Chavez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

agencies to  
Laredo  
policy  
Cm. Garza asked staff to bring forward an ordinance that requires all law agencies to approve right to sell food applicants.

Horacio De Leon, Assistant City Manager, advised that on the interim the City of Laredo can make this contract contingent upon them doing a background check as part of policy while the ordinance is being amended.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

There was no public input.

Moved: Cm. Ramirez

Second: Cm. Chavez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

7. Public hearing and introductory ordinance accepting funds in the amount of \$120,000.00 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 FY 2005-2006 General Fund Budget of the City of Laredo by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$120,000.00 for salary expenses for Laredo Police Department Communications Division.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

8. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager's acceptance of a grant from the South Texas Development Council (STDC) in the amount of \$28,213.00 with no matching funds and amending the City of Laredo's FY 2005-2006 Annual Budget for the Environmental Services fund by appropriating the said grant revenue to the appropriate expenditure accounts. The grant funds will be used for a litter reduction campaign.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia  
Second: Cm. Landeck  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Amaya  
Second: Cm. Rendon  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Ramirez

9. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the 2005-2006 Veterans Field Fund Annual Budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$114,300.00 for the operations of the Broncos Baseball Team housed at the Veterans Field as part of the lease agreement with Laredo Equities, LLC.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia  
Second: Cm. Belmares  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares  
Second: Cm. Valdez  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

10. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement with Webb County for the purpose of renovating the Larga Vista Park and authorizing the City to provide park improvements in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00. Park improvements will include a walking trail, basketball court renovation and other park amenities as specified in Exhibit "A".

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares  
Second: Cm. Valdez  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

**VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES**

11. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with USATSM, for approximately 6,017 square feet constituting Section 1 of Building No. 170 located at 5103 Maher Avenue at the Laredo International Airport. Lease term is for five (5) years commencing on July 31, 2006, and ending on July 30, 2011. Monthly rent shall be \$2,647.48 and will be adjusted annually according to changes in the Consumer Price Index; providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

12. Approving the property exchange agreement with J & J Flores Properties, LTD, copy of which is attached as Exhibit 1; authorizing the City Manager to convey tract of 0.059 acres to J & J Flores Properties, LTD, described therein, authorizing the City Manager to accept deed of 0.1379 acres from J & J Flores Properties, LTD to the City of Laredo described therein; and providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

13. Closing as a public easement, a tract of land, 12.20 ft. wide containing 4,992 sq. ft, more or less, out of the east half of Convent Avenue extending from right-of-way line of Zaragoza Street to International Bridge No. 1 facilities, situated in the Western Division, County of Webb, Texas, as described in Exhibit "A" and providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

14. Amending the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances as follows: Chapter 2, Article II, Division 6 (Pay Administration), Section 2-87.7 (12) (a), providing for a cost of living adjustment increase of 2.5% except as otherwise stated in a collective bargaining agreement; providing for an effective date of October 8, 2006.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

15. Amending Chapter 19 "Motor Vehicles and Traffic", Article VIII; Stopping, Standing or Parking, of the code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo; specifically Section 19-364, Restricted Parking Areas, establishing a "No Parking Anytime/Tow Away Zone" on the east and west side of the 4900 block to the 5200 block of Tesoro Plaza, located north of West Calton Road, within city limits of Laredo; providing for severability, effective date and publication.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

16. Accepting a grant in the amount of \$100,000 from the Texas Department of Transportation for enforcement of Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. The grant period will begin October 01, 2006 and runs thru September 30, 2007. This grant is for overtime salaries. The City of Laredo will match with \$26,350 for fringe benefits.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

17. Accepting a grant in the amount of \$40,000 from the Texas Department of Transportation for performance of the Commercial Motor Vehicle Selective Traffic Enforcement Program from October 01, 2006 through September 30, 2007. This grant is for overtime salaries. The City of Laredo will match with \$10,537 for fringe benefits.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

## IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive the final readings of Ordinances # 2006-O-177, # 2006-O-178, # 2006-O-179, # 2006-O-180, # 2006-O-181, # 2006-O-182, # 2006-O-183, # 2006-O-184, # 2006-

2006- O-185, # 2006-O-186, # 2006-O-187, # 2006-O-188, # 2006-O-189, # 2006-O-190, #  
2006- O-191, # 2006-O-192, # 2006-O-193, # 2006-O-194, # 2006-O-195, # 2006-O-196, #  
2006- O-197, # 2006-O-198, # 2006-O-199, # 2006-O-200, # 2006-O-201, # 2006-O-202, #  
2006- O-203, # 2006-O-204, # 2006-O-205, # 2006-O-206, # 2006-O-207, and # 2006-O-  
208.

