

**CITY OF LAREDO  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
M2006-R-22  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1110 HOUSTON STREET  
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040  
November 20, 2006  
5:30 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**III. ROLL CALL**

In attendance:

|                       |                              |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Raul G. Salinas,      | Mayor                        |
| Mike Garza,           | 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., | City Secretary               |
| Cynthia Collazo,      | Acting City Manager          |
| Horacio De Leon,      | Assistant City Manager       |
| Rafael Garcia,        | Assistant City               |
| Manager               |                              |
| Valeria Acevedo,      | City Attorney Interim        |

**IV. MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes of August 7, 2006, August 8, 2006 and August 9, 2006.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia  
Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Chavez was not present.

## V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

### Announcements

### Invitations

### Recognitions

- a. Recognition of Maria E. Harrison, of the Parks and Recreation Department, on her selection as October 2006 Employee of the Month.

Mike Pescador, Parks and Recreation Director, commented that he is very proud of

Maria E. Harrison. He stated that she has been employed with the City for 24 years and

is currently the Supervisor for K. Tarver Recreation Center. He also stated that for the

month of October she organized a haunted house, Jamaica, and costume contest. She

also distributed candies, held games, and other activities for more than 1,200 children

and parents. Mr. Pescador mentioned that she is also a mentor and committee member for the Drug Education for Youth program which she received the "Nuestro Orgullo" award by Stop Child Abuse and Neglect Organization for her services to that organization. He also mentioned that Ms. Harrison provides school programs all year long.

Maria E. Harrison thanked everyone for the opportunity to work for the city and especially with the children. She commented that her priority is to help children get off the street, drugs and gangs.

### Communiqués

Cm. Garza congratulated all the schools in South Laredo that made it to the play-offs.

He mentioned that he attended the National Association of Latino Elected Officials and encouraged all elected officials to participate in that program.

Cm. Garcia congratulated all the teams that participated in the play-offs which includes the United High School Longhorns. He also congratulated everyone that participated in the UIL academic competition at LBJ High School. He wished everyone in the City of Laredo a safe and happy Thanksgiving weekend. He also thanked those people that helped distribute turkeys.

Cm. Landeck mentioned that he attended Parent Involvement week that was created by the United Independent School District. He emphasized that it was a very important event. He mentioned that there was a great turn out and many parents were deputized to help out.

Cm. Amaya reported that on November 20, 2007, the sixth annual turkey give away was held with the help of several special projects committee members, Police Department,

Fire Department and business partners to benefit the less fortunate families of several housing projects in Laredo. He also mentioned that fifteen turkeys will be given out to students at the K Tarver Elementary School. He reported that six years ago forty turkeys were given out to needy families and it has now increased to two hundred and fifty. Cm.

Amaya expressed his gratitude to all those that helped and wished everyone in Laredo a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Cm. Rendon advised all the citizens of Laredo to have a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving Day. He congratulated all the people who made the Catholic Youth Conference a success.

Cm. Belmares congratulated all the athletic teams that participated in the play-offs. He encouraged all the citizens of Laredo to drive to the Alamo Dome in San Antonio, Texas to support the team. He congratulated everyone that participated in HEB's Feast of Sharing, including city employees and city officials.

Cm. Chavez thanked Mayor Salinas and Cm. Garza for the time he spent with them on the Washington trip. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Cm. Ramirez wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Salinas reported that the Council had a very busy week. He stated that the meeting in Washington D.C. was very fruitful and it did not cost the city any money. He mentioned that the National Association of Latino Elected Officials organization is made up of Latino leaders from around the country. He commented that there are three United States Senators serving in the United States Senate including twenty four

members of

Congress. He mentioned that at the meeting they discussed voter apathy and economic

development. He stated that it is a very informative and educational organization. He

added that he worked with the Solid Waste Department in the morning for a few

hours and he recognized their hard work. He mentioned that in only one shift they collect

twelve to thirteen containers of garbage. He also expressed his concerns for the needs of

city employees and emphasized that the City and the City Council are behind them 100%

and they will be given the tools they need to do their job. He thanked Cm. Belmares for

being present at the HEB's Feast of Sharing. He announced that he will be on top of

Wal-Mart on Wednesday, November 22, 2007 for his 14<sup>th</sup> year for 98 hours to raise

money for the children of Laredo. He stated that he will be teaming up with Abraham

Diaz, "El Protector", of the Laredo Police Department, the Blue Santa, KGNS, and

Constable Rudy Rodriguez. He congratulated United High School. Mayor Salinas

mentioned that he had a meeting with an official from the Washington D.C. area on

children that are abused, missing and exploited. He stated that the city will team up with

them to have an educational program to ensure the safety of our children. He wished

everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving. Mayor Salinas also mentioned that he is looking

forward to a meeting with the Secretary of Homeland Security, Michael Chertoff, and all

border Mayors to discuss the border fence issue.

### **Citizen comments**

Gabriela Mendoza Garcia, Director of the TAMIU Ballet Folklorico, stated that they received a seventy-five per cent decrease in funding from last year to this year and is requesting an increase in funding for the program as before.

