

**CITY OF LAREDO
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M2006-SC-14
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
OCTOBER 24, 2006**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGINCE

In attendance:

Raul G. Salinas, Mike Garza,	Mayor Council Member, District
I Hector Garcia,	Council Member,
District II Michael Landeck,	Council Member,
District III Johnny Amaya,	Council Member,
District IV Johnny Rendon	Council Member,
District V Gene Belmares,	Council Member,
District VI Juan Chavez	Council Member,
District VII Juan Ramirez,	Mayor Pro Temp,
District VIII Gustavo Guevara, Jr., Larry Dovalina, Cynthia Collazo, Horacio De Leon, Rafael Garcia, Valeria Acevedo,	City Secretary City Manager Deputy City Manager Assistant City Manager Assistant City Manager City Attorney

IV. 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.

Motion to allow discussion from the public on the evaluation and performance and pay of the City Manager and allow a three minute rule for each speaker.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Jose R. Ochoa, ex-president of the Laredo Firefighters, stated that he was speaking in favor of Larry Dovalina.

Donna Magnon, Deputy City Secretary, spoke in favor of Larry Dovalina for City Manager.

Dr. James Earhart read a written statement publicly noting that there are many problems that Mr. Dovalina has not taken care of.

Anthony Peterson spoke in favor of terminating the contract with Larry Dovalina.

Jesus M. Sanchez spoke against renewing Larry Dovalina's contract as City Manager.

Abraham Rodriguez spoke in favor of Larry Dovalina.

1. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 to evaluate the performance and pay of the City Manager and return to open session for possible action.

Section
open
Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, 551.074 to evaluate the performance and pay of the City Manager and return to session for possible action.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

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

his
Motion to remove Mr. Dovalina from his position as City Manager and terminate services.

Cm. Garza requested a show of hands.

Moved: Cm. Landeck
Second: Cm. Garza
For: 4

Against: 4

Abstain:

0

Cm. Garza
Cm. Landeck
Cm. Chavez
Mayor Pro Tempore Ramirez

Cm. Garcia
Cm. Amaya
Cm. Rendon
Cm. Belmares

Mayor Salinas voted in favor of terminating Larry Dovalina.

made a Cm. Garza said that the City needs to appoint an Interim City Manager and he motion to appoint Cynthia Collazo, Deputy City Manager.

Mayor Salinas noted that it was not on the agenda.

that Valeria Acevedo, Acting City Attorney, advised City Council that the Charter notes they must appoint an interim by majority vote.

interim Motion to accept Cynthia Collazo as her role as Acting City Manager on an basis and seek whatever method to search for a new City Manager.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

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

Against: 0
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Abstain: