

# **CITY OF LAREDO CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**A-2014-R-04**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**1110 HOUSTON STREET**

**LAREDO, TEXAS 78040**

**MARCH 17, 2014**

**5:30 P.M.**



## **DISABILITY ACCESS STATEMENT**



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### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

### **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **III. ROLL CALL**

### **IV. MINUTES**

**Approval of the minutes of February 18, 2014.**

### **V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

## **Communiqués**

a. Presentation of the fiscal year 2012-2013 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) prepared by the City of Laredo's Financial Services Department and audited by the independent audit firm of Canales, Garza, and Baum, P.L.L.C.

b. Presentation by the Texas A&M University 12th Man Foundation Rio Grande Golf Classic taking place on Saturday, March 28, 2014 at the Max A. Mandel Municipal Golf Course.

## **Recognitions**

a. Recognizing the Alexander High School Boys basketball team on their regional quarterfinals tournament.

b. Recognizing the Martin High School Boys basketball team on their regional quarterfinals tournament.

## **Citizen comments**

Citizens are required to fill out a witness card and identify themselves at the microphone. Comments should be relevant to City business and delivered in a professional manner. No derogatory remarks will be permitted. There is a time limit of three minutes per speaker. Speakers may not pass their minutes to any other speaker.

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

a. Appointment by Council Member Juan Narvaez of Jesus Romero to the Board of Adjustments.

b. City Manager's appointment to the Civil Service Commission.

## **VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for auto sales on Lot 1, Block 1, Concord Hills Community-Phase XII Planned Unit Development, located at 5329 U.S. Highway 359; providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the Conditional Use Permit.

District II

2. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 2, Block 1, UISD 359 Transportation Facility Phase I, located south of State Highway 359 east of Delphina Avenue, from B-4 (Highway Commercial District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change.

District II

3. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for the Storage of Flammable and Explosive Products on Lot 2, Block 1, UISD 359 Transportation Facility Phase I, located south of State Highway 359 east of Delphina Avenue; providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the Special Use Permit.

District II

4. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for the storage of flammable and explosive products on Lot 4, Block 4, Las Lomas Industrial Park Subdivision Phase II, located at 107 Wilcox Road; providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change. District II

5. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for a restaurant selling alcohol on Lot 2, Block 1, Lafon Subdivision Phase I, located at 3512 US Highway 83; providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the Special Use Permit. District III

6. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for a restaurant selling alcohol on Lot 1, Block 5, and Lot 1, Block 7, Del Mar Village Subdivision, located at 120 W Village Boulevard, Suite 115; providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the Special Use Permit. District V and District VII

7. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for an Amusement Redemption Machine Establishment, on all Lots of Blocks 1024, 1024A and 1025, Western Division, located at 4100 San Bernardo Avenue, East ½ of Suite E3 and West ½ of Suite E4; providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the Conditional Use Permit. District VIII

8. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the City of Laredo FY 2013-2014 Water Availability Fund Annual Budget by appropriating an additional \$1,500,000.00 and drawing down the opening balance for water rights acquisitions and increasing the budget to \$5,335,109.00. This amendment will provide the funding to purchase \$4,354,732.00 of water rights.

9. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the City of Laredo Bridge System FY 2013-2014 Bridge annual budget by appropriating \$741,401.00 from the Bridge System Construction Fund opening balance to be used for Bridge related projects such as Bridge I lighting project and other related improvements.

10. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** closing as a public easement, a 17.7 ft. wide alley, dedicated for public use in Block 792, Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, and providing for the reversion of the public's interest in said alley to the current abutting landowners, and providing for an effective date. This alley is located in the 1400 Block of Chihuahua Street; bounded on the North by Chihuahua Street, on the South by Rosario Street; on the East by Seymour Avenue, and on the West by Loring Avenue. Said alley traverses the middle of said block from the East to West through the its entire length, and abuts the South side of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6 and the North side of Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, & 12.

11. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** closing as a public easement, a 17.7 ft. wide alley, dedicated for public use in Block 889, Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, and providing for the reversion of the public's interest in said alley to the current abutting landowners, and providing for an effective date. This alley is located in the 1600 Block of Corpus Christi Street; bounded on the North by Garfield Street, on the South by Corpus Christi Street, on the East by Mendiola Avenue, and on the West by Meadow Avenue. Said alley traverses the middle of said block from East to West through its entire length, and abuts the South side of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 and the North side of Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12.