Moved: Cm. Amaya  
Second: Cm. Valdez  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

18. 2006-O-177 Amending the City of Laredo FY 2005-2006 annual budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$145,540.00 in funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services for the Office of Border Health-Lab of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning July 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-177.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

2006-O-178 Amending the City of Laredo FY 2005-2006 annual budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$70,000.00 in funds from the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to continue the operation of two (2) continuous air monitoring stations (CAMS) by the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-178.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

2006-O-179 Amending the City of Laredo FY 2005-2006 annual budget by appropriating revenues in the amount of \$390,256.00 in funds from the Texas Department of Health Services, which includes \$42,300.00 from estimated program income for the Maternal and Child Health (MCH-Title V) Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period of September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-179.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

2006-O-180 Amending the City of Laredo FY 2005-2006 annual budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$157,886.00 in funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services which includes \$23,544.00 from an estimated program income for the La Familia Health Care Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period of September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-180.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

2006-O-181 Amending the City of Laredo FY 2005-2006 annual budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$61,068.00 in funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services for the Title V Family Planning Services of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period of September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-181.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

2006-O-182 Amending the City of Laredo FY 2005-2006 annual budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$188,539.00 in funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS), which includes \$59,888.00 from estimated program income for the Immunization Action Plan (IAP) Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period of September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-182.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

2006-O-183 Amending the City of Laredo FY 2005-2006 annual budget by decreasing the grant award amount by \$7,291.00 from the Texas Department of State Health Services for the Prevention Services for HIV-Infected Persons Project (PSHIP) of the City of Laredo Health Department for a total amount of \$104,989.00, for the contract period from January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006. The decrease in funds is due to a reduction in federal funding from the Centers for Disease Control to TDSHS.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-183.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain:

0

2006-O-184 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a \$4,000.00 grant from the Laredo Rotary Club and amend the City of Laredo FY 2005-2006 General Fund annual budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$4,000.00 in the form of a donation for the purpose of providing additional improvements for the Santa Rita Park.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-184.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain:

0

2006-O-185 Authorizing Authorizing the City Manager to accept a \$5,000.00 donation from AT&T and amend the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2005-2006 General Fund Annual Budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$5,000.00 in the form of a donation for the sponsorship of the Avery Johnson Summer Camp. (As amended)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-185.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain:

0

2006-O-186 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement between the

City of Laredo and Laura Salcedo DBA Hot Dog Express for the use of retail space Suite B of the Mercado Square located at 1000 Hidalgo Street. The lease term is for two (2) years at a rental

rate of seven hundred and month for the first year, increasing the the change in the 2006 Consumer Price Index and September 1, 2006 effective date.

eighty two (\$782.00) dollars per second year based on providing for

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-186.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

2006-O-187 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a (5) five year lease agreement

Inc. for  
Guadalupe  
50% share of  
date.

between the City of Laredo and the Laredo Amateur Boxing Club, the use of the Orlando Canizales Boxing Gym located at 1610 Street for an annual rental fee of one dollar (\$1.00) plus utility charges and providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-187.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

2006-O-188 Amending the City of Laredo FY 2005-2006 Full Time Equivalent (FTE)

of  
driver positions  
located at 309 Cielito  
available in the Fire  
of \$10,509.72.

positions reclassifying nine (9) Firefighter positions to the position three (3) captains, three (3) drivers and three (3) assistant to activate engine company #14 for Fire Station #14 Lindo Boulevard. Funding for these positions is Department operating budget in the amount

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-188.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

2006-O-189 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement between Texas

Institute  
the  
instructional activities to  
trainees and out of country first  
Fire/Law Enforcement Training  
performance under this agreement is specified as

Engineering Extension Service/Emergency Services Training (TEEX) and the City of Laredo Fire Department to define responsibilities for both parties for the education be offered to Firefighters, non Firefighter responders at the Laredo International Center. The period of September

1, 2006 through August 31, 2007, unless sooner terminated  
in accordance with the terms in the agreement.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-189.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

2006-O-190 Amending the City of Laredo Code of Ordinance by deleting  
references to

hazardous materials (Haz-Mat) fees in Chapter 33  
Environmental protection, Section 33-169, "city charges" and  
inserting Chapter 12: Fire Prevention and Protection, Article III  
"reserved"; first hour no charges for emergency responses except for  
replacement costs of level A and B Safety Gear; charging replacement  
and reimbursement costs for use of units, personnel and  
equipment for emergency haz-mat responses; charging replacement and reimbursement costs for first hour and  
beyond for all non-emergency responses including use of units  
personnel and equipment providing for an administrative fee on one  
hundred dollars (\$100.00) per invoice formulated; reducing the late fee  
from two hundred dollars (\$200.00) to fifty dollars (\$50.00) per  
invoice formulated; applicable to balances remaining after  
thirty days from date of invoice; and authorizing charge of ten  
percent (10%) per annum on balances remaining after sixty days from  
the date of invoice; repeal laws in conflict; providing  
for severability, publication and an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-190.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

2006-O-191 Authorizing the City Manager to amend the fiscal year 2005-2006  
fiscal

year budget for the Water Fund by appropriating revenues  
and expenditures in the amount of \$1,066,000.00  
provided by projected increases in the Meter Water Sales and  
Utility Late Fees. Funds will be used to cover Water Plant  
electricity costs, the purchase of meter reading hardware/software  
equipment, and an operational transfer to General Fund for the purchase  
of H.T.E. system software licenses.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-191.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Amaya

0 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain:  
0 2006-O-192 Authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo 2005-  
2006 fiscal year budget for General Fund by transferring of \$216,000.00  
from the Waterworks Fund and appropriating \$216,000.00 for the  
purchase of H.T.E. system software licenses for the Work  
Orders/Facility Management Module and the  
NaviLine Browser User Interface in the Information  
Technical Support Mainframe division.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-192.

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

2006-O-193 Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Santa Rita 18 inch  
sanitary sewer reimbursement agreement with 5 applicants who are named  
in the agreement to provide for possible reimbursement of part of the  
costs incurred by the applicants in constructing an 18 and  
15 inch sanitary sewer line in South Laredo from the East right of  
way of Highway 83 across from the Laredo Community  
College South Campus to approximately 1500 feet  
east inside the Link Ranch.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-193.

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

2006-O-194 Authorizing the City Manager to amend the Housing  
Rehabilitation Program's budget for FY 2005 – 2006 by appropriating  
additional estimated Revolving Loan payments in the amount of  
\$52,491.00. The Revolving Loan funds will be used for housing  
rehabilitation loans and grants, which will assist low-income  
homeowners, rehabilitate their home. (As amended)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-194.

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

2006-O-195 Authorizing the City Manager to amend the Home Investment Partnership

Program's budget for FY 2005-2006 by appropriating additional estimated program income in the amount of \$100,000.00. Program income funds will be used for down payment assistance which will assist first time, low income home buyers.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-195.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-196 Amending the FY 2005-2006 Airport Operating fund by transferring in

\$316,373.00 from the Airport Construction fund to cover additional operating expenses. Funding is available in the Airport Construction Fund/Land Proceeds Reserve Account, and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget amendment and providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-196.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-197 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Rental Car Agency Concession and Lease Agreement with Enterprise Rent-A-Car Company of Texas dba Enterprise Rent A Car, for the approximate 165 square feet of office and counter space located in car rental space #1 and 19 parking spaces located at 5210 Bob Bullock Loop at the Laredo International Airport. Lease term is for five (5) years commencing on August 1, 2006 and ending on July 31, 2011. Minimum Annual Guarantee (MAG) shall be \$91,000.20 or ten percent (10%) of gross sales, whichever is greater; providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-197.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-198 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Rental Car Agency Concession and Lease Agreement with Coastal Bend Rent A Car, Inc. (Avis Rent A Car) and South Texas Auto Rental Services, LLC (Budget Rent A Car) for the approximate 171 square feet of office and counter space located in car rental space #2 and 19

parking spaces located at 5210 International Airport. Lease term is for August 1, 2006 and ending on July 31, Annual Guarantee (MAG) shall be \$146,300.00 or ten of gross sales, whichever is greater; providing for an date.

Bob Bullock Loop at the Laredo five (5) years commencing on 2011. Minimum percent (10%) effective

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-198.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-199 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Rental Car Agency Concession and Lease Agreement with Laredo Car Rental, Inc. (National Car Rental) for the approximate 171 square feet of office and counter space located in car rental space #3 and 19 parking spaces located at 5210 Bob Bullock Loop at the Laredo International Airport. Lease term is for five (5) years commencing on August 1, 2006 and ending on July 31, 2011. Monthly rent shall be \$80,513.59 or ten percent (10%) of gross sales, whichever is greater; providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-199.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-200 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Rental Car Agency Concession and Lease Agreement with Gateway Rent A Car LLC dba Hertz Systems Licensee for approximately 171 square feet of office and counter space located in car rental space #4 and 17 parking spaces located at 5210 Bob Bullock Loop at the Laredo International Airport. Lease term is for five (5) years commencing on August 1, 2006 and ending on July 31, 2011. Minimum Annual Guarantee shall be \$79,001.00 or ten percent (10%) of gross sales, whichever is greater; providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-200.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-201 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Rental Car Agency Concession and Lease Agreement with Southwest-Tex Leasing Co., Inc. dba Advantage Rent A Car for the approximate 133 square

feet of office and counter space located in car rental space #5 and 19 parking spaces located at 5210 Bob Bullock Loop at the Laredo International Airport. Lease term is for five (5) years commencing on August 1, 2006 and ending on July 31, 2011. Minimum Annual Guarantee (MAG) shall be \$95,780.64 or ten percent (10%) of gross sales, whichever is greater; providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-201.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-202 Amending Ordinance No. 1990-O-197, dated October 16, 1990, that

conduct of commercial aeronautical services and activities at the Laredo International Airport; thereby amending Section II. E., "Line Services"; subsection 2(b), "Hangars and Other Buildings"; Subsection 5, "Product Quality Control and Safety"; and Subsection 8, "Insurance Requirements"; providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-202.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-203 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the lease

agreement approved by Ordinance No. 2002-O-241 dated September 16, 2002, between the City of Laredo, as Lessor, and Comision Mexico- Americana Para La Erradicacion Del Gusano Barrenador (U.S.D.A), as Lessee; thereby, amending Section 1.02, "Term", to end on May 31, 2006 instead of May 31, 2007, provided Lessee pays back rent in the amount of \$36,831.00; providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-203.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-204 Amending Ordinance No. 99-0-363 and as amended by Ordinance No.



Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-205 as amended.

Moved: Cm. Chavez

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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representative from

on

follow

Motion to amend the Ordinance to state that the appointments to Charter Revision Committee shall be composed of a each Council Member and will serve two full year terms depending the Council Member who appointed him. The Commission shall the same appointment rules as other Committees within the City.

Moved: Cm. Chavez

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against:

Abstain: 0

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Avenue

Division, City  
retains the  
and providing for an

2006-O-206 Closing as public easement the South one half section of Canada

between O'Kane and Clark Streets, situated in the Eastern of Laredo, County of Webb, Texas, provided that the City entire former street section as a utility easement effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-206.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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County of

to  
provide various  
the elderly; copy  
for an effective date.

2006-O-207 Authorizing the City of Laredo to enter into a Lease with Webb

Lots 9, and 10, Block 320, Eastern Division, for a term of 40 years, enable Webb County to construct a Community Center to social services and educational programs primarily for of the lease is attached as Exhibit A; and providing (As amended)

impact  
9101.