Maria G. Franco thanked Mayor Salinas for sending Cm. Gene Belmares to visit the Laredo Medical Center. She stated that she came on behalf of Gabriela Garcia and spoke in favor of granting more funding for the Ballet Folklorico.

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

Blue a. Appointment by Mayor Raul G. Salinas of Raquel Perez a full member of the Ribbon Committee for International Trade.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

of Mayor Salinas announced that he will be adding as an alternate Al Chapa, CEO the Specialty Hospital, to the Blue Ribbon Committee on Health.

Board b. Reappointment by Council Member Johnny Rendon of Jesus Hinojosa III to the of Adjustment.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to reverse the order of the City Council agenda.

Moved: Cm. Garza

Second: Cm. Landeck

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. Individual public hearings for the voluntary annexation of seven (7) tracts of land

**Tract 1: U.I.S.D. Tract– 33.19 acres, more or less;**

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Landeck

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Amaya

For:

5

Against: 0

Abstain:

Cm. Garcia  
Cm. Chavez

**Tract 2: Tanquecitos Tract– 52.94 acres, more or less;**

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:  
Cm.

1  
Garcia

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

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Cm. Garcia

**Tract 3: Alarcon Tract – 1.85 acres, more or less;**

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

**Tract 4: Hurd Tract – 21.09 acres, more or less;**

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

**Tract 5: 4 V Holding Tract – 44.53 acres, more or less;**

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

**Tract 6: Key Energy Tract – 2.45 acres, more or less;**

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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as required by  
Code.

**Tract 7: Gutierrez/Izaguirre Tract – 7.71 acres, more or less), for a total of  
acres, more or less, as described in the attached tract summaries,  
Section 43.063 of the Texas Local Government**

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

2. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 7.37 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located at 10 E. Del Mar Boulevard, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Commercial District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change. (District VI)

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Richard Haynes, representing the Sisters, requested the approval of item 2, 3, and 4 of the Public Hearing section.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Belmares

3. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 11.25 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located 10 East Del Mar Boulevard, from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change. (District VI)

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Belmares

4. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 1 thru 7, Block 1, Del Mar Hills Subdivision, Section 1, Area "B", located at 10 E. Del Mar Boulevard, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Commercial District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change. (District VI)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares  
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. Belmares

5. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, Block 1493, Eastern Division and 8,073.49 sq. ft. out of the Chihuahua Street right-of-way, located at 2520 Chihuahua Street, from B-1 (Limited Commercial District) to B-3 (Community Business District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change. (District II)

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. Garcia  
Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Ramirez  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Garcia

6. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 7 and 8, Block 1574, Eastern Division, located at 2606 Ross Street, from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change. (District II)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia  
Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Ramirez  
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:

0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Garcia

7. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 7 and the north 9 feet of Lot 8, Block 905, Western Division, located at 3520 Juarez Avenue, from B-1 (Limited Commercial District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change. (District VII)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Chavez

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Chavez

8. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 5 and 6, Block 990, Eastern Division, located at 1820 Chihuahua Street, from R-O (Residential/Office District) to B-3 (Community Business District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change. (District III)

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. Landeck

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Landeck

9. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a child daycare on Lot 9, Block 2, Town East Subdivision Phase I, located at 3417 West Fiesta Loop. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change. (District II)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Belmares

0

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain:

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Garcia

10. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for mini storage/warehousing, on Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, Block 1068, Eastern Division, located at 1320 South Meadow Avenue. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change. (District III)

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. Landeck  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Landeck

11. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 0.85 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located at the east termination of Havana and Imperial Drives, from AG (Agricultural District) to R-1A (Single-Family Reduced Area District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change. (District VI)

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. Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Belmares

12. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 9.89 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located on the west side of Bob Bullock Loop north of Winfield Parkway, from AG (Agricultural District) to B-1 (Limited Commercial District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change. (District VI)

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. Belmares

13. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Union Park Subdivision, located at 5701 San Dario Avenue, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the zone change. (District V)

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Richard Morales Jr., on behalf of the adjacent property owners, spoke against the zone change request.

Motion to close the public hearing and go with Planning and Zoning recommendations.



16. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2006-2007 annual budget by appropriating expenditures in the amount of \$252,589.00 in the Laredo Police Department Trust Fund. Funding will be used to purchase operational materials and supplies and capital outlay equipment. Items include surveillance equipment, tactical entry equipment, and other needed items. Funding is available in the Police Trust Fund opening balance.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Chavez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

## VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

17. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Lessor's consent to an assignment of lease from Gateway Rent-a-Car, LLC (seller/assignor) to Border Rent A Car, LLC, for that certain lease dated August 28, 2006, between the City of Laredo and Gateway Rent-a-Car, LLC, approximately 171 square feet of office and counter space located in car rental space #4 within the airport passenger terminal and 17 parking spaces located within the ready return parking lot located at 5210 Bob Bullock Loop at the Laredo International Airport; providing for an effective date.

Introduction Ordinance: City Council

18. Closing as public easement a triangular section of Blaine Street between Smith and Webb, Ejido Avenues, situated in the Eastern Division, City of Laredo, County of Texas, as shown in Exhibit "A", and providing for an effective date.

Introduction Ordinance: City Council

19. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an assignment of leasehold interest from Labata Service, Inc., approved by Ordinance No. 2001-O-024 dated January 16, 2001, for a vehicular parking lot located at 5003 Maher Avenue at the Laredo International Airport to Aero Center, Inc., and amending Section 1.02, Term, by adding an early termination clause that effectively terminates the lease agreement without notice from Lessor effective the date Lessee's sublease of Hangar No. 162 expires, providing for an effective date.

Introduction Ordinance: City Council

20. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an assignment of leasehold interest from Labata Services, Inc., approved by Ordinance No. 2003-O-091 dated April 7, 2003, for approximately 12,000 square feet constituting the west section of Hangar No. 1309 located at the International Airport to Aero Center, Inc., providing for an effective date.

Introduction Ordinance: City Council

21. Amending ordinance 2006-O-205 dated August 28, 2006 which provided for the submission of 81 proposed amendments to the Charter of the City of Laredo to the voters on Tuesday, November 7, 2006, in order to correct a clerical error in setting forth the change proposed for section 10.01 (a) of the charter, to harmonize it with the answer to that proposed change which the voters made on related proposition no. 55 on which they voted favorably on November 7, 2006

Introduction Ordinance: City Council

## IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive the final reading of Ordinances

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Rendon

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

22. 2006-O-282 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by

vehicles  
Western Division,  
amended)

authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a nationalization of  
enterprise on Lots 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9, Block 605,  
located at 2619 San Dario Avenue. (As

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-282.

Moved: Cm. Belmares  
Second: Cm. Garcia  
For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

2006-O-283 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by  
rezoning                      4.91 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in  
attached Exhibit                      "A", located on the south side of Lomas del Sur  
Boulevard and west of                      future Ejido Avenue, from AG  
(Agricultural District) to B-1 (Community                      Business District). (District I)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-283.

Moved: Cm. Belmares  
Second: Cm. Garcia  
For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

2006-O-284 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by  
rezoning  
of 6.15 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in  
attached                      Exhibit "A", located south of Lomas del Sur Boulevard  
and west of future                      Ejido Avenue, from AG (Agricultural District) and R-  
1A (Single Family                      Reduced Area District ) to R-2 (Multi-Family  
Residential District).

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-284.

Moved: Cm. Belmares  
Second: Cm. Garcia  
For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

2006-O-285 Amending Chapter 24, Article IV, effects of districts and general  
regulations section 24-63.2: permitted land uses of the Laredo Land  
Development Code, to designate an adult day care center as  
an allowable                      land use in a B-4. (Highway Commercial District); providing  
for                      publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-285.

Moved: Cm. Belmares  
Second: Cm. Garcia  
For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

2006-O-286 Amending Chapter 24, Article IV, Supplementary Zoning District Regulations Section 24-65.14: B-4 Highway Commercial District, Paragraph (16) Amusement Redemption Machine Establishment Provisions, Subparagraphs (a) (4) and (c), of The Laredo

Land Development Code, by deleting Subparagraphs (a)(4), which establishes location requirements of one thousand (1000) feet of another Amusement Redemption Machine Facility, and amending (c), which establishes measurement criteria for Amusement Redemption Machine Establishment, providing for publication and effective date. (As amended)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-286.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2006-O-287 Providing for the adoption of a limitation on the total amount of taxes that

may be imposed by the City on the residence homestead of a disabled individual or an individual 65 years of age or older pursuant to Section 1-b (h), Article VIII, Texas Constitution and in accordance with Subtitle C, Chapter 11, Section 11.261 of the Texas Property Tax Code. Once approved the City of Laredo may not repeal or rescind this limitation.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-287.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2006-O-288 Authorizing the City Manager to execute Interlocal Cooperation Contract

with the Texas Department of Public Safety and adopting Chapter 706 Transportation Code "Denial of Renewal of License for Failure to Appear" and authorizing the collection of \$30.00 administrative fee per case reported as per Section 706.006 Transportation Code, and amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20, Section 20-37, by adding Subsection (k) and providing for severability, publication and an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-288.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2006-O-289 Amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2006-2007 General

Fund by

\$144,235.00 for appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of  
strength equipment the lease purchase financing of necessary cardio and  
Manager to implement for the recreation centers and authorizing the City  
lease will be contingent on said budget amendment. Funding for the  
and subsequent three fiscal years. funding availability for the current

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-289.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2006-O-290 Amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Waterworks

Fund by

drawing down \$100,000.00 from the Waterworks opening balance  
and appropriating the \$100,000.00 to Utility Billing Division.  
These funds will be used for the acquisition of meter reading  
hardware/software equipment.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-290.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2006-O-291 Amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Airport

Construction

Department of

(RAMP) Grant for

from the Airport

Grant expense account by

Airport Construction Fund 2007

effective date. (As amended)

Fund revenues and expenditures by recognizing the Texas  
Transportation Routine Airfield Maintenance Program  
\$50,000.00, transferring out \$20,000.00, local match,  
Operating Fund and increasing the RAMP  
\$40,000.00. Funding is available in  
RAMP Grant, providing for an

