

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-O-086

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE V, (BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COUNCILS, ETC) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING DIVISION 7, SECTIONS 2-250 THROUGH 2-253 FOR PURPOSES OF ESTABLISHING THE LAREDO PORT OF ENTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE; DEFINING THE DUTIES, POWERS, MEETING REQUIREMENTS, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER RULES APPLICABLE TO SAID COMMITTEE; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2021, the Laredo City Council moved to create the Laredo Port of Entry Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Laredo City Council wants to facilitate the crossing of all citizens, tourists, and freight import-export trade that utilize the Port of Laredo; and

WHEREAS, the Laredo City Council recognizes the need to form a committee that advises Council on all port transportation-related matters that concern the City of Laredo Bridge system; and

WHEREAS, the Laredo City Council finds that the creation of the Laredo Port of Entry Advisory Committee is in the best interest of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Laredo City Council desires to delineate the creation, composition, duties, powers, and capacity of the Laredo Port of Entry Advisory Committee.

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

Section 1. The City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article V, Boards, Commissions, Councils, etc., is hereby amended as follows:

DIVISION 7. – LAREDO PORT OF ENTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sec. 2-250. – Created; composition.

- A. *The Laredo Port of Entry Advisory Committee is hereby created.*
- B. *The Laredo Port of Entry Advisory Committee shall be comprised of fourteen (14) voting members who shall be citizens of the City of Laredo with expertise and knowledgeable in international trade and up to seven (7) ex-officio members with no voting powers, as provided herein.*
 - (1) *Voting Members.*
 - (a) *Four (4) of the Voting Members shall be composed of the President of the following organizations:*
 - i. *One representative of the Laredo Licensed U.S. Customs Brokers Association*
 - ii. *One representative of the Association of Logistics & Forwarding Agents, Inc.*
 - iii. *One representative of the Laredo Motor Carriers Association*
 - iv. *One representative of the Laredo Manufacturers Association d/b/a Logistics &*

Manufacturing Association;

- (b) Two (2) Voting Members shall consist of the following Mayoral appointees:
 - i. One International Banker
 - ii. One representative from the Laredo Economic Development Corporation;
- (c) Each Member of the City Council shall appoint one (1) voting member to the Committee.
- (2) Non-Voting Members.
 - (a) A representative from the Asociacion de Agentes Aduanales de Nuevo Laredo shall serve as an ex-officio member of the committee.
 - (b) A representative from the Nuevo Leon, Colombia-Laredo, Texas Bridge Authority (CODEFRONT) shall serve as an ex-officio member of the committee.
 - (c) The City Manager, the Deputy City Manager, or an Assistant City Manager shall serve as an ex-officio member of the committee.
 - (d) No more than four (4) Members of the Council shall attend meetings of the Committee and each shall serve as ex-officio member of the committee.

Sec. 2-251. – Duties and Powers

- (a) The Laredo Port of Entry Advisory Committee will advise City Council with matters regarding developing and diversifying the economy of Laredo by encouraging the enhancement of the City's ports to facilitate commerce through comprehensive planning and strategic involvement in multimodal transportation, development, management, operations, commercial processing, international matters, feasibility studies, infrastructure, and any other matters incident thereto.
- (b) The Laredo Port of Entry Advisory Committee is hereby empowered to adopt rules and bylaws governing its own operation for the performance of its official duties and powers.

Sec. 2-252. – Meetings

- (a) The Committee shall meet not less than once every two months at City Council Chambers, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas. A notice of the date and time of said meeting shall be posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Law, as set forth in Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.
- (b) A quorum for any meeting shall consist of five (5) voting board-members (not including ex-officio non-voting members of the Advisory Committee).
- (c) Attendance at regular and specially called meetings of the Laredo Port of Entry Advisory Committee is mandatory. Any member who is absent for three (3) regularly scheduled bimonthly meetings in a twelve (12) month period, whether excused or unexcused, avoidable or unavoidable, shall be automatically removed and replaced by either the assigned alternate, a Mayoral appointment, or a City Council appointment according to the person being replaced.
- (d) All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised and the Priority Procedures for the Laredo Mayor and City Council.

Sec. 2-253. – Governance

- (a) The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall be elected by the Committee Members on an annual basis by majority vote, and shall serve for a twelve (12) month calendar year period and shall be eligible for re-election.
- (b) The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Committee and the Vice-Chairperson shall preside in the event of an absence of the Chairperson. If both the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson are absent, a quorum of the committee can elect a temporary Chairperson for said meeting.
- (c) The Committee may establish additional rules not inconsistent with this Ordinance for its governance.
- (d) The Committee may appoint such other officers as the Committee deems necessary. The Chairperson shall appoint the members and Chairperson of all such committees.
- (e) The President of each of the following organizations—Laredo Licensed U.S. Customs Brokers

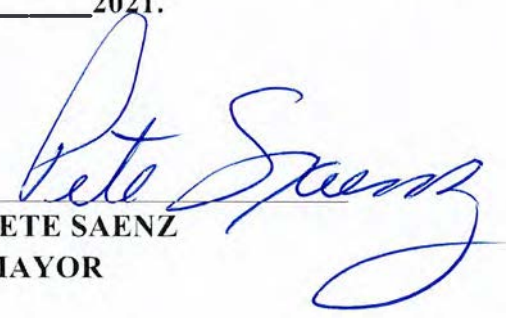
Association, Association of Laredo Forwarding Agents, Laredo Motor Carriers Association, and Laredo Manufacturers Association d/b/a Logistics & Manufacturing Association, shall appoint an alternate to attend in their place should they be unable to attend a meeting.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances, whether codified or uncoded, of the City of Laredo Texas, except where the provisions of this ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances are hereby repealed.

Section 3. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage thereof.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS
3 DAY OF May 2021.


PETE SAENZ
MAYOR

ATTESTED:


JOSE A. VALDEZ, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


RENE C. BENAVIDES
CITY ATTORNEY



Final Reading of Ordinances 19.

City Council-Regular

Meeting Date: 05/03/2021

Initiated By: Kristina L. Hale, Assistant City Manager

Staff Source: Yvette Limon, Bridge Director

SUBJECT

2021-O-086 An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 2, Article V, (Boards, Commissions, Councils, Etc.) of the Code of Ordinance by adding Division 7, Sections 2-250 through 2-253 for purposes of establishing the Laredo Port of Entry Advisory Committee; defining the duties, powers, meeting requirements, and providing for other rules applicable to said committee.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

On January 19, 2021, Council motioned to direct staff to start the process of creating the Laredo Port of Entry Advisory Committee and bring back a list of organizations who would participate in the Committee. On March 29, 2021, Council approved Resolution No. 2021-R-089, formalizing the establishment and creation of the Laredo Port of Entry Advisory Committee. On April 19, 2021, Council approved the introductory ordinance.

BACKGROUND

The Laredo Port of Entry Advisory Committee will advise City Council with matters regarding developing and diversifying the economy of Laredo by encouraging the enhancement of the City's ports to facilitate commerce through comprehensive planning and strategic involvement in multi-modal transportation, development, management, operations, commercial processing, international matters, feasibility studies, infrastructure, and any other matters incident thereto.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of ordinance establishing the Laredo Port of Entry Advisory Committee.

Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Year:

Budgeted Y/N?:

Source of Funds:

Account #:

Change Order: Exceeds 25% Y/N:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

Attachments

Laredo Port of Entry Advisory Committee Ordinance