Mayor Salinas announced that there is a change in financial section for a new expenditure account # 448-988-55-535-

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-207 as amended.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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2006-O-208 Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents

to

land  
established  
follows:

effectively convey fee simple title to the "Surface Only" on two parcels to their respective abutting property owners, at their market value of \$8,150.00 each, and described as

less, to  
parcel

from the South  
feet to the South, situated in  
County, Texas being  
"A",

Parcel A Consisting of 4,634.54 sq. ft. (0.1064 of an acre more or Juan Ramirez Properties, LTD. a Texas limited partnership; said being out of the East one half section of Texas Avenue right of way line of Chacon Street to 166.83 the Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb generally described on attached Exhibit

less, to  
of  
to

of Laredo,  
attached Exhibit "B";  
improvement plan as described on  
compliance with Section 10 of the Street  
Policy Handbook, as approved by Resolution No. 97-R-  
and providing for an effective date.

Parcel B Consisting of 4,634.54 sq. ft. (0.1064 of an acre) more or Dora Palmarin; said parcel being out of the West one half section Texas Avenue from the South right of way line of Chacon Street to 166.83 feet to the South, situated in the Eastern Division, City Webb County, Texas being generally described on and hereby, approving the submitted Exhibit C and which is in Closing/Sales 140;

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-208.

Moved: Cm. Garza  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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## X. RESOLUTIONS

19. 2006-R-079 Designating polling places and times of said election in accordance with the Texas Election Code; and authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract with the Webb County Elections Administrator for the purpose of conducting joint special election with the City of Laredo. Funding is subject to future appropriations.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2006-R-079.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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20. 2006-R-080 Appointing Raymond Camina to the Laredo Convention & Visitors Bureau (LCVB) Advisory Committee effective this date.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2006-R-080.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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21. 2006-R-081 Adopting the list of Capital Improvement Projects which will be submitted to the South Texas Development Council for incorporation in the Overall Economic Development Program (OEDP) plan to be provided to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA), for potential funding consideration and authorizing the City Manager to submit a follow-up grant application as may be directed by EDA and to execute any and all related documents. Projects named include:
- \* Extension of Bartlett Ave. (Jacaman Rd. to Del Mar Blvd.)
  - \* Extension of Ejido Avenue (San Nicolas To Cielito Lindo Blvd.)
  - \* Springfield North Extension (Hill Top II Subd. To Shiloh Blvd.)

Motion to approve Resolution # 2006-R-081.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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22. 2006-R-082 Adopting the City of Laredo Comprehensive Plan without amendment in accordance with Article IX, Section 9.03 of the Charter of the City of Laredo.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2006-R-082.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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23. 2006-R-083 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Texas Department of State Health Services, Local Projects Grant Program in the amount of \$50,000.00 with the City designating

\$25,000.00 in matching  
four (4) Life Pak 12 EKGs to

funds. These funds will be used to purchase  
replace current aging EKG equipment.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2006-R-083.

Moved: Cm. Garcia  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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24. 2006-R-084 Ratifying the City Manager's submittal of a grant application to the  
Federal Aviation Administration requesting an Airport  
Improvement Program Discretionary Grant and to accept said  
grant, if offered, in the amount of \$7,500,000.00 to rehabilitate  
Phase 2 of the General Aviation Apron, construct Phase 2 of the N. E.  
Cargo Apron and construct cargo pads at the Laredo  
International Airport. The local match of five (5) percent in the  
amount of \$394,737.00 is available in the  
Land Reimbursable Account (Rash Tract).

Motion to approve Resolution # 2006-R-084.

Moved: Cm. Garcia  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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## XI. MOTIONS

25. Authorizing the selection of Alliance Transportation Group, Inc. as consultants  
and  
authorizing staff to enter into negotiations with the selected consultant for  
the development of the San Bernardo Avenue Renovation and Restoration  
Project. The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has budgeted  
\$83,661.00 for this project using federal planning grant (PL112) funds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Amaya  
Second: Cm. Belmares  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

26. Consideration to award contract FY06-106, to the low bidder, C.W. Security  
Laredo,  
Texas, in the estimated annual amount of \$237,874.00 for providing security  
guard services for the Bridge System, City Hall, Health Department,  
Parks and Recreation Department - Civic Center, Solid Waste

Department, and the Municipal Housing  
period of two years. Funding is available in the

Department. The contract will be for a  
respective departmental budgets.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Amaya  
Second: Cm. Belmares  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

27. Authorizing the City Manager to renew for one year the existing contract with  
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas to provide third party administration of the  
City's health and benefits plan to include administrative services only, utilization  
review services, medical network services, stop loss insurance,  
administration, flexible spending account administration, disease  
management, retiree billing and other related services for a period of one (1) year  
with an option to renew for one (1) additional year term, subject to satisfactory  
performance evaluations; the effective date will October 1, 2006. Funding is available  
in the Health and Benefits Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Amaya  
Second: Cm. Belmares  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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28. Approval of selection of consultants Crane Engineering & Sherfey Engineering  
(in association with Frank Architects and Hydrologic Group) and authorization  
to negotiate a professional services contract to provide consulting services  
for the Upper Zacate Creek multipurpose detention pond and associated drainage  
improvements for the City of Laredo, Texas. Funding is available in the NPDES  
fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Amaya  
Second: Cm. Belmares  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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29. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one crew cab truck through the  
Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (Buy Board) contract pricing in the  
total amount of \$26,917.00 from Philpott Motors. This truck will be assigned to the  
Public Works Department. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Project  
(CIP) budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