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-291.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2006-O-292 Authorizing the City Manager to accept payment in the amount of

accident at \$30,939.28 on behalf of KLLM, Inc, as settlement arising from

property and to US 59 and Springfield that resulted in damages to City

Traffic Signal Budget by amend the City of Laredo FY 2006-2007

expenditures for the purchase of replacement appropriating revenues and

equipment and materials utilized at this intersection and authorizing

the City Manager to implement said budget.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-292.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2006-O-293 Amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2006-2007 annual budget by

reducing the amount by \$43,980.00 to reflect the actual amount of \$56,917.00 from the South Texas Development Council for HIV/AIDS Health and Social Services Project of the Health Department for a seven (7) month term beginning September 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007.

the City of Laredo beginning September 1,

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-293.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2006-O-294 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into agreement with the Drug

amending

\$429.00.

incurred by for OCDEF

agreement

Enforcement Administration in the amount of \$15,573.00 and

the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Annual Budget by

The agreement's purpose is to reimburse costs for overtime the Laredo Police Department in providing resources

(Organized Drug Enforcement Task Forces). The term of this

is for October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-294.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2006-O-295 Amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Contractual Obligation Fund by appropriating \$30,000.00 from a trade-in of fire equipment and appropriating the same increase funding for Department equipment.

Fire

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-295.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2006-O-296 Authorizing the issuance of City of Laredo, Texas, Public Property

Finance

Contractual Obligations, Series 2006, in the principal amount of \$3,680,000, for the purchase of police department fire suppression system equipment for computer/dispatch radio room, police cars, cameras and radios for patrol cars, police cameras, police weapons, computer hardware and related software for fire department, fire trucks, trailers, cars, vans, ambulances for EMS, heart monitors for generators, municipal department trucks, vehicles, backhoes, street sweepers, trailers, street striping equipment, signal solar powered message display, movable filing system, computer related hardware and software for city departments and animal cages; authorizing amendment to City's budget to appropriate such proceeds for purposes authorized herein; approving sale of contractual obligations; authorizing the execution of a private placement letter; and ordaining other matters relating to the subject.

Peter Tart explained that the Contractual Obligations are being sold to fund miscellaneous personal property equipment and they will be repaid in five years at an interest rate of 3.586. He stated that the Bank of America will purchase these obligations and the City of Laredo will receive the money on December 14, 2006.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-296.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2006-O-297 Amending the City of Laredo Code of Ordinance as follows:

Chapter 2,

Article II, Division 3, Section 2-61(a) Military Leave, Subsection (3) to include those employees that have been called for active duty locally for the purpose of the border/security operations also known as Operation Jump Start.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-297.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2006-O-298 Amending Chapter 14, Garbage, Trash and Refuse Article II, rates for

Rates, garbage and refuse collection and landfill operations, Section 14-9,  
Section (a) to of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances by changing  
dollars (\$9.00) per month as increase the garbage collection fee to nine  
workshops, passed by motion of City Council at the August 8th budget  
stipulate a and to change section (3) to add inter-local agreements and to  
to change fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) per ton for residential garbage;  
be closed Sundays; Section (I) to modify the landfill days of operation to  
from date of introduction and to provide for effective date sixty (60) days  
general circulation in and publication one (1) time in a newspaper of  
Laredo, Texas.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-298.

Moved: Cm. Belmares  
Second: Cm. Garcia  
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2006-O-299 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Estoppel Certificate  
and  
Lessor's Approval of Assignment of the lease agreement approved  
by Ordinance No. 2001-O-042 dated February 20, 2001, as  
amended between the City of Laredo, as Lessor, and FedLaredo  
Partnership, L.P., a Pennsylvania limited partnership. Said lease  
agreement is to D & P Enterprises, a Nevada Corporation, as  
Assignee, for approximately 2.82 acres at the Laredo International  
Airport; providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-299.

Moved: Cm. Belmares  
Second: Cm. Garcia  
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2006-O-300 Designating as a one-way eastbound that three (3) block section  
of  
Zaragoza Street, between Convent Avenue and Santa Maria  
Avenue; as a one-way southbound that two (2) block section of  
Santa Maria Avenue, between Grant Street and Water Street;  
as a one-way northbound that two (2) block section of Convent  
Avenue, between Water Street and Grant Street; and as a  
one way westbound that six (6) block section of Grant  
Street, between Convent Avenue and Santa Cleotilde Avenue, providing  
for the installation of appropriate signs to indicate one-way traffic in the  
designated directions and providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2006-O-300.



time to study the request and to establish reasonable rates;  
approving cooperation with other cities within AEP Texas Central Company's service  
territory;  
authorizing intervention in the proceeding at the Public Utility  
Commission; retaining counsel to represent the City; requiring  
reimbursement of cities' rate case expenses; requiring  
notice of this resolution to the company.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2006-R-110.

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

## XI. MOTIONS

24. Authorizing the issuance of a request for proposals (RFP) for the downtown  
signalization study. The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has  
budgeted \$250,000.00 for the project and funding is available through the  
(MPO) account.

Motion to approve.

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

25. Authorizing the issuance of a request for proposals (RFP) for the Safe,  
Accountable,  
Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users  
(SAFETEA-LU) Compliance Project. The Metropolitan Planning  
Organization (MPO) has budgeted \$65,039.00 for the project and funding is  
available through the (MPO) account.

