

CITY OF LAREDO

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A-2014-SC-08
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
NOVEMBER 12, 2014
12:15 P.M.



DISABILITY ACCESS STATEMENT



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Out of consideration for all attendees of the City Council meetings, please turn off all cellular phones and pagers, or place on inaudible signal. Thank you for your consideration.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. RESOLUTIONS

1. **2014-R-111** Canvassing the returns of the General City Election held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 for:
 - 1) special city election to fill a vacancy for Council Member for District VIII;
 - 2) special election to approve a sports complex venue project to be located on the campus of Texas A&M International University as part of the City's Municipal Parks and Recreation System;
 - 3) special election to approve a City of Laredo / United Independent School District joint Natatorium Venue Project to be located at the UISD Student

Activity Complex on Highway 359 and Concord Hills;

4) and the Special City Recall Election for District VII;

5) authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract with the Webb County Elections Administrator for the purpose of conducting a joint election with Laredo Community College (LCC);

6) approving the results and ordering a special runoff election;

7) designating a runoff date; ordering and proclaiming a special election to fill the vacancy for Council Member District VII;

8) designating a special election date;

9) and providing for publication.

V. 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.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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 Friday, November 7, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary

RESOLUTION 2014-R-111

**CANVASSING THE RETURNS OF THE GENERAL CITY ELECTION
HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014 AND FOR:**

- (1) SPECIAL CITY ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY FOR
COUNCIL MEMBER FOR DISTRICT VIII;**
- (2) SPECIAL ELECTION TO APPROVE A SPORTS COMPLEX
VENUE PROJECT TO BE LOCATED ON THE CAMPUS OF TEXAS
A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY AS PART OF THE CITY'S
MUNICIPAL PARKS AND RECREATION SYSTEM;**
- (3) SPECIAL ELECTION TO APPROVE A CITY OF LAREDO/
UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT JOIN
NATATORIUM VENUE PROJECT TO BE LOCATED AT THE
UISD STUDENT ACTIVITY COMPLEX ON HIGHWAY 359 AND
CONCORD HILLS;**
- (4) AND THE SPECIAL CITY RECALL ELECTION FOR
DISTRICT VII;**
- (5) AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO
CONTRACT WITH THE WEBB COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR
FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING A JOINT ELECTION WITH
LAREDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE;**
- (6) APPROVING THE RESULTS AND ORDERING A SPECIAL
RUNOFF ELECTION;**
- (7) DESIGNATING A RUNOFF DATE; ORDERING AND
PROCLAIMING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANCY FOR
COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT VIII;**
- (8) DESIGNATING A SPECIAL ELECTION DATE;**
- (9) AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION.**

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2014-R-53 Ordering and proclaiming a general City Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014; ordering and proclaiming a Special City Election to fill a vacancy for Council Member for District VIII to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014; designating polling places; providing for publication; and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Webb County Elections Administrator for the purpose of conducting a joint election with Webb County, United Independent School District (UISD), Laredo Independent School District (LISD) and Laredo Community College;

**MAYOR, MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE,
COUNCIL MEMBERS for DISTRICTS I, II, III, VI and VIII**

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2014-R-82 Resolution calling a special election to approve a sports complex venue project to be located on the campus of Texas A&M International University as part of the City's municipal parks and recreation system; providing for the conduct and the giving notice of the election; and, enacting other matters relating thereto. The proposed venue project is to be paid out of the previously

approved sports venue sales tax proceeds with no additional sports venue sales tax to be imposed.

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2014-R-89 Ordering and proclaiming a Special Recall City Election for District VII to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014; designating polling places; providing for publication;

WHEREAS, said City Council has investigated all matters pertaining to said election, including ordering, giving notice, and the election officers holding and making return of said general election; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby officially found and determined that said meeting was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given, all in accordance with the Election Code and the resolution calling said general election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO THAT:

Section 1: The City Council finds and determines that said elections were duly called and ordered; that proper notice was duly given; that proper election officers were duly appointed prior to said election; that said elections were duly held; that due returns of the results of said elections were made and delivered the City of Laredo in accordance with the Election Code; the order calling said general election, special elections, and recall election was issued by the Laredo City Council; and, that the City Council has duly canvassed said returns, all in accordance with the law and the resolution calling said elections.

Section 2: The City Council officially finds and determines that the following votes were cast at said elections, as per attached tabulation returns included in this resolution, for the following candidates by the resident, qualified electors of the City of Laredo, who voted at said elections with the following results:

CANDIDATES	EARLY VOTING	PERCENT	TOTAL (EV + Election day votes)	PERCENT
MAYOR				
Guadalupe (Lupe) Botello	600	4.07	1,003	4.17
Rolando S. Herrera	156	1.06	252	1.05
Jose S. Dorantes, Jr.	68	.46	112	.47
Pete Saenz	7922	53.80	12,831	53.34
James Joel Newland	125	.85	258	1.07
Cindy Liendo	2920	19.83	4,586	19.06
Jerry Garza	2889	19.62	4,924	20.47
MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE				
Rosie Cuellar			19,075	

DISTRICT I				
Christy Jimenez Lara	249	18.74	412	19.39
Luis A. Cisneros	95	7.15	145	6.82
Jorge Ugartechea	81	6.09	153	7.20
Rudy Gonzalez Jr.	388	29.19	622	29.27
Roger Benavides	319	24.00	432	20.33
Jose U. Conde Jr.	197	14.82	361	16.99
DISTRICT II				
Esteban Rangel	965		1,587	
DISTRICT III				
Abey Lugo	546	40.44	945	40.61
Ulises Salinas	136	10.07	221	9.50
Alejandro "Alex" Perez, Jr.	668	49.48	1,161	49.89
DISTRICT VI				
Charlie San Miguel	2153	91.93	3,622	92.33
Jesse G. Herrera ----- write-in	189	8.07	301	7.67
DISTRICT VIII				
Roberto Balli	572	42.50	987	41.19
Jose Luis Maldonado	187	13.89	302	12.60
Viginia "Viky" Garcia	275	20.43	478	19.95
Rachel Ibarra	312	23.18	629	26.25
DISTRICT VII – RECALL PROPOSITION				
For Removal	1256	81.77	2,167	82.27
Against Removal	280	18.23	457	17.73
PROPOSITION #1 – SPORTS COMPLEX				
For	8115	62.48	13,467	62.47
Against	4873	37.52	8,090	37.53
PROPOSITION #2 - NATATORIUM				
For	8354	63.46	13,756	63.29
Against	4811	36.54	7,979	36.71

Section 3: The above returns of said general election and special elections be and are hereby approved and declared to be in due form as required by law, and that the candidates shown above receiving a majority of the votes for their respective office, and that said successful candidates are entitled to fill the respective office by qualifying therefore as required by law and that those respective offices where no candidate receives a majority vote then the two candidates receiving the highest and second highest number of votes shall be the successful candidates to participate in a runoff election.

Section 4: That the results of the recall election in DISTRICT VII resulted in a majority vote in favor of the recall and a present vacancy in District VII and that said recall election is hereby declared to have been in due form as required by law.

Section 5: There shall be a runoff election between the two candidates who received the highest and second highest number of votes in said general election, namely: For District I, Rudy Gonzalez Jr. and Roger Benavides; District III, Alejandro "Alex" Perez Jr. and Abey Lugo; and DISTRICT VIII, Roberto Balli and Rachel Ibarra.

Section 6: A runoff election is hereby ordered to be held and conducted within and for the City of Laredo on December 20, 2014 for the purpose of electing the following City Officials: COUNCILMEMBERS FOR DISTRICTS I, III, and VIII.

Section 7: The order in which the names of the aforementioned candidates will appear on the ballot shall be determined by a drawing to be made by the City Secretary in compliance with the Election Code. The date of the drawing shall be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 5:30p.m. at the City Hall Conference Room located on the 3rd floor of City Hall, 1110 Houston, Laredo, Texas.

Section 8: The polls at each designated polling place on said runoff elections, as set forth in "Exhibit A" which is attached hereto and made part of this resolution for all purposes, on said day shall be open from 7:00 o'clock a.m. to 7:00 o'clock p.m.

Section 9: The Presiding Judges shall appoint not less than two qualified election clerks to serve and assist in conducting said election, provided that if the Presiding Judge actually serves as expected, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall be one of such clerks.

Section 10: The period for Early Voting by personal appearance shall begin on December 3, 2014 and shall continue through December 16, 2014 with the exceptions as provided in the Early Voting schedule in "Exhibit A". The main polling place for early voting shall be Webb County Administration Building, located at 1100 Washington Street, Laredo, Texas and such other branch and mobile voting places and dates as set forth in "Exhibit A" attached hereto. The Administration Building and City Hall shall remain open from 8:00 o'clock A.M. to 5:00 o'clock p.m. on each day designated for early voting. The designated polling places shall not be open on Saturdays, Sundays or official holidays, except as otherwise provided for in schedule of "Exhibit A".

Section 11: The Early Voting Clerk for said election shall be appointed by the Webb County Elections Administrator.

Section 12: Applications for ballots by mail shall be conducted by the Webb County Elections Administrator. All ballot applications and ballots voted by mail shall be sent to the Webb County Elections Administrator, 1100 Washington, P.O. Box 233, Laredo, Texas 78042-0233.

Section 13: Notice of said election shall be given by posting a substantial copy of this resolution at City Hall on the bulletin board used for posting notices of the meetings of the City Council, and a substantial copy of this resolution also shall be published in a local newspaper of general circulation in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

Section 14: Said election shall be conducted at each designated voting place and the ballot to be used at such election shall be printed in the form required by the Texas Election Code and manufacturer's specifications with names of candidates printed thereon in full and prepared in such manner as specified by the Texas Election Code. That this election is to be conducted utilizing the AIS 315 Tabulation System on Saturday, December 20, 2014 and also can be conducted utilizing iVotronic Electronic Units during the election.

Section 15: Immediately after the votes at such special runoff elections have been conducted and proper returns thereof made to the City Council, said City Council shall meet on December 28, 2014 and that said meeting shall be posted in accordance to State Law governing Open Meetings. For the purpose of canvassing a city election, only two members of the city council are needed to constitute a quorum as per Election Code 67.004(a). The purpose of said meeting is to canvass the election and cause to be entered in the proper records of the City of Laredo, Texas, its official declaration of or order showing the actual and true results of said special runoff elections.

Section 16: The City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to enter into a contract agreement with the Webb County Elections Administrator to conduct said elections and accept the terms and conditions as set forth in the contract attached hereto and identified as "Exhibit B".

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS
THE 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2014.

RAUL G. SALINAS
MAYOR

ATTEST:

GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAUL CASSO
CITY ATTORNEY

DECEMBER 20, 2014
COL & LCCD RUNOFF ELECTIONS
EARLY VOTING SITES

MAIN EARLY VOTING SITE:

Billy Hall, Jr. Administrative Building, 1110 Washington St.

Wednesday,	December 03 thru Friday, December 05, 2014	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Monday,	December 08 thru Friday, December 12, 2014	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday,	December 13, 2014	8:00 am to 8:00 pm
Sunday,	December 14, 2014	1:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Monday,	December 15 & Tuesday, December 16, 2014	8:00 am to 8:00 pm

TEMPORARY BRANCH EARLY VOTING SITES:

Finley Elementary School, 2001 Lowry Rd.

Wednesday,	December 03 thru Friday, December 05, 2014	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Monday,	December 08 thru Friday, December 12, 2014	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday,	December 13, 2014	8:00 am to 8:00 pm
Sunday,	December 14, 2014	1:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Monday,	December 15 & Tuesday, December 16, 2014	8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Laredo Medical Center, 1700 E. Saunders St.

Wednesday,	December 03 thru Friday, December 05, 2014	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Monday,	December 08 thru Friday, December 12, 2014	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday,	December 13, 2014	8:00 am to 8:00 pm
Sunday,	December 14, 2014	1:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Monday,	December 15 & Tuesday, December 16, 2014	8:00 am to 8:00 pm

City Hall Annex Building, 1102 Bob Bullock Loop

Wednesday,	December 03 thru Friday, December 05, 2014	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Monday,	December 08 thru Friday, December 12, 2014	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday,	December 13, 2014	8:00 am to 8:00 pm
Sunday,	December 14, 2014	1:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Monday,	December 15 & Tuesday, December 16, 2014	8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Cigarroa Recreation Center, 2201 Zacatecas St.

Wednesday,	December 03 thru Friday, December 05, 2014	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Monday,	December 08 thru Friday, December 12, 2014	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday,	December 13, 2014	8:00 am to 8:00 pm
Sunday,	December 14, 2014	1:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Monday,	December 15 & Tuesday, December 16, 2014	8:00 am to 8:00 pm

MOBILE BRANCH EARLY VOTING SITES:**Mobile Branch # 1**

L.C.C. - Main Campus, W End Washington St.	Dec. 03	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
L.C.C. - Main Campus, W End Washington St.	Dec. 04	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
L.C.C. - Main Campus, W End Washington St.	Dec. 05	8:00 am to 12:00 pm
L.C.C. - Main Campus, W End Washington St.	Dec. 08	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
L.C.C. - Main Campus, W End Washington St.	Dec. 09	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Texas A&M Int'l, 5201 University Blvd.	Dec. 10	8:00 am to 6:00 pm
Texas A&M Int'l, 5201 University Blvd.	Dec. 11	8:00 am to 6:00 pm
Texas A&M Int'l, 5201 University Blvd.	Dec. 12	8:00 am to 6:00 pm
Laredo Specialty Hospital, 2005 Bustamante St.	Dec. 13	8:00 am to 8:00 pm
Laredo Specialty Hospital, 2005 Bustamante St.	Dec. 14	1:00 pm to 6:00 pm
L.C.C. – South Campus, 5500 S. Zapata Hwy.	Dec. 15	8:00 am to 8:00 pm
L.C.C. – South Campus, 5500 S. Zapata Hwy.	Dec. 16	8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Mobile Branch # 2

City Hall of Laredo, 1100 Houston St.	Dec. 03	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
City Hall of Laredo, 1100 Houston St.	Dec. 04	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
City Hall of Laredo, 1100 Houston St.	Dec. 05	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
City Hall of Laredo, 1100 Houston St.	Dec. 08	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
City Hall of Laredo, 1100 Houston St.	Dec. 09	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Doctor's Hospital, 10700 McPherson Rd.	Dec. 10	9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Doctor's Hospital, 10700 McPherson Rd.	Dec. 11	9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Doctor's Hospital, 10700 McPherson Rd.	Dec. 12	9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Doctor's Hospital, 10700 McPherson Rd.	Dec. 13	9:00 am to 8:00 pm
Regent Care Center, 7500 McPherson Rd.	Dec. 14	1:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Providence Health Center, 230 Calle Del Norte	Dec. 15	8:00 am to 8:00 pm
Providence Health Center, 230 Calle Den Norte	Dec. 16	8:00 am to 8:00 pm

THESE SITES WERE APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 17, 2014