30. Authorizing the City Manager to execute physician contract FY06-113 between the City of Laredo and David Cruz, M.D., in which the physician provides medical services to City employees through the Employee Health and Wellness Division. The term will be for one year beginning on October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007 with a one year option to renew exercisable by the City only. The cost of this one year contract is \$25,000.00. Funding is available in the Health Benefits Fund/Employee Health Division.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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31. Consideration to authorize the purchase of two (2) fifteen (15) passenger vans for the Police Department in the amount of \$52,594.00 from Caldwell County Chevrolet, through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program. Funding is available in the Police Department's Trust Fund budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

32. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interim Sewer Connection Agreement with Flying J, Inc., limited to a capacity of 12,000 gallons per day (GPD); and a term of eight months or until the package sewer plant is constructed by Verde Corp. and accepted by the City, whichever occurs sooner; and Flying J, Inc., agrees to pump and haul any amount in excess of the 12,000 GPD, with the City turning off the lift station if the capacity is exceeded by any party; further requiring Flying J to reimburse the City immediately for all penalties incurred for notice of violations, citations or orders issued by the State of Texas, for actions needed above the currently scheduled upgrades.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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33. Authorizing the City Manager to purchase Lot 10, Block 320, Eastern Division, for the sum of \$31,000.00, which property will be incorporated in the lease with Webb County authorized by Ordinance approved on this date. This will be a voluntary transaction. Funding is available in the 1998 CO Issue.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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34. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for an additional year for contract FY 05-096 to Rush Truck Center, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$100,000.00 and Freightliner of Laredo, Laredo, Texas in the estimated amount of \$40,000.00 for the purchase of original equipment manufacturer (OEM) parts and service for the City's medium and heavy duty trucks. All parts and services will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

35. Consideration for approval of the selection of consultant Sepulveda Associates Architects, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in association with Leyendecker Construction, Inc., Laredo, Texas, for the City of Laredo Fleet Management Division Facility and authorization to negotiate a professional services contract.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

36. Consideration for approval to award a professional services contract to Design Group International, Laredo, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00 for design and preparation of plans and specifications for the Santo Niño Library. Funding is available in the 2006 CO Issue.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

37. Approving the monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts to be adjusted for the month of July 2006, represents a decrease of \$79.54. These adjustments are determined by Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

38. Consideration to award contracts to 25 qualified book vendors for library materials collection development for books and audio-visual products for a period of two years. Funding is subject to future budget appropriations.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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39. Authorizing the City Manager to extend the current contract for one year with the Texas Department of Health and Human Services Commission (THHSC) to provide a Medicaid Eligibility Specialist employed by THHSC, stationed at the Health Department, 40 hours a week. The Health Department will reimburse THHSC the total amount of \$29,143.00 for this service, term from October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007. Funding is available in the Health Fund/Administration budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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40. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with the Texas Department of

Health Services, Bureau of Vital Statistics and the City of Laredo Health Department Vital Statistic Division for the Health Department to reimburse TDSHS the amount of \$1.83 for each Certification of Vital Records issued as a result of database searches to authorized individuals requesting such data for the term from September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2008.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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41. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to enter into contract in the estimated amount of \$216,000.00 with the sole source vendor, Sungard H.T.E. (Harvard Technical Enterprises) Inc. for providing a Work Order/Facility Management application and the Naviline Browser user interface.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

42. Consideration to award contract FY06-114 to the low bidder, Martin Instruments, Austin, Texas, in the amount of \$41,067.00 for the purchase of surveying equipment for the Engineering Department. Funding is available in the department's budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

43. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract for Provision of Sewer Service with A. F. Muller Company ("Developer"), a Texas corporation, being the developer of a 38.64 acre tract of real property, and La Bota Development Co., Inc., a Texas corporation, ("Adjacent Landowner") in which the City is willing to provide sewer service that will not exceed a total capacity of 1,909 gallons per minute (referred to in the agreement as "GPM") as specified in the agreement.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Amaya  
Second: Cm. Belmares  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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44. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Graphitiks Advertising of Laredo, Texas, who will design, produce, sell advertising and print the 2007 Laredo/Nuevo Laredo Official Visitors Guide. Graphitiks will print, at no cost to the City of Laredo, 130,000 copies of the guide which is a 76-page full color magazine featuring "Los Dos Laredos". The guide will be produced under the direction of the Laredo Convention & Visitors Bureau relative to style, design, and editorial content.

Bill Green, Laredo Morning Times, spoke in protest of item number 44 on the agenda. He noted that employees of the LMT advertising were witness to the proposal opening. He expressed his concerns whether or not the bids were evaluated objectively and fairly. He pointed out that only LMT's bid proposes no extra charges and they added significant value in two important areas: (1) a free one-half page for Laredo Convention and Visitor's Bureau in LMT's Laredo es Divino publication distributed five times annually to 60,000 affluent homes in Monterrey, Mexico valued at \$5,750 and (2) free monthly Laredo Convention and Visitor's updates on LMT's web site that has grown to over 1.7 million pages views per month.

Motion to reject.

