

CITY OF LAREDO

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A-2022-R-10

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CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1110 HOUSTON STREET

LAREDO, TEXAS 78040

June 21, 2022

5:30 P.M.

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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 June 6, 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 Joel Vazquez, CVB Assistant Director and Selina Villarreal, CVB Marketing Manager for earning their Certified Tourism Executive (CTE) designation from the Travel and Tourism College offered by the Texas Travel Alliance. Travel & Tourism College (TTC) provides participants with an intensive professional education full of marketing, leadership and management courses taught by college professors and seasoned travel and tourism professionals from around the country.

Recognizing Ana Reyna Arzate, CVB Marketing Coordinator for being selected as one of 2022 Emerging Tourism Stars by the eTourism Summit. A result of her contributions to the team and commitment to our organization, community and the tourism industry. As part of this recognition Ana Reyna participated as a speaker in a panel during the 2022 eTourism Summit in Florida.

Visit Laredo was also honored during the eTourism Summit as a winner

of the 5th Annual Excellence “eTSY” Awards, receiving recognition in the category of “Innovation in Influencer Marketing” for its campaign, “Welcome Back to Laredo” deployed in November 2021, when the border restrictions were lifted.

2. Recognizing three (3) outstanding City of Laredo employees to be named as the City’s Employees of the Quarter for the 2nd Quarter of 2022, 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. 2021-0-014 which establishes the City of Laredo Employee of the Quarter Program.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

VIII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment by Mayor Pete Saenz of Alyssa Cigarroa as Chair to the Audit & Accountability Committee.
2. Appointment by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa of Keith Franklin to the Board of Adjustments Committee.
3. Appointment by the City Council of Montse Salinas, as representative, and Isabel Ramirez-Shrout, as alternate, with the Veterans organization, Black Widows LTX, to the Veterans Affairs Committee.

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 13, Los Presidentes, Unit 2, located at 1816 Avenida Los Presidentes, from R-1 (Single Family Residential Use) to R-2 (Multi-family Residential Use).

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

ZC-047-2022
District I

2. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning an approximately 9.89 acre tract of land, situated in Survey 2149, Abstract 594, R.H. Rains, Original Grantee, within the limit of the City of Laredo, in Webb County, Texas, said 9.89 acre tract being out and part of that certain 358.54 acre tract, as described in Volume 3801, pages 143-147 of the Webb County Deed Records, Webb County Texas, located west of Corrada Drive and north of Pita Mangana Road, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District).

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

ZC-050-2022
District I

3. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning an approximately 7.83 acre tract of land, situated in Porcion 34, Abstract 762, Jose Antonio Diaz, Original Grantee, within the limit of the City of Laredo, in Webb County, Texas, said 7.83 acre tract being out and part of 4V Holdings, Limited Tract I (148.91 acres), Tract II (8.72 acres), and Tract III (1.33 acres) as recorded in Volume 3702, pages 643-646 of the Webb County Deed Records, Webb County Texas, located east of Cuatro Vientos Road and west of Hereford Drive, from R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) to B4 (Highway Commercial District).

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

ZC-052A-2022
District I

4. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning an approximately 2.93 acre tract of land, situated in Porcion 34, Abstract 762, Jose Antonio Diaz, Original Grantee, within the limits of the City of Laredo, in Webb County Texas, said 2.93 acre tract being out and part of 4V Holdings, Limited Tract I (148.91 acres) as recorded in Volume 3702, pages 643-646 of the Webb County Deed Records, Webb County Texas, located east of Cuatro Vientos Road and west of Hereford Drive, from R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) to B4 (Highway Commercial District).

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

ZC-052B-2022
District I

5. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 2.85 acres, situated in Porcion 34, Abstract 762, Jose Antonio Diaz, Original Grantee, and Survey 2386, Abstract 3264, J. & H. Wormser, Original Grantee, same being out of Tract "A" as recorded in Volume 3342, pages 699-707, Webb County Official Public Records, located north of Lomas Del Sur Boulevard and east of Ejido Avenue, from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-3 (Community Business District).