**(Recess)**  
**(Press Availability)**

## **VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES**

12. Authorizing the City Manager to approve a sublease of the leased premises approved by Ordinance No. 94-O-214 dated November 7, 1994 between the City of Laredo as LESSOR and Jett Racing and Sales, Inc., as the LESSEE, for the premises, described as 80,000 sq. ft., Tract 2, to the Webb County Sheriff's Office SUB-LESSEE, said lease provides for right to sublease subject to city approval, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.
13. Authorizing the City Manager to grant a License Agreement by and between The City of Laredo, Texas, a municipal corporation and Alestra S. de R.L. de C.V., a Mexican Corporation dated April 8, 2014 for the use of one (1) fiber/cable tray affixed beneath the Juarez Lincoln Bridge and 519 linear feet of right-of-way.
  1. Term of the agreement shall be for five (5) years commencing at 12:00 a.m., April 8, 2014 and terminating at 12:00 p.m. on April 7, 2019.
  2. Annual fee shall be \$21,696.79 and will increase by five percent (5%) every year the license is in place. In addition to the fee, Licensee shall pay a seven dollar and 65/100 (\$7.65) linear foot right-of-way fee, and will increase by five percent (5%) every year.

14. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement renewal with Securitas Security Services USA, Inc., for approximately 120 square feet of office space and an exclusive office entry lane of approximately 1,020 square feet at Bridge II.
  1. Lease term is for one (1) year commencing April 1, 2014 and ending on March 31, 2015.
  2. Monthly rent will be \$3,090.00 for approximately 120 square feet of office space and an exclusive office entry lane of approximately 1,020 square feet at Bridge II.
  3. The lease may be terminated by either party with a thirty (30) day written notice.

## IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

15.

**2014-O-025** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 7, 8 and 9, Block 1723, Eastern Division, located at 2820 Jaime Zapata Memorial Highway, from B-1 (Limited Commercial District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

**2014-O-026** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by amending Ordinance No. 2011-O-137 authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for an amusement redemption machine establishment on Lot 1A and 1B, Block 1, San Isidro/McPherson No. 2 Subdivision, located at 9710 and 9720 McPherson Road by changing permit holder and property legal description; providing for publication and effective date. **(AS AMENDED)**

**2014-O-027** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a commercial van terminal on Lot 10, Block 120, Western Division, located at 919 San Bernardo Avenue; providing for publication and effective date.

**2014-O-028** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 1, 2, 3, and 12, Block 977, Western Division, and located at 3819 San Bernardo, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date. District VIII

**2014-O-029** Amending the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) FY 2013-2014 full time equivalent positions (FTE) by creating three (3) FTE positions funded by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission under the Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement 1115 Waiver. These funds are for the implementation of the preventive care clinics approved through the regional health plan for indigent and uncompensated preventive health care. The CLHD is implementing two (2) projects: 1) Primary Care Expansion (in women's health, STD/HIV, well child, prenatal care, early detection, cancer prevention and family planning) and 2) Expand Chronic Care clinic services with Disease Self Management to improve health and prevent hospitalizations.

**2014-O-030** Ratifying the execution of an easement document agreement for the conveyance to Mines Road Development, LTD, a tract of land containing 233.21 square feet, (0.0053 ac) out of the Northwest International Bridge Plat, as recorded in Volume 22, Page 86, Map Records of Webb County, Texas. Said tract of land is more particularly described by boundary survey and metes and bounds description in the attached exhibit. The easement was requested on behalf of the Fasken family for access to an existing irrigation pump house facility located directly adjacent to City property.

**2014-O-031** Authorizing the City Manager to execute easement documents for the acceptance of a driveway access easement provided by BBVA Compass Bank for shared access to the South Laredo Library. Said easement contains 1,711.82 sq. ft. out of a 0.9545 acre tract of land owned by Compass Bank and located at 2615 South Zapata Highway and is further described in the agreement attached as an exhibit. The acceptance of this easement will allow for joint use and access to the Bank and City Library facility.

## **X. RESOLUTIONS**

16. **2014-R-23** Accepting the conveyance of the following real property from:

San Isidro Northeast, Ltd. – Surface Estate Only of a tract of Lot 1, Block 2, San Isidro Northeast Subdivision Phase 1, for the purpose of constructing one (1) 3 MG Elevated Storage Tank, a copy of which conveyance is attached as Exhibit 1;

And directing that the said Real Property be filed of record in official property records of Webb County, Texas.