Moved: Cm. Garcia  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

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## XII. STAFF REPORTS

45. A. Status report on the proposed fiscal year 2006-2007 budget with discussion and possible action on the following items:

### General Fund

Appropriate additional revenues in the amount of \$517,466; reduce expenditure appropriations in the amount of \$164,356 to properly balance General Fund and approval of third party funding allocations as recommended by the Third Party Funding Committee.

additional Freddie Flores, Director for the Laredo Animal Shelter, made a plea for funds for the shelter and its employees.

regarding the Louie Bruni, representing the Boys & Girls Club, approached Council funding for the Boy's and Girls Club. He expressed his concern for a penalty that may have been placed on the Club because of a late application. He assured Council that they work extremely hard in serving the Boys & Girls Club.

Club. He Alfonso Ornelas praised the work that is done at the Boy's and Girl's Club. He asked Council to consider the funding for the Boy's & Girl's Club.

was no Cm. Garza said that he had served on the Third Party Committee and there for having a bases to start off with. He said that they wanted to start setting the bar United Way process to follow for all Third Party Funding. He mentioned that the would not have a does not consider funding to late applicants. He said that he are problem giving the boy's and Girl's Club their late fee but noted that there are perimeters that must be followed.

Center Motion to take \$5,000 from the Rio Grande International Study and give the Boy's & Girl's Club an additional \$5,000 for a total of \$35,000; the STCADA be given \$5,000 and the CA Meals on Wheels be given \$5,000 for a total of \$12,125; and the Sacred Heart be given \$5,000 and the CA Elderly Nutrition Program for the Elderly be given \$5,000.

Boy's Motion to amend \$6,000 to the Casa de Misericordia and another \$6,000 to the and Girls Club.

the Motion to amend \$6,000 to the Sacred Heart Children's Home and \$6,000 to Veterans.

Laredo Motion to amend by adding \$6,000 to the Bethany House and \$6,000 to the Webb County Food Bank.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

\$800 per Motion to allow the Veteran's Coalition to increase their limit from \$400 to Veteran.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

**Hotel Motel**

Party Approval of third party funding allocations as recommended by the Third Funding Committee.

Society of Martha's for a total of \$17,000 allocated to the Laredo Animal Shelter. Also, to transfer \$25,000 from the Washington Birthday Celebration Association to the Jalapeño Festival.

Moved: Cm. Garcia  
Second: Cm. Amaya

for Larry Dovalina, City Manager, advised that Motel/Hotel Funds cannot be used the Laredo Animal Shelter.

Society of Martha's for a total of \$17,000 to the City of Laredo Sister Cities/Mexico Conference. Also, to transfer \$25,000 from the Washington Birthday Celebration Association to the Jalapeno Festival

Moved: Cm. Garcia  
Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Ramirez  
For: 8 Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Martin Aleman, Budget Director, said that in reference to the changes and motions that have transpired, staff needs to come up with \$681,000 and the following has been done by what he has provided under General Fund under staff reports. He requested a motion to appropriate an additional \$517,466 in various revenues to make up the difference and they will reduce total expenditures of \$164,356 to make up the \$681,822 that were impacted in the General Fund starting with the COLA, addition to the Parks & Recreation Department, Public Works, and the addition in Third Party Funding.

Motion to appropriate an additional \$517,466 for various revenues.

Moved: Cm. Amaya  
Second: Cm. Garcia  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

**Transit**

proposed Presentation by Ronald Moore on options to reduce expenditures and revenue increase.

was Avelino Juarez, mechanic, said that he does not complain much; however, he greatly concerned about the price increase at the Metro. He also complained about some of the Metro employees noting that they are insensitive to people and their needs.

advising Cm. Chavez asked the General Manager to provide a report to Council them of repair costs to the busses.

Ronald Moore, General Manager, presented the following material to Council:

**LAREDO TRANSIT MANAGEMENT, INC.  
FIXED ROUTE FARE INCREASE PROPOSAL  
FY 2007**

<u>Current Fares</u>			
<u>Category</u>	<u>Fare</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Ridership</u>
Adults	\$1.00	\$ 2,390,063.00	68%
Students	\$0.50	\$ 120,778.00	6%
Elderly	\$0.10	\$ 23,133.00	20%
Child > 5 yrs.	\$0.25	\$ 30,120.00	6%
Medicare	\$0.50	\$ 350.00	0%
Transfers	free	-	
	Total	<u>\$ 2,564,444.00</u>	

Proposal #1

<u>Category</u>	<u>Fare</u>		<u>Revenues</u>	
Adults	\$1.25	\$	2,987,579.00	
Students	\$0.60	\$	144,934.00	
Elderly	\$0.30	\$	69,399.00	
Child > 5 yrs.	\$0.30	\$	36,145.00	
Medicare	\$0.60	\$	420.00	
Transfers	eliminate			<i>Passengers would need to pay corresponding fare.</i>
	d	\$	243,000.00	
	Total	\$	<u>3,481,477.00</u>	<i>\$917,033 additional revenues</i>

<u>Proposal #2</u>				
<u>Category</u>	<u>Fare</u>		<u>Revenues</u>	
Adults	\$1.25	\$	2,987,579.00	
Transfers	eliminate			<i>Passengers would need to pay corresponding fare.</i>
	d	\$	243,000.00	
	Total	\$	<u>3,230,579.00</u>	<i>\$666,135 additional revenues</i>

<u>Proposal #3</u>				
<u>Category</u>	<u>Fare</u>		<u>Revenues</u>	
Adults	\$1.25	\$	2,987,579.00	
Transfers	\$0.25	\$	130,541.00	
	Total	\$	<u>3,118,120.00</u>	<i>\$553,676 additional revenues</i>

B. Discussion with possible action to consider Police Officer Omar Oscar H. Moreno, Jr.'s second request for an extension of injury leave with pay in accordance with 143.073 (b) of the Texas Government Code.