Motion to approve.

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

26. Award of professional services contract with Crane Engineering & Sherfey  
Engineering (in association with Frank Architects and Hydrologic Group)  
in the amount of \$529,000.00, to provide consulting services for Upper Zacate  
Creek  
Multipurpose Detention Pond Project for the City of Laredo, Texas. Funding is  
available in the Environmental Services, 2005 C.O. and Transit System  
FTA Grant #274.

of the Motion to approve with the amendment to add up to \$50,000.00 to the design park.

Moved: Cm. Rendon

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

27. Consideration to award contract number FY07-015 to the low bidders, Gateway

Uniforms, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$90,000.00, Mike's Western Wear, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$5,000.00 and Iron Age, San Antonio, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$1,000.00 for the purchase of safety footwear for city maintenance personnel. Funding is available in the respective departmental budgets.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Chavez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

28. Consideration to award contract number FY07-018 to the low bidders: Caldwell Country Chevrolet, Caldwell, TX in the total amount of \$69,840.00 for the purchase of five (5) vehicles; Planet Ford, Caldwell, TX in the total amount of \$465,085.00 for the purchase of twenty six (26) vehicles; and Sames Motor Company, Laredo, TX in the total amount of \$89,512.30 for the purchase of five (5) vehicles.

Utilizing the local bidder's preference provision of the Texas Local Government Code 271.905, the City Council may choose to award contracts to the following: low bidder, Caldwell Country Chevrolet, Caldwell, TX in the total amount of \$69,840.00 for the purchase of five (5) vehicles; low bidder and utilizing the local bidder preference provisions, Sames Motor Co., Laredo, TX in total amount of \$324,057.70 for the purchase of twenty one (21) vehicles; and Planet Ford, Caldwell, TX in the total amount of \$233,635.00 for the purchase of ten (10) vehicles. Funding is available from Contractual Obligation Public Property Finance Obligation (PPFCO) bond proceeds and department operational budgets.

Francisco Meza, Purchasing Department Manager, reported that they are recommending three different bidders. He stated that they are allowed to use the local preference. He also stated that Sames Motor Company is within the 3 percent allowed by state law and City Council can choose to award the contract to them as the lower bidder with local preference. Mr. Meza commented that they would be getting twenty one vehicles instead of five if they decide to go with Sames Motor Company.

Motion to approve with local preference.



bidder

water

System Control & Instrumentation in a total bid amount of \$292,685.00 for the system SCADA Improvements Project. Funding is available in the Waterworks Construction Project Account.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

33. Consideration for approval of Change Order No. 1 to Ramos Industries Inc., for the construction of Tanquecitos I wastewater and water distribution improvements. This change order consists of extending the contract time to an additional 30 days and an increase in the material cost 2.9 percent for a total contract amount of \$1,776,680.66.

This change order is subject to the approval of the TWDB. Funding is available in the Colonias Project.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

34. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract for the purchase of 75.9375 ac/ft per annum municipal water rights from Paula Sladek LeGros, Trustee of Paul L. Sladek, for the sum of \$136,687.50. Funding will come from Water availability balances.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

City

35. Consideration to continue requesting donations from private organizations for legislative events held in Austin, Texas and Washington, D.C.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Landeck

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

36. Consideration to award contract FY07-016 to the low bidder, Nueces Power Equipment, Laredo, Texas, in the total amount of \$124,642.00 for the purchase

of two backhoes for the Public Works Department. Funding is available in the 2006  
Public Property Finance Contractual Obligation bond proceeds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

37. Consideration to award annual supply contract number FY07-012 to the low bidder JJJ

International & Safety, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$138,737.00 for providing traffic marking paint for the Traffic and Airport Departments. The contract pricing is approximately 1% less than the previous contract period. This contract establishes the unit pricing for traffic paint and glass beads used for street and runway/taxiway striping for a one year period. All items will be purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Traffic Safety and Airport Grounds Maintenance budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

38. Consideration to award annual contract number FY07-019 to the following vendors:

Gonzalez Auto Parts, Napa Auto Parts, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Texas Fleet Supply, and Laredo Wholesale, Laredo, Texas in the estimated amount of \$60,000.00 for the purchase of miscellaneous auto parts for the Fleet Department. This contract establishes discount percentage pricing for those miscellaneous auto parts not covered in the automotive parts contract. These vendors have offered percentage discount pricing from their general catalogues. All items will be purchased on an as needed basis and funding will be secured from the Fleet Maintenance budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

39. Consideration to award contract number FY07-029, to the low bidder, GT Distributors, Inc. Austin, Texas in the amount of \$49,492.80 for the purchase of seventy (70) rifles for the Police Department. Funding is available from 2006 Contractual

Obligation

Public Property Finance Obligation (PPFCO) bond proceeds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

40. Consideration for approval to award a contract to Duke-Energy, Laredo, Texas, in the

amount of \$53,581.00 for a relocation of a gas line obstructing proposed construction of drainage improvements at the Muller Road intersection with the Zacate Creek Upper Reaches Project. Funding is available in the 2005 C.O. Bond.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

