

**CITY OF LAREDO**  
**RECOGNITION AND COMMUNICATION NOTICE**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**1110 HOUSTON STREET**  
**LAREDO, TEXAS 78040**  
**February 7, 2022**  
**5:00 P.M.**

The Mayor will be presenting the following:

1. Recognizing United South High School freshman Leslie Rodriguez for her outstanding accomplishment of becoming a veteran golfer by winning three straight high school championships in 2021 and 2022. The City of Laredo congratulates Leslie Rodriguez.
2. Recognizing Martin High School senior Melanie Duron for her accomplishments in athletics and academics. The City of Laredo congratulates Melanie for being named the Laredo Morning Times Female Athlete of the Year.

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**CITY OF LAREDO**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**A-2022-R-02**  
**LIVE WEB LINK: <http://laredotx.swagit.com/live>**  
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**LAREDO, TEXAS 78040**  
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**5:30 P.M.**

 **DISABILITY ACCESS STATEMENT** 

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aid or services are requested to contact Jose A. Valdez Jr., City Secretary, at (956) 791-7308 at least two working days prior to the meeting, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. The accessible entrance and accessible parking spaces are located at City Hall, 1100 Victoria Ave.

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.

Pursuant to Section 30.06 Penal Code (trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter [H](#), Chapter [411](#), Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun.

Pursuant to Section 30.07 Penal Code (trespass by license holder with an openly carried handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a handgun that is carried openly.

## Strategic Outcomes



**Dynamic and Sustainable**



**Excellent and Connected**



**Planned and Moving**



**Welcoming and Equitable**



**Prosperous and Affordable**



**Healthy and Safe**

### I. CALL TO ORDER

### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

### IV. ROLL CALL

### V. MINUTES

**Approval of the minutes of January 18, 2022 and January 24, 2022.**

#### **Citizen comments**

Citizens can participate through in-person and written comments submitted through an online form. Citizens wishing to provide in-person comments 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. Speakers may not pass their minutes to any other speaker. Citizens wishing to submit a written public comment must submit [here](#) or visit <https://www.cityoflaredo.com/council-agendas.html> by 5:45 p.m. the day of the meeting. All comments should be relevant to City business and delivered in a professional manner. No derogatory remarks will be permitted.

### VI. RECOGNITION

1. Recognizing three (3) outstanding City of Laredo employees to be named as the City's Employees of the Year for 2021, one whose work is mostly conducted indoors, one whose work is mostly conducted outdoors, and one from the Police or Fire Department who is subject to Collective Bargaining in accordance with Ordinance No. 2021-O-014 which establishes the City of Laredo Employee of the Quarter/Year Program.

## VII. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Mayor's welcome and introduction of Interim City Manager Samuel Keith Selman.
2. Welcome and introduction of our new Transit Director Robert J. Garza.

## VIII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Re-appointment by Mayor Pete Saenz of Council Member Ruben Gutierrez to the Laredo Economic Development Corporation Board.
2. Re-appointment by Mayor Pete Saenz of Council Member Mercurio Martinez to the Laredo Economic Development Corporation Board.
3. Appointment of Samuel Keith Selman to the Laredo Economic Development Corporation Board.

## IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** re-adopting amended guidelines and criteria governing tax abatements by the City of Laredo in accordance with the requirements in Section 312.002 of the Texas Property Tax Code; providing for severability; providing for an effective date of February 22, 2022 through February 21, 2024; and providing for publication.
2. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 61.11 acres situated in Porcion 17, Abstract 52, Jose Christobal Garcia, Original Grantee and Porcion 18, Abstract 21, Jose de Bustamante, Original Grantee out of Shares 2 and 3 described in Partition Deed of La Bota Ranch recorded in Volume 492, pages 732-761 of the Webb County Deed Records and later out of Tract 4 of Partition Deed recorded in Volume 647, pages 36-57 of the Webb County Deed Records, located south of La Bota Parkway and southwest of Cowbird Cove Court, from AG (Agricultural District) and R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-1A (Single Family Area District).

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **approval** of the proposed zone change and staff **supports** the application.

**ZC-011-2022**  
**District VII**

(Recess)  
(Press Availability)

## X. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

3. **Planned and Moving**



Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a lease agreement renewal with Securitas Security Services USA, Inc., as a sole source as per a Customs and Border Protection approved security contract, for approximately 120 square feet of office space and an exclusive office entry lane for approximately 1,020 square feet at Juarez-Lincoln International Bridge (Bridge II). Lease term will be for one (1) year commencing April 1, 2022, and ending on March 31, 2023. The monthly rent will be \$5,400.00. The lease may be terminated by either party with a thirty (30) day notice.

4. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a land lease agreement between the City of Laredo (“Licensor”) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection as (“Lessee”), for ground space at 202 N. Stone Ave, Laredo, Webb County, Texas, for the continued maintenance and operation of a communications tower site. Site is approximately 20 feet by 20 feet equaling 400 square feet in size and commonly known as the “Slaughter Park RVSS” tower site. Term of the lease is one (1) initial term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022, with one (1) additional four (4) year renewal option and three (3) separate and successive five (5) year renewal options. The annual fee will increase from \$1.00 to \$12,000.00.

5. **Planned and Moving**



Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all necessary documents to purchase the “surface only” of a 39.123 acre of land, more or less, being all of a 109.609 acre tract recorded in Volume 1210, pages 464-469, official public record of Webb County, Texas, lying within Porciones 23 and 24, Webb County, Texas for the amount of \$1,500,000.00. The City of Laredo will do all the necessary due diligence for this property. Funding is from the 2017 Sewer Revenue Bond.

6. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the renewal of a lease agreement with Webb County for its Head Start Program for the following parcels of land, at their current rate for a one (1) year term, as referenced below:

Jesus Garcia Head	2518 Cedar Avenue	\$954.88
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Start		
Tatangelo Head Start	2200 Zacatecas Street	\$654.12
Villa Alegre Head Start	3501 Eagle Pass	\$948.27
Coordinators Annex	2802 McDonell Avenue	\$565.93

Leases will be renewed for a one (1) year term with an option to renew for an additional term of one (1) year at a new adjusted rate based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), with the exception of “Jesus Garcia Head Start” properties which shall be a month-to-month lease.

7. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 2, Article II, Division 6 (pay administration), of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, specifically section 2.87(c)(12)(a), by providing an adjustment to the existing wage schedule to the spread between all grades; providing for a repealing clause; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. The annual estimated cost for the table schedule is \$1,550,869.00, and the current fiscal year estimated cost is \$954,381.00. Funding will be available in each corresponding City funds.
8. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to extend the lease agreement for the final five (5) year successive option renewal between the City of Laredo and QSR Burgers One, L.P., (Burger King at El Metro). The term of the lease shall be for five (5) years upon the same terms, covenants and conditions, the monthly amount of three thousand five-hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) is the minimum annual guarantee of forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000.00).

## XI. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

9. **2022-O-009** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 8A, Block 1058, Eastern Division, located at 3119 South Buena Vista Avenue, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Commercial District).  
  
**ZC-004-2022**  
**District II**
10. **2022-O-010** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 11.65 acres situated in Porcion 33, Jose Dionicio Trevino, Original Grantee, Abstract 3084 and Porcion 34, Jose Antonio Diaz, Original Grantee, Abstract 762, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas; being 11.65 acres out of 18.61 acre tract owned by JMLG Holdings, LTD., as recorded in Volume 4448, pages 721-729, Official Public Records of Webb County, Texas, located west of Isla Mujeres Drive and east of Cautro Vientos Road, from AG (Agricultural

District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District).

**ZC-012-2022**  
**District II**

11. **2022-O-011** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 3.09 acres conveyed to D&J Alexander Investments, Limited Liability Company, recorded in Volume 4284, pages 587-592, Official Public Records of Webb County Texas, also being out of Porcion 26, Abstract 282, Agustin Sanchez, Original Grantee, Webb County Texas located south of North Bartlett Avenue and east of Sidney Sheldon, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District).

**ZC-005-2022**  
**District V**

12. **2022-O-012** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for a commercial mini storage on approximately 3.88 acres conveyed to D&J Alexander Investments, Limited Liability Corporation, recorded in Volume 4284, pages 587-592, Official Public Records of Webb County Texas, also being out of Porcion 26, Abstract 282, Agustin Sanchez, Original Grantee, Webb County Texas located south of North Bartlett Avenue and east of Sidney Sheldon.

**ZC-006-2022**  
**District V**

13. **2022-O-013** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 3.00 acres conveyed to Palos Construction Group, Limited Liability Corporation, recorded in Volume 5110, pages 391-396, Webb County Public Records, also being out of Porcion 24, Abstract 268, Toribio Rodriguez, Original Grantee, Webb County Texas located north of Lagos Avenue and west of Lindenwood Drive, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District).

**ZC-007-2022**  
**District VI**

14. **2022-O-014** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 1, LopezAdri Subdivision, Phase 1, located at 22401 FM 1472 Road, from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

**ZC-001-2022**  
**District VII**

15. **2022-O-015** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 7.74 acres out of a 32.81 acre tract, conveyed to Robert Muller, LTD., recorded in Volume 4774, page 32, Official Public Records of Webb County, Texas, situated in Porcion 18, Abstract 21, Jose de Bustamante, Original Grantee and Porcion 2143, Abstract 591, Abel Morgan, Original Grantee located 0.80 miles west of FM 1472 and 0.22 miles south of the intersection of Enterprise Street and Interamerica Boulevard, from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

**ZC-002-2022  
District VII**

16. **2022-O-016** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 2, 3, 4, and 5, Block 1, Springfield Crossing Subdivision, Unit 1, located at 8422, 8424, 8426, and 8428 Springfield Avenue, from B-1 (Limited Commercial District) to B-3 (Commercial Business District).

**ZC-013-2022  
District VII**

17. **2022-O-017** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to amend the FY21-22 Community Development Department's budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$4,199,095.00 in order to appropriate the HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds available from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in relief to address the need for homelessness assistance and support services. Additionally, amending the FY21-22 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) position listing by adding one (1) Administrative Assistant II, R35 and one (1) Clerk III, R27 positions for the City of Laredo Community Development Department HOME-ARP Program; and providing an effective date.

18. **2022-O-018** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY21-22 General Fund - Police Department Annual Budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$23,923.00. The revenues are from forfeiture cases involving abandoned and unclaimed money from the Laredo Police Department Property and Evidence Section. These funds will be used for maintenance, repairs, and improvements to the police department buildings.

19. **Prosperous and Affordable**



- 2022-O-019** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to amend the FY21-22 Department of Community Development budget by increasing revenues and expenditures by an additional amount of \$200,000.00 in order to appropriate The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) funds available for the Texas Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (TEMAP) to assist low to

moderate income eligible families/individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, for a total of \$400,000.00 received in TEMAP funds.