Dan Migura, Human Resources Director, said that this the second request for extension of injury leave with pay for Officer Omar Oscar H. Moreno. The City Council granted the employee the first extension of 90 working days on March 27, 2006. There have been a number of updates. The Officer had a functional capacity evaluation done on July 22, 2006. At that time, it was determined that he would not

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be able to transition into a full time work status. His doctor recommended that  
continue work conditioning and work hardening. The last report that we got  
the doctor is that his work condition started on August 16, 2006 and was going  
for a total of six weeks. The extension that we gave him in March expires on  
21, 2006 and we are expecting that he will complete his work hardening  
September 29, 2006. He further recommended to the Council about the  
extending his injury leave.

with

Motion to extend the injury leave for 45 working days with pay in accordance  
143.073 (b) of the Texas Government Code.

Moved: Cm. Rendon  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Women

C. Discussion with possible action on approving the Laredo Commission for  
2006-2007 Plan of Action.

Laredo

Eddie Zavala, Customer Service Coordinator and staff Liaison for the  
Commission for Women, advised Council that the several of the  
officers met to draft their 2006-2007 Plan of Action which was later approved  
unanimously by the Commission.

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Alice Garcia, Commissioner, explained that the action plan is based on four  
The first quarter begins in September where they will launch an essay  
Young Women's Commission. In October they will hold two events  
recognizing the Young Women's Commission. Also, in mid-October  
members will attend the Commission for Women's Conference in Austin,  
Texas. In  
November they will distribute Thanksgiving Baskets. In January they will hold  
a  
Women's Conference. In February they will hold a Young Women's  
Conference. In  
April they will join other entities entitled "Prevent Child Abuse" and distribute  
bracelets and magnets. In May they will donate 200 Sports Physicals.

Laredo  
\$2,000.

Motion to approve the 2006-2007 Plan of Action submitted by the Commission for Women and increase their budget by

Moved: Cm. Landeck

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

### **XIII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

#### 46. A. Request by Mayor Raul G. Salinas

1. Discussion with possible action on an update for the secondary source of water project to include current water pressure conditions.

Jesus Sanchez, spokesperson for colonias, discussed water issues for the colonias. He expressed his concerns about individuals that are not able to enjoy the commodity of water in their homes. He asked Council to expedite the process of providing water to the colonias.

Cm. Belmares said that the Water Issues Committee has been addressing the issues of the Secondary Source of Water which is distinct from the issue of water pressure conditions. He noted that the Water Issues Committee met last week and directed staff to proceed with the RFP Process by the beginning of October 2006 so staff could execute a contract by the end of the year. He noted that the Legislature may change in a detrimental position to the City where we may not have interregional transfers that would be required to find the Secondary Water Source. The City is currently looking at ground water sources in Dimmit County and others that are proposing as well.

Valley Larry Dovalina said that Council has approved two letters of intent: one to Grass and one to a group in Dimmit County who has indicated an interest by the City to acquire a secondary ground water from areas outside of the City. When Council passed the water rate increases they were with the intent of acquiring a Secondary Water Source and being able to provide the means to be able to pay for it. The RFP will move forward to acquire a successful bidder that will then be awarded a contract based on a take or pay contract

with delivery of water to the City by that party.

Cm. Garza instructed the City Manager to hold a workshop for Council.

2. Discussion with possible action on increasing rates for the taxicab fares.

Motion was postponed by the Mayor.

B. Request by Council Member Dr. Michael Landeck

1. Discussion with possible action to freeze the amount of City tax assessed to those who are 65 or older or disabled to the last assessment issued to them during the tax year 2005. (Co-sponsored by Council Member Mike Garza)

Andy Ramos approached Council regarding tax rates for over 65 and disabled. He spoke in favor of allowing the disabled and over-65 a freeze on their tax rate.

Motion to approve the freeze the amount of City tax assessed to those who are 65 or order or disabled to the last assessment issued to them amending the date to 2006.

Moved: Cm. Landeck

Second: Cm. Chavez

For: 8

Against:

0

Abstain: 0

Elizabeth Martinez, Tax Collector/Assessor, said that the timing issue was for adding an exemption but not for the tax freeze. She stated that if it is adopted this year the actual savings to the Over 65 group would occur next year.

C. Request by Council Member Johnny Amaya

1. Status report on the installation of shades at various parks, with possible action.

This item was postponed by Cm. Amaya.

2. Discussion with possible action on the equipment upgrade for turn signals at the intersections of Clark Boulevard at Meadow Avenue and Seymour Street respectively.

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Director, said that there are four intersections that are going to be upgraded in 2006. The design of the upgrade is completed 90%. The design includes three intersections on Clark which includes left turns on Clark Blvd.

D. Request by Council Member Gene Belmares

Tow 1. Discussion with possible action on initiating public hearings as required by the Services Ordinance.

as Cm. Belmares instructed the City Manager to begin initiating public hearings required by the Tow Services Ordinance. He said that the City has not had a hearing since 1999.

CIP 2. Discussion with possible action on moving the water park project into the 2007 listing and the municipal golf course project into 2007 and 2008 CIP listing. (Co-sponsored by Mayor Pro Tempore Juan Ramirez)

consider Cm. Belmares noted that he brought the item for discussion so Council could consider moving the said projects to 2007.