41. Consideration to amend contract number FY05-073 currently awarded to Landfill

Service Corporation, Apalachin, NY, in the amount of \$85,500.00. The proposed amendment would increase the current contract to \$428,553.12 in order to provide funding for the remainder of the contract term. This contract provides the equipment and material for an alternative daily cover system for the landfill operation. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

42. Consideration to authorize the purchase of fifty-five (55) sets of structural fire fighting

protective uniforms from Dooley Tackaberry, Deer Park, Texas, through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) cooperative contract pricing in the total amount of \$99,558.25. The set includes the fire coat, trousers, knee boots, gloves, hoods, suspenders, and helmets. Funding is available in the Fire Department's Fund.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

43. Authorizing the Laredo Convention and Visitors Bureau to place a temporary promotional banner for the V Annual International Sister Cities Festival scheduled for January 26, 2007 through January 28, 2007. The banner will be installed at the intersections for Springfield and Hillside Roads and at the Calton and Yeary Roads from January 12 through the end of the Festival on January 28, 2007.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

44. Consideration to reject the apparent low bid of Ramos Industries to rehabilitate Phase 2 of the General Aviation Apron, construct Phase 2 of the North East Cargo Apron, and construct Cargo pads at the Southwest Apron in the amount of \$7,377,195.50 and consideration to award the bid to Price Construction the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$7,477,980.90 for said construction work. Funding is available in Airport Construction Fund-FAA Grant 49.

Motion to approve low bidder Ramos Industries.

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

Against: 1  
Cm. Belmares

Abstain: 0

45. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one dump truck in the total amount or \$88,843.00 through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) cooperative purchasing program's contract pricing. This truck will be assigned to the Parks and Recreation Department. Funding will be made available from the 2006 Public Property Finance Contractual Obligation bond proceeds.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

46. Consideration for approval of change order No. 1 to Rhino Builders, LTD, Laredo, Texas for the amount of \$37,651.00 to install the 24 inch diameter pipe with

bends and caps to avoid future conflict with the drainage work currently under construction on Del Mar Blvd. This change order brings the total contract amount to \$1,117,978.50.

Funding is available in the 2004 Water Bond Issuance.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

47. Consideration for approval of change order no. 5 to add one hundred ninety-five (195) calendar days to the construction contract time with Leyendecker Construction, Laredo, Texas, for the City of Laredo Bridge of Americas Modification Project (El Portal) for additional design changes.

Frank Rotnofsky mentioned that several issues were discovered and there will be a modification of Building E.

Rafael Garcia reported that everything will be finished with the exemption of Building E. He stated that all lanes will be opened on January 22, 2007. He mentioned that the first lane and the pedestrian lane will be opened on December 11, 2007.

Motion to add only one hundred ninety-five (195) calendar days.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Landeck

For: 6

Against: 2

Abstain: 0

Mayor Pro Tempore Ramirez

Cm. Chavez

48. Consideration to exercise the renewal option for contract FY03-025 awarded to National Reimbursement Services, Inc. (NRS), Houston, Texas for providing billing services for the Fire Department's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) operation. NRS will be responsible for obtaining reimbursement for services provided by our EMS division utilizing their expertise in dealing with Medicare and private insurance companies. The original term of this contract was for a three-year period with options to renew for three additional one-year terms. Staff is requesting authorization to exercising the renew option for the first of the three additional year terms. NRS

will

charge the City 10% of all collections received as a result of their billing activities. It is anticipated that with the services provided by NRS the City's collection rate will increase by approximately twenty percent. In addition, they are required to provide, at no cost to the City, new and specialized computer equipment for each ambulance crew with docking stations for these computers at the Fire Stations and at both hospitals.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 7

Against: 1

Cm. Garza

Abstain: 0

49. Authorizing the City Manager to approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$64,800.55 to Balch Machine Company for the pump repair project at the Jefferson WTP Raw Water Pumphouse #2. The change order will cover the additional work identified as necessary improvements and modifications that could not be examined due the operation of the equipment. Funding is available in the 2004B Revenue Bonds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Garcia

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

50. A. Request by Mayor Raul G. Salinas

1. Discussion with possible action on creating a committee to address substance and drug abuse issues in the city and for the City Council to participate by appointing the members of the group.

Postponed by Mayor Salinas.

B. Request by Council Member Mike Garza

1. Discussion with possible action for reports from internal and external auditors on projected reviews.

Veronica Urbano Baeza, Internal Auditor, explained that the audit plan is comprised by taking a risk assessment into account. She mentioned that the audit done to those departments that handle large quantities of cash, and the frequency of non-compliant departments. She also stated that she takes into account any follow up audits that have been conducted on previous audits and any letters from management, allegations, anonymous tips, thefts, or wrong doings. She commented that an audit plan is in place.

Cm. Garza expressed his concern on conducting audits on a reactionary basis and not on regular basis.

Cm. Landeck asked for a historical frequency distribution as to which department and division were audited in the last number of "x" years.

Rosario Cabello, Finance Director, explained that internal audits are prepared on items such as cash handling, compliance and payroll and are done randomly on an annual basis. She also stated that the City is audited on an annual basis by external auditors as well.

City Council suggested to send it back to the Audit Committee for a recommendation.

2. Discussion with possible action on the projected IH 35 landfill property and other City owned properties.

Horacio De Leon, Assistant City Manager, reported that he had provided a list of properties acquired over the last five years. He stated that the property on IH-35 was initially purchased in 2002 for a future landfill; however, different actions have been done by City Council. He mentioned that one action was the possibility of using water wells found on the property as a secondary water source. He mentioned that studies were done and it was not feasible. He concluded by stating that the property is currently appreciating in value.

Erasmus Villarreal, Building Director, stated that the GEO Testing was done and high producing water wells were discovered on the property.

Motion to solicit an RFP for a grazing lease and seek appraisal of the property.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

C. Request by Council Member Johnny Amaya

1. Discussion with possible action to allocate \$45,000 in Community Development

Block

Grant funds, previously allocated for the acquisition of property in City Council

District

IV, to be used to fund sidewalks, speed humps and the purchase and installation of sunshades at various parks.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Mayor Pro-Tempore Ramirez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Discussion with possible action on the installation of speed humps on the 3400 block of

Buenavista from Saunders to Bartlett; on McClelland from San Jose to Plum; on the

1800 block of San Jose from McPherson to McClelland; and appropriating \$18,000.00

from District IV discretionary funds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Mayor Pro-Tempore Ramirez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

D. Request by Council Member Johnny Rendon

1. Status report of the Gale Street bridge, with possible action.

Alejandro Labrada, Public Works Director, reported that he had submitted a status

report on October 16, 2007. He mentioned that they are 60 days behind because of

the rains, holidays, utility relocations, and elevation discrepancies. He stated that he

wants to open a section of the bridge by the end of December 2006 and the project

should be completed six weeks after that.

E. Request by Council Member Gene Belmares

1. Discussion with possible action on securing funding for the San Isidro/McPherson traffic light.

Robert Murillo, Traffic Department Director, reported that the latest estimate for the traffic light is at \$118,000.00. He stated that Cm. Belmares provided

them with \$60,000.00; however, the balance owed is \$58,000.00. He also stated that the poles have been ordered but funding is still needed for the rest of the materials.

Cm. Belmares instructed staff to start the formal process of requesting funds and the dedication of those funds to the City.

2. Discussion with possible action on the installation of a speed humps on the 400 & 500 blocks of Merlin Drive, and appropriating funds from District VI discretionary funds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Mayor Pro-Temp Ramirez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

3. Discussion with possible action on rescinding rental increases for tenants on the airport flight line.

Motion to rescind the rental increase for tenants on the airport flight line as amended.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

4. Consider a motion amending that motion previously adopted by City Council at the Special City Council Meeting of November 13, 2006, to pay the entire amount due the former city manager immediately, either this week, next, or whatever and to obtain an outside legal opinion to interpret the current contract between the former city manager and the City of Laredo for the benefit of future city manager contracts; and if that legal opinion determines City Council shouldn't have made certain payments, then City Council will decide at that time whether to look for a way to get the City's money back and how that could be accomplished; and to amend that motion by deleting the word "immediately" as to the timing of the payment and instead to pay the former city manager in accordance with the terms of his contract, at the time he designates.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Belmares  
Second: Cm. Rendon

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|---------------------------|-------------|------------|
| For: 5                    | Against: 3  | Abstain: 0 |
| Cm. Garcia                | Cm. Garza   |            |
| Cm. Amaya                 | Cm. Landeck |            |
| Cm. Rendon                | Cm. Chavez  |            |
| Cm. Belmares              |             |            |
| Mayor Pro-Tempore Ramirez |             |            |

Cm. Garza stated that the ICMA contributions can not be included with the payment as originally intended and medical benefit coverage needs to be as per the recommendation of staff.

Cm. Belmares emphasized that the motion will only remove the word "immediately".

Valeria Acevedo, Acting City Attorney, clarified that the motion will only remove the word "immediately" as to the timing and is leaving "to pay the City Manager in accordance with the terms of his contract". She asked if staff is to rely on the legal opinion of Cox, Smith and Mathew as to the pay out.

Cm. Garza confirmed her question and added to rely on staff's input as well.

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

1. Update on the proposed slow moving vehicles ordinance regulating heavy equipment and construction vehicles on the road.

Postponed by Cm. Chavez for the next meeting.

#### G. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Juan Ramirez

1. Discussion with possible action on allowing vendors to resubmit bids for the available sites located at following intersections: Grant and Salinas; Farragut and Flores; Convent and Iturbide; Lincoln and Convent; Hidalgo and Convent; Zaragoza and Convent; Salinas and Lincoln; Santa Maria and Zaragoza; and Flores and Hidalgo.

Cm. Ramirez spoke on allowing the "paletero" vendors to resubmit their bids on the mentioned intersections.

Dr. Hector Gonzalez, Health Department Director, stated that all mobile vendors have a permit and individual cart vendors are not allowed downtown unless they have a contract. He also stated that mobile vendors can not sell if they do not have a permit. He mentioned that the license is effective for

two years and they receive a picture identification card. He also mentioned that they are now getting a background check.

