

# CITY OF LAREDO

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A-2005-S-12

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1110 HOUSTON STREET

LAREDO, TEXAS 78040

September 6, 2005

5:30 P.M.

## SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

### I. MOTIONS

1. Consideration to authorize and ratify the expenses being incurred for the repairs associated with the damage to the toll lanes and administration building at the World Trade Bridge caused by the vehicle fire of June 27, 2005. An ordinance will be presented to the City Council at a future meeting listing all expenses incurred and appropriating funds for these expenses, in accordance to City Charter provisions.

### II. STAFF REPORT

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- A. Presentation of a proposed contract with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas to provide third party administration of the City's Health and Benefits Plan, with possible action.

Motion:

Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas to provide third party administration to include administrative services only, utilization review services, medical network services, stop-loss insurance, prescription benefit management services, Cobra/HIPPA administration, flexible spending account administration, disease management, retiree billing, and other related services for a period of one (1) year at a cost of \_\_\_\_\_, with an option to renew for up to two (2) additional one-year (1) terms, subject to satisfactory performance evaluations; said option to renew is to be approved by the City Council no later than ninety (90) days prior to the anniversary date of October 1, 2006 and October 1, 2007; the effective date will be October 1, 2005. Funding is available in the Health and Benefits Fund.

### III. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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**B. Request by Council Member Hector Garcia.**

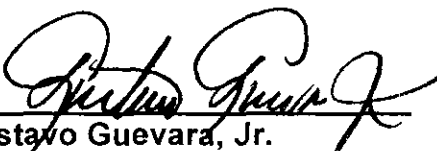
1. Status report on the Eastwoods Park. (Co-sponsored by Council Member Johnny Rendon)
2. Discussion with possible action regarding City administration's efforts to conserve gasoline usage. (Co-sponsored by Council Member Johnny Rendon)

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1. Discussion with possible action to replace the chainlink fences at Base I and Base II Softball Fields located at the former Air Base with District 5 Capital Improvement Program discretionary funds totaling \$6,000.00. (Co-sponsored by Council Member Hector Garcia)

### IV. 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, September 2, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.

  
Gustavo Guevara, Jr.  
City Secretary

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

<b>DATE:</b> 09/06/05	<b>SUBJECT: MOTION</b> Consideration to authorize and ratify the expenses being incurred for the repairs associated with the damage to the toll lanes and administration building at the World Trade Bridge caused by the vehicle fire of June 27, 2005. An ordinance will be presented to the City Council at a future meeting listing all expenses incurred and appropriating funds for these expenses, in accordance to City Charter provisions.
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<b>INITIATED BY:</b> Larry Dovalina, City Manager	<b>STAFF SOURCE:</b> Rafael Garcia Jr., Bridge System Director Francisco Meza Jr., Purchasing Agent
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**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:** None

**BACKGROUND:** City Management has authorized emergency repairs to the World Trade Bridge toll lanes and administration building damaged during the vehicle fire of June 27, 2005 in compliance with the emergency procurement provisions of the Local Government Code. Staff is requesting authorization to ratify those expenses and to proceed with additional repairs needed to complete the restoration of the toll lanes and the administration building damaged during this fire incident. An ordinance will be presented to the City Council at a future meeting listing all expense incurred and appropriating funds for these expenses. Listed below are some of the expenses that have been incurred or will be incurred.

P.O. Number / Requisition Number	Vendor	Description	Amount
095489	Castillo & Sons Maintenance	Emergency Electrical Repairs	\$9,499.62
094660	Star Cleaning	Carpet Cleaning	\$262.05
094906	International Road Dynamics	10 ft Sensor Treadles	\$1,613.75
095549	Magnetic Automation Corp.	Barrier Gates, Swing Away Boom & Flange	\$8,458.80
094905	TransCore	Repair of Lane Controllers & Spare Parts	\$10,000.00
095759	R & M Refrigeration Supply, Inc.	A/C Filters	\$211.20
095834	Spytown	Surveillance Cameras	\$2,178.00
139078	Zertuche Construction	Paint interior of Building, Repair Toll Booths	\$41,600.00
139898	TransCore	Increase of P.O. #094905 Lane Controllers Un-repairable	\$28,695.14
139916	Intercom Communications	Replace Telephone Cable	\$4,050.00
139919	TransCore	Replace parts damaged by fire	\$26,983.33
Pending	Pending	A/C Duct Cleaning (Requesting quotes)	\$7,000.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$140,551.89</u></b>

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** The City anticipates reimbursement for the fire incident expenses from TML. All expenses are being expensed to following line item account: 553-4010-534-9811

<b>COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:</b>	<b>STAFF RECOMMENDATION:</b> It is recommended that this is action be ratified and approved.
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**COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

<b>DATE:</b>  9-06-05	<b>SUBJECT: STAFF REPORT</b> <b>PRESENTATION OF A PROPOSED CONTRACT WITH BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF TEXAS TO PROVIDE THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY'S HEALTH AND BENEFITS PLAN; WITH POSSIBLE ACTION.</b>  <b>MOTION:</b> <b>AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF TEXAS TO PROVIDE THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATION TO INCLUDE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ONLY, UTILIZATION REVIEW SERVICES, MEDICAL NETWORK SERVICES, STOP-LOSS INSURANCE, PRESCRIPTION BENEFIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES, COBRA/HIPAA ADMINISTRATION, FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT ADMINISTRATION, DISEASE MANAGEMENT, RETIREE BILLING, AND OTHER RELATED SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR AT A COST OF _____, WITH AN OPTION TO RENEW FOR UP TO TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR (1) TERMS, SUBJECT TO SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS; SAID OPTION TO RENEW IS TO BE APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL NOT LATER THAN NINETY (90) DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNIVERSARY DATE OF OCTOBER 1, 2006 AND OCTOBER 1, 2007; THE EFFECTIVE DATE WILL BE OCTOBER 1, 2005. FUNDING IS AVAILABLE IN THE HEALTH AND BENEFITS FUND.</b>
<b>INITIATED BY:</b> Cynthia Collazo, Deputy City Manager	<b>STAFF SOURCE:</b> Daniel E. Migura, Jr. Administrative Services Director
<b>PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:</b> The City Council made a motion to instruct the City Manager to negotiate with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas during the workshop held on Thursday, August 25, 2005.	
<b>BACKGROUND:</b> The City Council instructed staff to request proposals for the administration of the city's health and benefits plan during the City Council meeting of May 16, 2005. The status of the RFPs was discussed with City Council on August 25, 2005 with action to negotiate a contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas. Staff met with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas and Laurel insurance agency, broker, on September 1 <sup>st</sup> and September 2 <sup>nd</sup> to negotiate the third party administration contract.	
<b>FINANCIAL IMPACT:</b> Costs will be presented at the City Council meeting where funding will be available in the FY 06 Health and Benefits Fund.	
<b>COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:</b> None.	<b>STAFF RECOMMENDATION:</b> None.

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