Planning Larry Dovalina, City Manager, said that the CIP listings are submitted to the and Zoning Commission. He added that their motion would allow staff to bring different options to consider. Staff intends to present several options for approval after presentations. He explained that Council is working on windows of opportunity for funding. He noted that there is a very fast pay back of current CO's that are in existence and as the projections of both the growth of property tax valuations occurs then the Council approving the same debt service on a year to year basis increases the capacity for that evaluation to occur. There is no way for Council to actually project in a way that would be believable by folks outside the community as to the kind of growth that existing within the tax valuations. Staff has been very conservative in the approach to rating agencies in New York. To continue to borrow and to allow for these expenditures to occur; however, when you move projects forward it places a crimp on what you do in the future.

water Motion to instruct staff to bring to this Council for consideration the moving of the park and the golf course to the 07 Funding.

Moved: Cm. Belmares  
Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Ramirez

For: 7

Against: 1

Abstain:

0

Cm. Garza

3. Discussion with possible action on renovating the utility out room located at the Del Mar Fire Station #8, 510 Del Mar Blvd.

Cm. Belmares advised that the utility out room is a 4 x 6 masonry room with no roof.

He requested replacing the roof, door, and proceed to inter into an interlocal agreement with the constable for it's use. He said that the constable is looking for a secure building for an evidence room. He asked staff to submit a cost estimate so he can

bring the item back to Council so he can use discretionary funds to remodel the structure.

#### E. Request by Council Member Juan Chavez

1. Report on the number of traffic citations issued to truck drivers, with the last 6 months, that have violate the No Truck Zone at the entrances of Bristol Road, Lowry Road, Quail Creek, Rancho Viejo and Big Bend Blvd., with possible action.

Agustin Dovalina, Chief of Police, said that the Police Department has issued 168 truck route violations.

Cm. Chavez requested for reinforcement from the Police Department during the lunch and evening hours.

2. Discussion with possible action on purchasing a voting system for the City Council meetings.

Cm. Chavez said that he placed the item on the agenda is because he wants to provide the viewing public a snap shot of how Council votes.

The City Secretary, Gustavo Guevara, Jr., advised that he would be researching different systems at other entities and return to Council with recommendations.

Cm. Garza said that he agreed that Council should get into the new technology age.

3. Discussion with possible action on creating a No Parking/Tow Away Zone on Tesoro Plaza, north of West Calton Rd. and ending at the Fireman's Union Hall.

Cm. Chavez asked to postpone this item.

F. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Juan Ramirez

1. Discussion with possible action on the use of the Civic Center for the four annual events held by the Border Area Nutrition Council (BANC).

Cm. Ramirez postponed the item.

2. Discussion with possible action on extending the meter time limits to four hours on Houston Street, between Juarez and Davis.

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Director, said that all the meter west of Santa Maria are four hour meters. He advised that if Council recommended additional four hour meters that staff would need to reprogram. He recommended implementing four hour meters for the entire section north of Houston. He further reminded Council that staff would need to amend the ordinance.

Motion to instruct staff to amend a motion which will allow parking meters to be reprogrammed to four hour meters for the entire section north of Houston Street.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Ramirez

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 6

Against: 1

Abstain:

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3. Status report on Bridge II/SENTRI lane improvements.

Mario Maldonado, Bridge Director, said that the Bridge II Widening/Sentri lane project is 99% complete. The number of lanes has already been increased from six to eight, the Sentri Lane is complete. All traffic lanes are ready. The stripping on the bridge has already been completed. GSA has already poured the concrete work on their property. Approximately 800 applicants have been approved by Customs Border Protection and additional applications should be approved once we get close to the grand opening.

4. Discussion with possible action to request from the State Department of Public Safety an additional office location for the processing of licenses and inspection procedures.

Cm. Ramirez expressed his concerns regarding lack of staff at the State Department of Public Safety. He said that many of his constituents are complaining about the long lines and waiting time for test and driver's license.

Larry Dovalina, City Manager, said that this item can be placed on the Legislative Agenda.

#### **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.

#### **XV. RECESS AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO MUNICIPAL HOUSING CORPORATION**

Motion to recess and convene as the Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Chavez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

47. 2006-LMH-001 Authorizing the Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation (LMHC) to

establish and charge rental amounts at the Jose Flores Apartment Complex as follows: 2 bedroom units \$444.00; 3 bedroom units \$661.00 effective October 1, 2006. The new tenants on or after October 1, 2006 will be as the same as the monthly rental amount. \$570.00; and 4 bedroom units deposit amounts for established

Motion to approve # 2006-LMH-001.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Motion to recess as the Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

0 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain:

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn.

Moved:  
Second:  
For:

Against: Abstain:

**CITY OF LAREDO  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1110 HOUSTON STREET  
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040  
August 28, 2006  
5:30 P.M.**

**SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA**

**I. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

- a. Appointments by Mayor Raul G. Salinas of Council Member Johnny Amaya, Council Member Gene Belmares, and Council Member Mike Garza to the Audit Committee.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Ramirez  
Second: Cm. Garza  
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain:

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**II. RESOLUTION**

1. **2006-R-086** Supporting the U.S. Department of Homeland Security by calling on the United States Congress and President George W. Bush to approve legislation as recommended by the Texas Border Coalition, and as amended by the City of Laredo; and amending the City of Laredo federal and state legislative agendas to include such.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2006-R-086.

Moved: Cm. Belmares  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

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**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn. Time: 10:34

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8  
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Against: 0

Abstain: