CITY OF LAREDO
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
A-2019-sc-04
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
May 14, 2019
5:30 P.M.

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

IV. ROLL CALL

Citizen comments
Citizens are required to fill out a witness card and submit it to the City Secretary no later than 5:45 p.m. and identify themselves at the microphone. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. No more than three (3) persons will be allowed to speak on any side of an issue. Should there be more than three (3) people who wish to speak on a particular issue, they need to select not more than three (3) representatives to speak for
them and the presiding officer may limit the public comments further in the interest of an orderly meeting. Speakers may not pass their minutes to any other speaker. Comments should be relevant to City business and delivered in a professional manner. No derogatory remarks will be permitted.

V. CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: STAFF SOURCE CO-INTERIM CITY MANAGERS

1. 2019-R-75 Resolution supporting HB 4306 relating to border security enhancement projects and the creation of a fund to pay for those projects and allocating the earnings on the balance of that fund and reimbursement of related expenditures including a study on water retention infrastructure near the border.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any posted agenda item when authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and/or 551.086 (Economic Development). Following closed session, the open meeting will reconvene at which time action, if any, may be taken.

VII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Roberto Balli

1. Discussion with possible action on the status of the 4 blocks, and any other matters incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pete Seanz)

VIII. 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, May 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
City Council-Special
Meeting Date: 05/14/2019
Initiated By: Rosario Cabello /Robert Eads
Staff Source: Rosario Cabello/Robert Eads

SUBJECT

2019-R-75 Resolution supporting HB 4306 relating to border security enhancement projects and the creation of a fund to pay for those projects and allocating the earnings on the balance of that fund and reimbursement of related expenditures including a study on water retention infrastructure near the border.

VENDOR INFORMATION FOR COMMITTEE AGENDA

N/A

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

N/A

BACKGROUND

HB 4306 relates to border security enhancement projects and the creation of a fund to pay for those projects and allocating the earnings on the balance of that fund and reimbursement of related expenditures including a study on water retention infrastructure near the border. As supported by HB 4306, the Governor of the State of Texas may use money from the fund for the purposes of preventing human trafficking and entry in the United States of contraband and to develop and implement a pilot program within certain counties located on the international border including Webb County.

In developing and implementing the pilot program, the Governor shall consult with local officials, local law enforcement, the Department of Public Safety, and United States Customs and Border Protection. The pilot program must be designed to 1.) plan, design, construct or maintain water infrastructure, limited to a bulkhead; transportation infrastructure, inclusive of FM 1472, El Indio Highway/Mines Road; detection technology to combat human smuggling and contraband; and commercial vehicle inspection infrastructure at ports of entry and designated highway inspection stations. Funds would be further dedicated to clear nonindigenous plants; create a communication portal for all law enforcement; evaluate the benefits of infrastructure improvements implemented; and to study the effects of clearing at least 20 percent but not more than 30 percent of brush or invasive plant species.
HB 4306 was passed by the House on May 2, 2019. It is proposed to be sponsored in the Senate by Senator Judith Zaffirini where it will be considered by the Senate Vet Affairs & Border Security Committee.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
That this resolution be passed.

Fiscal Impact
Fiscal Year:
Bugeted Y/N?:
Source of Funds:
Account #:
Change Order: Exceeds 25% Y/N:
FINANCIAL IMPACT:
N/A

Attachments
2019-R-75
RESOLUTION NO.: 2019-R-75

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HB 4306 RELATING TO BORDER SECURITY ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS AND THE CREATION OF A FUND TO PAY FOR THOSE PROJECTS AND ALLOCATING THE EARNINGS ON THE BALANCE OF THAT FUND AND REIMBURSEMENT OF RELATED EXPENDITURES INCLUDING A STUDY ON WATER RETENTION INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR THE BORDER.

WHEREAS, HB 4306 relates to border security enhancement projects and the creation of a fund to pay for those projects and allocating the earnings on the balance of that fund and reimbursement of related expenditures including a study on water retention infrastructure near the border; and

WHEREAS, as supported by HB 4306, the Governor of the State of Texas may use money from the fund for the purposes of preventing human trafficking and entry in the United States of contraband; and

WHEREAS, moreover, the Governor shall develop and implement a pilot program within certain counties located on the international border including Webb County; and

WHEREAS, in developing and implementing the pilot program, the Governor shall consult with local officials, local law enforcement, the Department of Public Safety, and United States Customs and Border Protection; and

WHEREAS, the pilot program must be designed to 1.) plan, design, construct or maintain water infrastructure, limited to a bulkhead; transportation infrastructure, inclusive of FM 1472, El Indio Highway/Mines Road; detection technology to combat human smuggling and contraband; and commercial vehicle inspection infrastructure at ports of entry and designated highway inspection stations; 2.) clear nonindigenous plants; 3.) create a communication portal for all law enforcement; 4.) evaluate the benefits of infrastructure improvements implemented; and 5.) study the effects of clearing at least 20 percent but not more than 30 percent of brush or invasive plant species; and

WHEREAS, HB 4306, after having been passed by the House on May 2, 2019 is proposed to be sponsored in the Senate by Senator Judith Zaffirini where it will be considered by the Senate Vet Affairs & Border Security Committee; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City that HB 4306 be passed to facilitate the funding and implementation of border security enhancements as provided for in the proposed legislation

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, THAT:
It supports the approval of HB 4306, to be considered by the Senate Vet Affairs and Border Security Committee and sponsored by Senator Judith Zaffirini, relating to border security enhancement projects and the creation of a fund to pay for those projects; allocating the earnings on the balance of that fund and reimbursement of related expenditures including a study on water retention infrastructure near the border.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR, this ____ day of ___________ 2019.

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PETE SAENZ
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JOSE A. VALDEZ, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

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KRISTINA L. HALE
CITY ATTORNEY