20. **2022-O-020** Amending the City of Laredo Capital Improvements Fund (CIF) and Health Department Fund by appropriating a draw down of fund balance in the Capital Improvement Fund for the Health Department Fund. The additional appropriation will be used to supplement funding for the Health Department Fund in the amount of \$378,000.00. Transfer to Health Department Fund will be appropriated for personnel expenses other services.
21. **2022-O-021** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 23, Article I, Section 23-4, of the Code of Ordinances and Ordinance 2017-O-139 to add North Central Park Fitness Center and recreation center programming fees for instructional programming, a \$60.00 fee for the summer playground program, and recreation center membership fees of \$15.00 per quarter or \$50.00 annually.
22. **2022-O-022** Approving and adopting the Redistricting Plan of the City of Laredo, providing for the redistricting of the eight (8) City Council Districts within the City of Laredo; and providing for publication and effective date. (as amended)

## **XII. CONSENT AGENDA**

**All of the following items may be acted upon by one motion. No separate discussion or action on any of the items is necessary unless desired by a Council Member.**

### **AIRPORT: STAFF SOURCE GILBERTO SANCHEZ, INTERIM AIRPORT DIRECTOR**

23. **Prosperous and Affordable**



Consideration to award contract to vendor Convergent Technologies LLC, for airport security systems and related customer support program for the Laredo International Airport for an amount of \$307,952.00. This service will be utilized on an annual basis for preventative maintenance on security systems using Omnia Partners cooperative pricing under contract No. R170502. The term for this contract shall be for a period of five (5) years beginning on the date of its execution and subject to future appropriations. Funding for this contract is available in the Airport Fund.



24. **Prosperous and Affordable**



Consideration to award contract to vendor Hubpoint Strategic Advisors, LLC "HUB Point" for the Laredo International Airport for a fixed fee rate of \$80,000.00. Hubpoint has presented a strategic approach on promoting, researching, and developing, initiatives which will encourage and attract more air cargo activity for the Laredo International Airport. The term of the contract shall commence on the date of its execution and end on September 30, 2022. Funding for this contract is available in the Airport Fund.

25. Consideration to amend contract for professional services with RS&H, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, to include a fuel farm development project for an amount not to exceed \$27,000.00 for the Laredo International Airport. Professional services with RS&H Inc. were approved on May 7, 2018 for an amount not to exceed \$116,138.81 for preparation of a design analysis report for the construction of the Department of Homeland Security facilities to include a Border Federal Integrated Training Center and a U.S. Customs and Border Patrol Air and Marine Facility located at the Laredo International Airport. The addition of the fuel farm development will not impact the approved amount of \$116,138.81. The amount will remain the same, but \$27,000.00 of the funds will be allocated to the fuel farm development. Funding is available in the Airport Construction Fund.

26. **Prosperous and Affordable**



Authorizing the Interim City Manager to approve a sub-lease between SBA Properties, LLC., as Lessee, and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, as Sub-Lessee. The lease between the City of Laredo, as Lessor, and SBA Properties, LLC., as Lessee, was approved by Ordinance No. 2005-O-033 on May 2, 2005. Subleasing is allowed as per Section 36 of the agreement, with the Lessor's written consent; such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged and in effect.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** STAFF SOURCE TINA MARTINEZ, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

27. **Planned and Moving**



**2022-R-017** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to accept a donation and enter into an agreement with San Isidro Southwest LTD., for the "surface only" of a tract of land found to contain 1.0226 acres, more or less, situated in Porcion 21, Abstract 49, Leonardo Garcia, Original Grantee within the city limits of Laredo and

Webb County, Texas, out and part of the San Isidro Southwest, LTD (245.982) acres tract recorded in Volume 814, pages 614-622, Webb County deed records; the tract being more particularly described by metes and bounds. Property donated has an estimated value of \$265,000.00 and has complied with the City of Laredo donation policy. Property will be used for the Springfield Extension Phase 4 Project.

28. **Healthy and Safe Prosperous and Affordable**



Authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into multiple contracts and award 2021 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program funds made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the total amounts of:

1. \$271,747.00 to Bethany House of Laredo, Inc., for shelter operations, provision of essential services, street outreach services, homelessness prevention assistance, rapid re-housing assistance, and homeless management information system.
2. \$40,000.00 to Casa de Misericordia (CASA) for the operations of their shelter.

**ENGINEERING:** STAFF SOURCE RAMON E. CHAVEZ, CITY ENGINEER

29. **Planned and Moving**



**2022-R-029** Authorize Interim City Manager to enter into a temporary right-of-entry agreement between the City of Laredo and the Texas Department of Transportation to provide access to conduct survey, right-of-way mapping, and/or geotechnical investigations for a property located 0.12 miles south of East Corridor Road (Airport) to International Blvd., in Webb County, Texas with Property ID No. 207126, 217329, 264234, and P00054544 Parcel(S) 31. The access shall be termed for one (1) year; providing for an effective date. This is part of the US-59 Corridor Project.

30. **Dynamic and Sustainable**



Consideration to award a construction contract for Fenwick Drive & McPherson Road Eastbound Right Turn Lane and Widening Project - FY22-ENG-07 to the lowest responsible responsive bidder Mage 4Group, Ltd., Laredo, Texas; in the amount not to exceed \$215,850.00; and authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all related contract documents contingent upon receipt and approval of insurance and bond documents. This project consists of constructing a right turn lane and widening that includes a 2 inch asphalt pavement, 8 inch base, worked

subgrade, concrete sidewalk, roadway striping, roadway widening, traffic safety devices, and other improvements. Project has a construction time of sixty (60) working days. Funding is available in the 2019 CO Bond - District 5 Priority Funds.

31. **Planned and Moving**



Consideration for approval to reject all four (4) bids received for FY22-ENG-08 Shiloh Crossing Park Restroom consisting of one (1) ADA accessible restroom inside the park with split face concrete blocks, metal roof structure, lights and accessible sidewalks located at 11119 Kirby Dr. There is no financial impact.

32. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a State Infrastructure Bank Loan Agreement in the amount of \$4,325,000.00 to fund the City's participation in the Texas Department of Transportation's project to reconstruct US 59 Loop (formerly Loop 20).

33. **Welcoming and Equitable**



Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute and approve amendment No.1 to a professional services contract with Overland Partners, Inc., San Antonio, Texas in the amount not to exceed \$139,560.00 for the FY22-ENG-10 Binational River Park Project Services which includes production of architectural renderings, illustrations and other related information necessary for Phase 1 of the Binational River Park design. This consists of an ecological restoration project that includes, but is not limited to an integrated green belt along the Rio Grande-Rio Bravo River Vega between Laredo, Texas, USA and Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico spanning approximately 6.3 river miles (10.1 river kilometers) that will drive economic revitalization including public art, culture, as well as attracting tourism on both sides of the border, and transforming it into a unique international landmark with global reach for this hemisphere. Current total contract amount including this amendment No.1 is \$189,060.00. Funding is available in the 2017 CO Bond.

**FLEET MANAGEMENT: STAFF SOURCE RONALD MILLER, FLEET DIRECTOR**

34. Consideration to renew annual contracts FY19-042, Outside Tire Repair Contract with the following vendors:

- Section I: outside tire repairs for mid-size vehicles: T&W Tire LLC., Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$60,000.00 (Primary Vendor), Toro Auto Sales, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$45,000.00 (Secondary Vendor) and Southern Tire Mart, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to

\$35,000.00 (Secondary Vendor);

- Section II: outside tire repairs for heavy trucks: T&W Tire LLC., Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$55,000.00 (Primary Vendor), Toro Auto Sales, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$45,000.00 (Secondary Vendor) and Southern Tire Mart, Laredo, Texas in amount up to \$35,000.00 (Secondary Vendor);
- Section III: outside tire repairs industrial: T&W Tire LLC., Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$50,000.00 (Primary Vendor) and Southern Tire Mart, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$40,000.00 (Secondary Vendor).

All outside tire repair services will be secured on an as needed basis. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the last extension period for this contract. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Fund.

35. Consideration to renew contract FY20-062 to provide car wash services with the following vendors:

1. (Section I: Full Service Car Wash) - Power Car Wash and Detail, Laredo, Texas in an amount of up to \$20,000.00 (Primary Vendor);
2. (Section II: Exterior Car Wash Services) - Dale Shine Xpress Car Wash, Laredo, Texas in an amount of up to \$20,000.00 (Primary Vendor);
3. (Section II: Exterior Car Wash Services) - Royal Laser Wash, Laredo, Texas in an amount of up to \$15,000.00 (Secondary Vendor);
4. (Section II: Exterior Car Wash Services) - Power Car Wash and Detail, Laredo, Texas in an amount of up to \$15,000.00 (Secondary Vendor).

The term of the contract shall be for period of one (1) year beginning as of the date its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This contract can be renewed one (1) additional one (1) year extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. There was no price increase during the last extension period. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Fund.

**HEALTH:** STAFF SOURCE RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, HEALTH DIRECTOR

36. **Healthy and Safe**



**2022-R-027** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to accept funds in the amount of \$4,568.00 from the Texas Department of State Health Services through the South Texas Development Council for the City of Laredo Health Department's Ryan White Program for COVID-19 under Part B COVID for the term period of July 1,



2021, through March 31, 2022. Funding is available in the Health Department Fund.

37. **Healthy and Safe**



**2022-R-028** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to accept and enter into a contract amendment from the Texas Department of State Health Services in the amount of \$230,491.00 with a projected amount of program income of \$123,832.00 for a total of \$354,323.00 with no match for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department, Immunization Action Plan Program for the term period of September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023. No grant match required. Funding is available in the Health Department Fund.

38. **Healthy and Safe**



**2022-R-030** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application for the Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring for Communities program to the Environmental Protection Agency in an estimated amount up to \$500,000.00 for the City of Laredo Health Department for the term period from April 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023, and further authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant. No grant match is required.

39. **Healthy and Safe**



Ratifying the execution of a contract "Software as a Service Agreement" from Tyler Technologies in the amount of \$16,954.00 per year for a total of \$84,770.00 for the City of Laredo Health Department Vital Statistics Division for the term period from October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2025. Funds are available in the Health Department Fund.

40. **Healthy and Safe**



Ratifying the purchase of testing materials and supplies from Life Technologies Corporation in the amount of \$221,933.00 for COVID-19 testing for the City of Laredo Health Department. Funding is available in the IDCU/COVID Lab Expansion Grant. The purchase was made pursuant to Section 252.022(a)(2) of the Texas Local Government Code and is necessary to preserve or protect the public health of residents due to the surge of demand for COVID-19 testing.

**HUMAN RESOURCES:** STAFF SOURCE ZAIDA J. GONZALEZ, INTERIM HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

41. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to purchase general liability and auto liability coverage for Laredo Transit Management, Inc./ El Metro Transit Operations, with limits of \$5,000,000.00, in compliance with Article 18 of the Transit Management Services Agreement by and between Hendrickson Transportation Group (HTG) and the City of Laredo. Deductibles are not to exceed one-hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars, per occurrence. HTG will name the City of Laredo as an additional insured on a primary and non-contributory basis and provide waiver of subrogation endorsements on both the auto liability and general liability insurance policies. The current premium cost is for an amount not to exceed \$867,454.00 for the first year. The City of Laredo will revisit the liability premium pricing for consideration for year two (2) of the Management Agreement Term and forward. The above-mentioned insurance agreement will coincide with the HTG Management Agreement term of a period of five (5) years, with one (1) five (5) year option to renew, and with a sixty (60) day cancelation notice. Funding is available in El Metro Operations Fund.

**PARKS & RECREATION:** STAFF SOURCE JUAN J. GOMEZ, JR., PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR

42. Consideration to award an annual supply and service contract FY22-033 to the sole bidder Night Owl Safety, LLC., Laredo, Texas, in an amount of up to \$50,000.00 for the inspection, repair, and replacement of fire extinguishers for various City of Laredo departments. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. The contract may be extended for three (3), additional one (1) year periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding for the additional extensions are subject to future budget appropriations. All repair services will be purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the respective department accounts.
43. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into temporary license agreements with local league associations for the use of playing fields for youth and adult programs. The term of each agreement is for a period from March 1, 2022 through November 30, 2022, pending City Council approval. No fee will be charged by the City to the associations in view of the public benefit of permitting the associations to use the City's facilities for recreational sports programs.

**POLICE:** STAFF SOURCE CLAUDIO TREVINO, CHIEF OF POLICE

44. **Healthy and Safe**



**2022-R-019** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a grant in the amount of \$500,000.00 to the Office of the Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division for the purpose of funding the 2023 Local Border Security Program. This grant does not require matching funds. Funding will be used to pay for overtime to increase patrol security along the Texas-Mexico border. Grant will be accounted for in the Special Police Fund.

45. **Healthy and Safe**



**2022-R-021** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$50,000.00 to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division, to fund the FY22-23 Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Program for the period of October 01, 2022 through September 30, 2023. This funding will provide overtime for operations which will utilize target enforcement techniques against criminal and transnational organizations responsible for violent criminal activity. No local match is required. Grant will be accounted for in the Special Police Fund.

46. **Healthy and Safe**



**2022-R-022** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$70,000.00 to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the FY22-23 General Victim Assistance Program Grant under the Victims of Crime Act for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. This grant will fund the salary of the Crime Victims Service Coordinator position, supplies affiliated with the grant program, and training. No local match is required. Grant will be accounted for in the Special Police Fund.

47. **Healthy and Safe**



**2022-R-023** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$50,000.00 to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the FY22-23 Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program Grant for the period of October 01, 2022 through September 30, 2023. This grant will provide funding for Crimes Against Women training intended for Laredo Police Department personnel. The City of Laredo will be responsible for a required match of 30% of total project funds. Funding will be available in the Special Police Fund.

48. **Healthy and Safe**



**2022-R-024** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$25,000.00 to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the FY22-23 First Responder Mental Health Grant, Peer Support Program. The Laredo Police Department will utilize this funding to obtain a professional service contract for clinical advisory for trauma and work-related counseling and training for the sustainment of the LPD Peer Support Program. The grant performance period will be October 01, 2022 through September 30, 2023. No local match is required. Grant will be accounted for in the Special Police Fund.

49. **Healthy and Safe**



**2022-R-025** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$100,000.00 to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Department for the funding of FY22-23 Justice Assistance Grant Laredo Police Department Mental Health/Crisis Intervention Unit for the period of October 01, 2022 through September 30, 2023. This funding will be utilized for overtime, training, and for the purchase of a police vehicle for the LPD Mental Health/Crisis Intervention Unit. No local match is required. Grant will be accounted for in the Special Police Fund.

50. **Healthy and Safe**



**2022-R-026** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$106,268.12 to the Office of the Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) for the purpose of funding the 2022 State Homeland Security Program-Competitive National Priority Area Projects (SHSP-NPA) Grant for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. This funding will be used to replace two fully equipped bomb response vehicles that are essential and necessary to combat domestic violence extremism and to prevent and respond to acts of terrorism. No local match is required. Grant will be accounted for in the Special Police Fund.



51. **Healthy and Safe**



Authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$38,078.00, to the Office of the Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division for the purpose of funding the State Homeland Security Program - Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities Grant. This funding will be utilized to purchase one (1) complete Med Eng EOD 10E bomb suit for the Laredo Police Department (LPD) Bomb Squad Unit. No local match is required. Grant will be accounted for in the Special Police Fund.

52. **Healthy and Safe**



Authorizing the Interim City Manager to award a contract and amend the City of Laredo Master Agreement with AT&T Corp., to include a 36-month agreement not to exceed \$88,215.72. This agreement is to provide private fiber and ethernet services to connect the Laredo Police Department headquarters to the new Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Center. This will allow LPD to be able to run all voice, video, and data applications through a secure connection and connect the TAG Center to LPD and the Real Time Crime Center. The agreement is contingent on grant funding for FY22-23 and FY23-24. The contract includes a non-appropriations of funding clause that cancels this amendment in the event no funding is available for years 2 and 3, at no cost to the city. Funding for this fiscal year is available in the Special Police Fund-Texas Anti-Gang Grant.

53. **Healthy and Safe**



Consideration to authorize a purchase contract with Insight Public Sector, through DIR contract No. TSO-4343, in the amount of \$71,124.25 for the installation of 125 data drops needed for the connectivity of computers and electronic equipment in the Texas Anti-Gang Center, which will house multi-agency task forces combating gangs and other criminal organizations operating in Laredo and affecting the South Texas border region. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund-Texas Anti-Gang Center Grant.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** STAFF SOURCE JOHN ORFILA, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

54. **2022-R-016** Ratification of a construction contract with R&A Construction in the amount not to exceed \$106,450.00 for emergency repairs at the Uni-Trade Stadium, including foundation investigative work, plumbing drain line inspection, concrete repairs, and other improvements. The contract was made pursuant to Section 252.022 (a)(3) of the Local Government Code and is necessary because of unforeseen damage to public property that is occurring or has occurred which requires immediate action to preserve public property. Funding is available in the Sports Venue Fund.

**SOLID WASTE:** STAFF SOURCE JOHN PORTER, INTERIM SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR/ ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTOR

55. Consideration to authorize the Interim City Manager to approve payment for the fees assessed by the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality for the solid waste operation. Annual TCEQ fee amount will be approximately \$410,000.00; TCEQ assesses a \$0.94/ton fee for all refuse land filled. This authorization shall renew annually if the assessment fee does not exceed \$0.94/ton. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Fund.
56. Approving and authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute an engineering services contract with Arredondo, Zepeda & Brunz, LLC, Laredo, Texas in the amount of \$966,760.00 for the design and engineering of a landfill disposal cell. This contract also includes construction quality assurance and construction phase services. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Fund.

**UTILITIES:** STAFF SOURCE ART GARCIA, P.E., UTILITIES DIRECTOR

57. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to sell the remaining capacity from the oversized water and sewer infrastructure in the form of Living Unit Equivalent (LUEs) to Phoenix Subdivision, Gator Point Subdivision, Bella Subdivision, Las Fincas Subdivision and La Herradura Subdivision (water infrastructure only); up to the capacities of the elevated storage tank at Las Blancas, and up to the capacity of the existing 24-inch sanitary sewer main on a first-come, first-served basis. The funds collected from the sale of the LUEs will be used for any future water and sewer maintenance and repairs to the existing water and sewer infrastructure. Revenues collected will be deposited to the respective Water and Sewer Land Development Fees account.
58. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to award amendment No. 2 to Garver USA for a professional engineering services contract in the amount of \$738,005.00 for El Pico Water Treatment Plant. This amendment provides for the survey, geotechnical, preliminary and final design through bidding services for new raw water pumps with structural and piping modifications, as well as for the addition of a fourth high service pump. The amended contract total is \$2,028,390.00. Funding is available in the Waterworks Fund.

59. **Dynamic and Sustainable**



Authorizing the Interim City Manager to approve purchase order to Graybar using their purchasing agreement, U.S. Coop Communities Contract # EV2370, in the amount of \$153,022.72 for the supply of electrical wire for the Jefferson pump replacement project. This wire is needed for the new pumps that are to be installed. Funding is available in the American Rescue Act Plan.

60. **Dynamic and Sustainable**



Authorizing the Interim City Manager to terminate the remaining balance of \$162,091.56 with Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc. for the Utilities Department Asset Management Plan Phase II (implementation). The total revised contract after termination is \$19,125.22. The service provided under this amendment is no longer needed. Funding is available in the Sewer System Fund.

61. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract in the amount not to exceed \$171,472.00 to the owner/developer of Dolly Richter Boulevard, HFK Development, LLC., of Laredo, Texas, to install 678 linear feet of 24-inch water transmission main on Dolly Richter Boulevard. Funding is available in the 2019 Water Revenue Bond Division of the Waterworks System Fund.

62. Consideration to renew an annual supply and service contract FY20-019 with Martin's Heating & Cooling, Laredo, TX in an amount up to \$50,000.00 to provide HVAC repair services for the wastewater treatment plants. This contract establishes an hourly service rate and cost percentage for parts. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This is the second of three extension periods. There was no price increase during the last extension period. All services will be purchased on an as needed basis and funding will be secured from the Waste Water Treatment Division of the Sewer System Fund.

63. **Dynamic and Sustainable**



Authorizing the Interim City Manager to approve change order No. 1 in the amount of \$62,616.68 for the Unitec Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase I Expansion Project. The new total contract amount with change order is

\$3,964,616.68. Funding is available in the 2017 Sewer Revenue Bond Division of the Sewer System Fund.

64. Consideration to award supply contract number FY22-032 to the lowest responsive, responsible bidders:

1) Section III: Core & Main, St. Louis, Missouri, in an amount up to \$284,888.75;

2) Section I & II: Ferguson Waterworks, Mission, Texas in an amount up to \$1,076,353.90;

for the purchase of brass fittings and valves for the Utilities Department. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This contract can be extended three (3) additional one (1) year periods, upon mutual agreement. Funding is available in the Waterworks and Sewer System Funds.

65. Consideration to renew and amend contract FY20-074 by 25% with Gutierrez Machine Shop, Laredo, Texas for an amount increase of \$100,000.00 and an amended contract total amount of \$500,000.00 for professional welding services for the Utilities Department. The services requested include site repairs to various water and wastewater treatment plants, lift stations, and other municipal utility facilities. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. The contract amendment is due to an increase in welding repair services and to cover future expenditures at the Jefferson Water Plant. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This contract can be renewed for one (1) additional one (1) year extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Waterworks System and Sewer System Funds.

66. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to approve amendment No. 2 for a professional engineering consultant services contract in the amount of \$30,650.00 to Plummer Associates, Inc. from Austin, Texas for the permit renewal of the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System for North Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plants, with Texas Commission on Environment Quality. The existing permit expires in April 2023, and the application for renewal of this permit must be submitted a minimum of 180 days prior to expiration date. The new total contract amount with this amendment is \$175,140.00. Funding is available in the Sewer System Fund.

67. **Dynamic and Sustainable**



Authorizing the Interim City Manager to award purchase order to Precision Pump using Buy Board Contract # 589-19 in the amount of \$1,375,380.00 for



improvements to two traveling water screens at the Jefferson Water Treatment Plant's south raw water pump station. Funding is available in the American Rescue Plan Act.

68. Consideration to renew supply contract number FY21-097 with Aguaworks Pipe & Supply, Brownsville, Texas in the amount of \$350,000.00 for the purchase of PVC pipe. The term of this contract shall be for a period of six (6) months beginning as of the date of its execution. There was no price increase during the last extension period. The term of this contract shall be for a period of six (6) months beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This contract can be renewed five (5) additional six (6) month periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. These materials are purchased on an as-needed basis for construction and repair projects. Funding is available in the 2020A Water Revenue Bond Division of the Waterworks System Fund.
69. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to ratify blanket purchase order No. 333750 in the amount of \$24,464.70 to Core & Main, LP, San Antonio, Texas for the purchase of meters, meter kits (register/endpoint/antenna), associated individual components, and unitized measuring elements. The revised total contract is \$1,236,335.09. Funding is available in the Utilities Billing Division of the Waterworks Fund.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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**XIII. STAFF REPORTS**

70. Discussion with possible action on ongoing audits and/or irregularities identified by the Internal Auditor including the potential assignment of other and/or additional auditing duties; and any other matters incident thereto.
71. Status update on current COVID-19 information as presented by Local Health Authority, Health Director and Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC); and any other matters incident thereto.
72. Appointment by the Interim City Manager of the Interim City Attorney in accordance with §4.02 of the Laredo City Charter, with possible action.

**XIV. 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.

73. Notice of Grievance filed by Kristina K. Laurel Hale on January 28, 2022 and subsequent amendment (Special Counsel Attorney Sylvia Borunda Firth - 551.071)

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

74. Consideration to authorize and ratify the executed Management Contract (FY22-015 -Transit Management Services) with Hendrickson Transportation Group (HTG), of Waco, Texas, for the management of the City's transit system for a term of five (5) years effective February 1, 2022, for an amount not to exceed \$3,246,065.52; this five year contract is subject to future budget appropriations and includes one option to renew for an additional five (5) years, in accordance with the terms of the negotiated contract. Funding for this contract is available in the El Metro Operations Fund.

75. **Planned and Moving**



A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the Interim City Manager to grant signature authority to the General Manager of Laredo Transit Management, Inc. for all necessary and applicable matters relating to LTMI / El Metro Transit.

76. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to purchase general liability and auto liability coverage for Laredo Transit Management, Inc./ El Metro Transit Operations, with limits of \$5,000,000.00, in compliance with Article 18 of the Transit Management Services Agreement by and between Hendrickson Transportation Group (HTG) and the City of Laredo. Deductibles are not to exceed one-hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars, per occurrence. HTG will name the City of Laredo as an additional insured on a primary and non-contributory basis and provide waiver of subrogation endorsements on both the auto liability and general liability insurance policies. The current premium cost is for an amount not to exceed \$867,454.00 for the first year. The City of Laredo will revisit the liability premium pricing for consideration for year two (2) of the Management Agreement Term and forward. The above-mentioned insurance agreement will coincide with the HTG Management Agreement term of a period of five (5) years, with one (1) five (5) year option to renew, and with a sixty (60) day cancelation notice. Funding is available in El Metro Operations Fund.

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

**77. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Request by Mayor Pete Saenz**

**(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III, Council Member Vanessa Perez, and Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa)**

1. Discussion with possible action to repeal, replace, revise, and/or amend by ordinance, City of Laredo Code of Ordinance No. 2019 - O – 051, and /or Section(s) there in, in whole or partially; and /or to repeal, replace and/or amend by ordinance, as necessary, any other ordinance(s), or section (s) there in, found and contained in the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, which specifically, or generally, or in any way prohibits or limits the City Manager, Interim City Manager, or anyone else acting and/or holding the same authority and power of a City Manager, to hire, appoint, suspend, reassign and/or terminate anyone within his or her upper level management team or department, be it a Deputy City Manager, Acting City Manager, Assistant City Manager, or otherwise. Such authority and or powers shall lie and be held solely and strictly by the City Manager, or Interim City Manager, or anyone else holding such powers and authority at the time, at his or her sole discretion. City Council shall not have any power and/or authority whatsoever to interfere with the exercise of such powers and/or authority by the City Manager, or Interim City Manager, or anyone else holding such powers and authority at the time; and any other matters relating or pertinent thereto.
  
2. Discussion with possible action to amend, by ordinance, Chapter 2, Article II, Division 1, Section 2-19(a)(b) so that it will not be in violation of our City Charter, particularly, Section 2.03 Prohibitions, sub-section:

(B) Appointments and Approvals.

**Unless it is otherwise specifically provided in this Charter, City Council shall not in any manner dictate the appointment or removal of any City administrative officer or employee whom the City Manager or any of his subordinates are empowered to appoint or remove, but the City Council may express its views and fully and freely discuss with the City Manager anything pertaining to appointment and removal of such officers and employees.**

Amended and/or revised Sections:

Sec. 2-19. - Deputy City Manager and Assistant City Manager.



(a) Deputy City Manager. There is hereby created the office of Deputy City Manager. The office shall include one (1) Deputy City Manager who shall be appointed and removed at the sole discretion of the City Manager, Interim or Acting City Manager. The office of Deputy City Manager shall be subject to budgetary funding by the City Council as may occur prior to or subsequent to this section. There may be more than one (1) budgeted position of Deputy City Manager as may be necessary to further city business and interests. The position of the Deputy City Manager shall be held by qualified persons, appointed as provided by the Laredo City Charter and personnel policies. Qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of the Deputy City Manager shall be subject to the sole approval of the City Manager, Interim or Acting City Manager.

(b) Assistant City Manager. There is hereby created the office of Assistant City Manager. The office shall include at least two (2) Assistant City Managers who shall be appointed and removed at the sole discretion of the City Manager, Interim or Acting City Manager. The position of Assistant City Manager shall be subject to budgetary funding by the City Council as may occur prior to or subsequent to this section. There may be more than two (2) budgeted positions of Assistant City Manager as may be necessary to further city business and interests. The position of the Assistant City Manager shall be held by qualified persons, appointed as provided by the Laredo City Charter and personnel policies. Qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of the Assistant City Manager shall be subject to the sole approval of the City Manager, Interim or Acting City Manager.

Below is proposed Ordinance reflecting the above changes and revisions.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, AMENDING AND REVISING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 1, SECTION 2-19(a)(b) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CONCERNING APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF THE OFFICES OF DEPUTY CITY MANAGER AND ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING FOR A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Laredo is a Home Rule City acting under its Charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 4.01 of the Laredo City Charter provides the City Council may by ordinance establish City departments, offices or agencies in addition to those created by the Charter and may prescribe the functions of all departments, offices and agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to clarify the appointment and removal of the offices of deputy city manager and assistant city manager.

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

Section I. The City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article II, Division 2, Section 2-19(a)(b) "Deputy City Manager and Assistant City Manager" be amended and revised to read as follows:

Sec. 2-19. - Deputy City Manager and Assistant City Manager.



(a) Deputy City Manager. There is hereby created the office of Deputy City Manager. The office shall include one (1) Deputy City Manager who shall be appointed and removed at the sole discretion of the City Manager or Interim or Acting City Manager. The office of Deputy City Manager shall be subject to budgetary funding by the city council as may occur prior to or subsequent to this section. There may be more than one (1) budgeted position of deputy city manager as may be necessary to further city business and interests. The position of the Deputy City Manager shall be held by qualified persons, appointed as provided by the Laredo City Charter and personnel policies. Qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of the Deputy City Manager shall be subject to the sole approval of the City Manager or Interim or Acting City Manager.

(b) Assistant City Manager. There is hereby created the office of Assistant City Manager. The office shall include at least two (2) Assistant City Manager who shall be appointed and removed at the sole discretion of the City Manager, or Interim or Acting City Manager. The position of Assistant City Manager shall be subject to budgetary funding by the city council as may occur prior to or subsequent to this section. There may be more than two (2) budgeted positions of Assistant City Manager as may be necessary to further city business and interests. The position of the Assistant City Manager shall be held by qualified persons, appointed as provided by the Laredo City Charter and personnel policies. Qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of the Assistant City Manager shall be subject to the sole approval of the City Manager or Interim or Acting City Manager.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances 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. The publishers of the City Code of Laredo, Texas are authorized to amend said code to reflect the changes adopted herein and to correct typographical errors and to index, format and number paragraphs to conform to the existing code.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON  
THIS DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2022.**

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**PETE SAENZ**  
**MAYOR**

**ATTESTED:**

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**JOSE A. VALDEZ, JR.**  
**CITY SECRETARY**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CITY ATTORNEY**

**B. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Vidal Rodriguez**

1. Discussion with possible action purchase additional upgraded stop sign poles for District in various area in District 2 and any other matters incident thereto. Funding is available in District 2 – District Priority Funds.
  
2. Discussion with possible action to create an ordinance for large lot subdivisions with low density development, where natural drainage is designed similar to countryside properties and any other matters incident thereto.

**C. Request by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III**

1. Discussion with possible action to rescind portions of Ordinance 2019-O-051 Section 2-19 that mention “subject to approval of the city council” under Section (a) and Section (b) As it conflicts with City Charter Section 2.03 under Prohibitions paragraph (B) and Section 3.05 under Powers and Duties of the City Manager paragraph (1), and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa)**

**D. Request by Council Member Dr. Marte A. Martinez**

1. Discussion with possible action to establish an overlay zone in certain areas of Del Mar Boulevard and any other matters incident thereto.
  
2. Discussion with possible action to create a suicide committee and promote a 998 system.

3. Discussion with possible action for AEP to provide an update on lack of transformers in Laredo which is hurting future development in Laredo.

E. **Request by Council Member Vanessa J. Perez**

1. Discussion with possible action to submit a letter of support to the County of Webb for the Rio Grande International Study Center's application for an American Rescue Plan Act grant, in its full amount, to conduct critical initial engineering and economy analysis studies to pilot a waste-to-energy project known as a Community Water and Energy Resource Center (CWERC) in the Laredo region, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa and Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III)**
2. Discussion with possible action on naming the new Farias Dog Park "K9 Kimmie's Corner Dog Park" after a Laredo Police Department hardworking and dedicated K9, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III)**

**XVII. 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, February 2, 2022 by 7:15 p.m.

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Jose A. Valdez, Jr.  
City Secretary

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