17. **2014-R-24** Accepting the conveyance of the following Utility and Access Easement, for an 8 inch waterline out of Lot 1, Block 1, Bruni at Fiesta Subdivision, from:

H & Sons, L.L.C. (Humberto Ramirez) - Utility easement as follows:

One .047 Acre Tract (2,050 sq. ft), a copy of which conveyance is attached as Exhibit 1:

And directing that the said Easement be filed of record in official property records of Webb County, Texas.

18. **2014-R-26** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$129,375.00 from the Texas Homeland Security State Administrative Agency (THSSAA) for the purpose of funding the 2014 Local Border Security Program (LBSP) for the period of February 12, 2014 through August 31, 2014. Funding will be used to pay for overtime to increase security along the Texas-Mexican border.

19. **2014-R-27** Supporting the Laredo of Tomorrow Initiative whose mission is to work with the citizens of Laredo to develop a healthier, better educated community committed to improving their quality of life.

20. **2014-R-28** Authorizing the City Manager to accept the contract extension with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in the amount of \$2,894,747.00 for a total of \$5,232,066.00 for the continuation of the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program of the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) to provide nutrition education and food supplemental services to high risk women and children and extending the term period through September 30, 2014.

## **XI. MOTIONS**

21. Discussion with possible action to accept the donation by Mr. Steve LaMantia, General Manager, L & F Distributors, L.L.C., of a carbon steel custom bench built by CoNo Creative Concepts Inc., valued at \$800.00 for placement in a City building/facility.
22. Adopting a schedule of hearings and proceedings for voluntary and unilateral annexations for calendar year 2014, in accordance with Section 43.052 of the Texas Local Government Code.
23. Consideration to enter into contract with Antares Development Corporation, in the amount of \$109,950.00 using the Buy Board Cooperative Purchasing Program, contract No. 331-09, to transfer and upgrade the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) data system and software from Windows XP to Windows 7 operating system as Microsoft will no longer support the assessment of hardware and software. This upgrade is needed for continued essential daily program data system operations and billing. The effort also complies with state and federal mandates for the electronic health record, secure health data exchange and allows us to bill third party entities, Medicaid, Medicare and the marketplace. The project is to be completed within nine (9) months from the approved start date. Funding is available through the Health Department budget.
24. Consideration for approval of the Max A. Mandel Golf Course as complete, approval of change order No. 4, an increase of \$87,097.16 for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$268,940.97 to Landscape Unlimited, L.L.C., Lincoln, Nebraska. Final construction contract amount is \$8,394,872.16. Funding is available in the 2007, 2008 and 2012 C.O. Bonds and Capital Improvements Fund.
25. Consideration for approval of the Backwoods Drive Extension Project from South of Yukon Drive to Shiloh Drive approximately 1800 L.F., as complete, approval of change order No. 1, an increase of \$34,792.48, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$187,379.43 to Martinez Paving Company, Inc., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$1,476,813.88. Funding is available in the 2007 Certificate of Obligation-Backwoods Drainage and 2010 Utilities Sewer System Revenue Bond.

26. Consideration for approval of the CDBG Sidewalks City-Wide Project No. 57 (19.5 Blocks – District V) as complete, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$10,712.99 to ALC Construction, Inc., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$107,129.88. Funding is available in the CDBG 37<sup>th</sup> Action Year/2011 Grant - District V.
27. Consideration for approval of the CDBG Median Beautification (10 Medians) – District V as complete, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$7,388.38 to ABBA Construction, L.L.C., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$73,883.77. Funding is available in the CDBG 38<sup>th</sup> Action Year/2012 Grant.
28. Consideration for approval of selection of consultant and approval to award a professional services contract to Sepulveda Associates Architects, Inc., Laredo, Texas in the amount of \$61,430.00 for design and preparation of plans and specifications for the Elderly Rental Apartments located at 620 Santa Rita Avenue. Design work is to be done on a fast track basis, approximately five (5) months. Funding is available in the HOME Investment Program.
29. Consideration for approval to award a professional services contract to Structural Engineering Associates, Inc., San Antonio, Texas in an amount not to exceed \$121,497.52 for design and preparation of plans and specifications for the World Trade Bridge On-Site HazMat Facility. Design work is to be approximately three (3) months. Funding is available in the 2005 and 2008 Bridge Bond.
30. Consideration for approval of change order No. 1, an increase not to exceed \$280,000.00 to the construction contract with Leyendecker Construction Inc., Laredo, Texas for the Laredo International Airport Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Building to provide all materials necessary and to include, but not limited to: 8' high chain link fence with three strands barbed wires, cantilever gates with electrical operators, a rolling gate, concrete mow strip and traffic signage; light poles and electrical conduits, data conduits and electrical wiring for the additional gates; access control cabinet for gates to be connected to existing Gallagher Access Control System, card readers with pedestals, configuration, start-up and testing of the hardware and software and video cameras. Current construction contract amount with this change order is \$3,868,000.00. Completion date for the project is scheduled for May 2014. Funding is available in the Airport Construction Fund FAA Grant No. 73.