Motion to allow the vendors to rebid on the intersections mentioned by Cm. Ramirez and amend the Ordinance to add his locations.

Moved: Mayor Pro-Tempore Ramirez

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## 2. Discussion with possible action on financial report for LEC.

Martin Aleman, Budget Director, reported that he had sent a memo with documentation on November 3, 2006 to the Council Members indicating the financial information from 2002 through September 2006. He reported that the arena submits information on a monthly basis and he recaps the information. He stated that he had updated the City Council previously. Mr. Aleman mentioned that the information is based on ticket sales and revenues from events and that the parking revenue is not part of the City, but a part of the Laredo Entertainment Center.

## 3. Consideration to change the order of the City Council agenda for Council Member items

and to implement a rotational schedule of General Council Discussions and Presentations beginning with City Council District #1 in December and allowing each subsequent District to be listed first in the order of General Council Discussions and Presentations.

Cm. Chavez suggested that on the first Monday of the month the General Council Discussions and Presentation order should begin with District 1 and on the following meeting begin with District 8.

Cm. Garza agreed to change the order and suggested that District 1 begin followed by District 2 at the next meeting and so on.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Ramirez emphasized that General Council Discussions be at the start of the agenda after appointments.

Cm. Landeck suggested they begin, for example, with District 8 and then at the next City Council meeting begin with District 7.



143.073 third request for an extension of injury leave with pay in accordance with (b) of the Texas Local Government Code.

Dan Migura, Human Resources Director, reported that Mr. Moreno returned to work today and needs to extend his injury leave with pay to nineteen days. He also stated that there is a possibility that he may need another surgery.

Motion to approve 19 days of injury pay.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

bid B. Update report and discussion in regards to the questions raised at the pre-meeting for the lease of 600 living unit equivalency with possible action. The provisions for sewer are made available though the over sizing of the wastewater line extensions for the Colonias Project on SH 359 and the Texas Mexican Rail Road right of way.

Pablo Martinez, Utilities Director, reported that initially they wanted to accommodate homeowners to be able to tie into the system and purchase single living unit equivalencies per dwelling. He mentioned that one thousand living unit equivalencies were available, but as time passed developers became interested in developing along Highway 359 and they approached the City to purchase those living unit equivalencies. He stated that they decided to lease it as to not show any preference. He also stated that they presented this to the Water Issues Committee and mentioned to them that there were three developers requesting this capacity. He reported that the Water Issues Committee gave approval to the lease and they went through the bid process. He reported that he had a list of questions that needed to be addressed.

have Cm. Belmares instructed staff to include the questions in Friday's packet to Council study them and address them at the Utilities workshop on Wednesday, November 27, 2007.

#### **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.

52. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 in

order to deliberate the possible purchase, exchange, lease or value of the North ½ of Lot 10, Block 162, Western Division, City of Laredo, Texas, because deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City Council in negotiations with a third person; and return to open session for possible action.

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 in order to deliberate the possible purchase, exchange, lease or value of the North ½ of Lot 10, Block 162, Western Division, City of Laredo, Texas, because deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City Council in negotiations with a third person; and return to open session for possible action.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion to authorize the City Manager to acquire the North ½ of Lot 10, Block 162, Western Division, in the amount not to exceed \$215,000 plus approximately \$600.00 for closing costs. Seller will pay for the title policy.

Moved: Mayor Pro-Tempore Ramirez

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

53. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 (1) (A) to consult with the Attorneys for the City of Laredo about a contemplated litigation in the matter of Hilda Negrete vs. City of Laredo, et al., and return to open session for possible action.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Garza

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

54. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section

551.071

(1) (A) to consult with attorneys on possible settlement of case of City of Laredo v. Brothers Paving, Inc., Cause No. 2006CVF 00133, in the 111th District Court, Webb County, Texas; and return to open session for possible action.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to authorize the City Attorney to settle the case on the basis discussed.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

55. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 (1) (A) of the Texas

Government Code to consult with attorneys representing the City of Laredo regarding pending litigation of Martha Escamilla, Maria Gloria Gonzalez, and Webb County vs. the City of Laredo, Cause No. 04-05-00456-CV and return to open session for possible action.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion to authorize the City attorney's to proceed as discussed.

Moved: Cm. Landeck  
Second: Cm. Belmares  
For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 3  
Cm. Garza  
Cm. Garcia  
Cm. Amaya

**XV. RECESS AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD**

56. Consideration to award annual contract number FY07-019 to the following vendors; Gonzalez Auto Parts, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Texas Fleet Supply, and Laredo Wholesale in the estimated amount of \$45,000.00 for the purchase of miscellaneous auto parts for the Transit System. This contract establishes discount percentage pricing for those miscellaneous auto parts not covered

in the automotive parts contract. These vendors have offered percentage discount pricing from their general catalogues. All items will be purchased on as needed basis and funding will be secured from the Transit budget.

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

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Chavez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Chavez

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

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

Moved: Cm. Garza

Time: 10:57

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

I, Gustavo Guevara, Jr., City Secretary, do hereby certify that the above minutes contained in pages 01 to 37 are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council meeting held on November 20, 2006.

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Gustavo Guevara, Jr.  
City Secretary