31. Consideration for approval to award a professional services contract to Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc., Dallas, Texas, for a total amount not to exceed \$393,033.00 for the programming, design, preparation of plans and specifications and bidding services for following Laredo International Airport Improvements:
1. Security System Improvements Phase I and Phase II not to exceed \$159,700.00;
  2. Air Cargo Road Extension not to exceed \$124,882.00;
  3. M&M Cargo Parking Lot Rehabilitation not to exceed \$63,356.00 and
  4. Maintenance Facility not to exceed \$45,095.00.

Design work is to be approximately three (3) months. Funding will be available in the Airport Construction Fund.

32. Consideration to reject all submittals received from Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Providers of Drug and Alcohol Testing Services for the City of Laredo. Submittals received were missing information in order to properly evaluate and select. Approval is requested to re-solicit this RFQ in order to obtain a wider pool of applicants and receive submittals from qualified vendors.
33. Consideration to award contract number FY14-036 to provide Independent Employee Benefits Consultant Services to HUB International, Inc. This contract will provide the City of Laredo with employee benefits consulting services. Services include: assistance in all phases of RFP processes for Medical Plan, personal insurance, flexible spending account, medicare supplement, retiree drug subsidy application; contract compliance; budgetary reports, wellness incentive programs, etc. Contract amount is for a one (1) year period and in the amount of \$40,000.00. Funding is available in the Human Resources Department budget.
34. Consideration to renew the existing annual contract FY13-026 to Austin Wood Recycling, Cedar Park, Texas in an amount up to \$106,200.00 for the grinding of wood waste material (brush, branches, pallets, etc.,) at the City Landfill. Approximately 100,000 cubic yards of material will be disposed on an annual basis. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Services Department Fund.

35. Consideration to award annual contract FY14-046 to the bidder meeting specifications, McNeilus Truck & Manufacturing, Dodge Center, Minnesota in an amount not to exceed \$160,000.00, for the purchase of McNeilus Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) equipment repair parts and service for the City's refuse trucks. All parts and services will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.
36. Consideration to award annual contract FY14-043 to the low bidder meeting specifications, Gonzalez Auto Parts, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$75,000.00, for the purchase of automotive batteries for the City's Fleet vehicles. All batteries will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.
37. Consideration to award annual service contract number FY14-044 to the low bidder, Rafter P. Transport Inc., New Braunfels, Texas in an amount up to \$100,000.00 to haul and load dry sludge from the Jefferson Water Treatment Plant to the City of Laredo landfill. This contract is based on a bid of \$6.00 per cubic yard of material. All services will be secured on an as needed basis. The bid price is based on a per load rate. Funding is available in the Utilities Department – Waste Water Treatment Division budget.
38. Consideration to award contract number FY14-035 to the sole bidder, Regional Land Management Services, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$418,760.00 to provide disposal services of approximately 10,469 tons of wastewater bio-solids from various wastewater treatment plants. The frequency and number of loads vary depending on the City's need. The bid price is based on a \$40.00 per ton rate. The Utilities Department will deliver approximately 25,635 tons to the City of Laredo Landfill at a fee of \$16.50 per ton for a total of \$422,976.00, which would be the same as Budget Year 2012-2013. The cost of sending the 10,469 tons to San Antonio was \$670,000.00. The approximate savings to the City of Laredo Utilities Department will be \$251,000.00. Funding is available in the Utilities Department – Wastewater Plant Division budget.
39. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a construction contract to the lowest bidder, QROMEX Construction Co., Inc., Granite Shoals, Texas in the amount of \$1,658,690.00 for the base bid plus alternates 1, 3 and 6 for the construction of the Cielito Lindo, Lomas del Sur, Backwoods Trail and SH-359 Waterline Extensions Project. Construction time is one hundred twenty (120) working days for final completion. Funding is available in the 2012 Water Revenue Bond.

40. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a ten (10) year contract between the City of Laredo and the Kansas City Southern Railroad / Tex Mex Railway for the groundwater remediation of City property located within and adjacent to the Zacate Creek Wastewater Treatment plant at no cost to the City of Laredo.
41. Authorizing the City Manager to award a purchase contract to Insituform Technologies, Inc., Houston, Texas through the Buy Board Cooperative Purchasing Program's contract pricing, in the amount of \$1,775,787.00 for the repairs and pipe lining of 9,000 LF of the 24 inch Shiloh Drive Sewer Interceptor. The sewer interceptor has major deterioration throughout the proposed pipe length footage. This project consists of lining the pipe with an anti-corrosive pipe material which will prevent sewer interruptions and reduce the inflow and infiltration (I&I) of foreign waters. Funding is available in the 2013 Utilities Sewer Bond.
42. Authorizing the City Manager to purchase 863.6545 acre feet of Municipal Water Rights, Certificate #23-3997BR from Vaquillas Ranch Company LTD., at \$3,000.00 per acre foot for a total of \$2,590,963.50. Funding is available in the Water Availability Fund. **(Pending final hearing budget amendment item #8)**
43. Authorizing City Manager to approve Amendment No. 6, to Camp, Dresser & McKee (CDM), Inc., in the amount of \$291,600.00 for extended construction support for the 6.0 MGD expansion project, Dedicated Land Disposal (DLD) closure and ground monitoring discontinuation request to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for the South Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant. The revised contract amount is \$7,751,950.00. Funding is available in the 2006 Sewer Revenue Bond.
44. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts to be adjusted for the month of February 2014, represent an increase of \$124.79. These adjustments are determined by the Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

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

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**A. Request by Mayor Raul G. Salinas**

1. Discussion with possible action on endorsement for the resolution in support of the “Laredo of Tomorrow” initiative to work with the citizens of Laredo to develop healthier, better educated community committed to improving their quality of life. This effort is a result of the health care needs assessment.
2. Update on the Affordable Care Act Marketplace Insurance, with possible action.

**B. Request by Council Member Mike Garza**

1. Discussion on guidelines for the selection of the members representing the City for the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA).

**C. Request by Council Member Roque Vela, Jr.**

1. Status update on the Parking Ordinance, with possible action.

**D. Request by Council Member Jorge A. Vera**

1. Discussion with possible action on the Annexation of the Hachar Tract on Mile Marker 13 and the creation of a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ).

**E. Request by Council Member Cynthia Liendo**

1. Discussion with possible action to address the deteriorating facade of the Southern Hotel property currently owned by the City of Laredo.
2. Discussion with possible action to create a Neighborhood Outreach liaison position(s) within the Community Development Department to maximize citizen input and participation.
3. Discussion with possible action on assigning a staff member to create a monthly memo/newsletter accessible on the City's website that will inform the public of current and upcoming projects, zone changes, events, etc.
4. Discussion with possible action on authorizing sale of the El Portal Retail Space and any matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pro-Tempore Esteban Rangel and Council Member Mike Garza)**

### **XIII. STAFF REPORTS**

46. Presentation regarding Operation Crackdown, an initiative of the Texas National Guard, that provides for the demolition of abandoned and neglected structures that serve as a nuisance and drug haven within a community and approval to partner with the Texas Army National Guard.
47. Discussion with possible action to extend the Contract for the Collection of Delinquent Property Taxes with the firm of Flores & Saucedo L.L.C., for an additional three (3) years in exchange for Flores & Saucedo's waiver of any rights it may have by virtue of Paragraph XXIII in the present contract (the handling to conclusion of all suits in which trial court judgments are obtained) which clause could extend the contract with an interest in pending tax cases in to indefinite future.

### **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 AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD**

48. Consideration to renew the existing annual contract FY11-039 to Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio in the amount up to \$283,926.09 to provide leased tires, based on monthly mileage use, for El Metro buses and para-transit fleet. This contract provides tires for fifty-one (51) buses, twenty (20) para-transit vehicles, six (6) medium size vehicles and one (1) wrecker. This is a one (1) year term contract. Funding is available in the El Metro Operations budget.
49. Consideration for approval of the El Metro ADA Sidewalks and Ramps Project No. 60 (8 Blocks – City Wide) as complete, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$8,192.66 to ALC Construction, Inc., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$81,926.60. Funding is available in the Transit New Freedom Grant FX7094.

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

This notice was posted at the Municipal Government Offices, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas, at a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times. Said notice was posted on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 6:45 p.m.

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Gustavo Guevara, Jr.  
City Secretary