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

ZC-054-2022
District I

6. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning an approximately 11.91 acres, situated in Porcion 35, Abstract 546, Jose M. Dias, Original Grantee, and out of a 358.54 acre tract as conveyed and recorded per Warranty Deed dated June 03, 2015, Volume 3801, pages 143-147, Webb County Official Public Records, located south of Bella Street and west of Ejido Avenue, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-1A (Single-Family Reduced Area District).

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

ZC-055-2022
District I

7. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 1707, Eastern Division, located at 919 North Arkansas, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District).

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

ZC-048-2022

District II

8. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning an approximately 12.85 acre tract of land situated in Porcion 39, Abstract 250, Jose Antonio Nasario Original Grantee, within the limits of the City of Laredo, in Webb County, said 12.85 acre tract being out and part of HAPO Holdings, Limited Liability Company (219.48 acre tract), as recorded in Volume 4543, Pages 455-467 of the Webb County Deed Records located west of US Highway 83 and south of Tesis Drive, from AG (Agricultural District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District).

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

ZC-051-2022

District III

9. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 2, Block 1, DCAF Mines Road Subdivision, located at 16105 FM 1472, from B-3 (Community Business District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the proposed zone change and staff does not support the application.

ZC-049-2022

District VII

10. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by amending Ordinance 2014-O-088 authorizing a Special Use Permit for Townhouses on Lots 50, 51, 52 and 53, Block 1, Escondido Townhomes Subdivision, located at 5619, 5701, 5703 and 5705 Montevista Drive (respectively), in order to remove the garage requirement and adjust the side-yard setbacks.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed special use permit amendment and staff does not support the application.

ZC-033-2022

District V

11.



Planned and Moving

Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance authorizing the Interim City Manager to amend the FY21-22 Transit Center Facility Budget by increasing and appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$283,570.00 for the Design and Engineering Phase I and Phase II ADA Bus Stops and Bicycle Plazas.

(Recess)

(Press Availability)

X. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

12.

Authorizing the Interim City Manager to grant a non-exclusive franchise to Laredo A's Trash Rentals to use the present and future streets, avenues, alleys, roads, highways, sidewalks, easements and other public right-of-ways of the City of Laredo, Texas for purposes of constructing, maintaining and operating a commercial container refuse gathering and disposing service, setting forth terms and conditions to govern the franchise, providing a severability clause, a savings clause and effective date. All waste hauling businesses operating within the City Limits are required to secure a Franchise Agreement with the City of Laredo for use of public streets.

13.



Planned and Moving

Authorizing the Interim City Manager to exercise the fourth and final option to extend the lease for a five (5) year renewal option for the lease agreement by and between The City of Laredo (The "Landlord") and Greyhound Lines, Inc./Valley Transit Company Join Venture, (The "Tenant") for a certain premise of 5,000 square feet of commercial area together with a bus parking area containing approximately 18,000 square feet located at 1301 Farragut Street, Laredo Block Number 49, Located in the Western Division, City of Laredo Webb County, Texas. The term of the lease shall commence July 1, 2022, and end June 30, 2027, with a lease agreement of \$10,353.24 per month.

14.



Prosperous and Affordable

Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a lease agreement between the City of Laredo, as Lessor, and B & B Communications Ltd., Lessee, for building No. 962 consisting of approximately 5,672 square feet of building space and parking lot located on 1816 Pappas Street at the Laredo International Airport. The lease term shall be for fifteen (15) years commencing on October 1, 2022 and ending on September 30, 2037, with one (1) five-year option to extend ending in September 30, 2042. The monthly rent shall be \$1,492.85 and will be adjusted annually according to changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

XI. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

- 15. **2022-O-090** Concerning a voluntary annexation application by USATSM, Inc., altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo by annexing additional territory of 8.0 acres, more or less, located east of FM 1472 and north of Lampazos Loop, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a contract adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **approval** of the annexation and initial zoning. Staff **supports** the application and initial zoning.

AN-003-2022
District VII - Cm. Vanessa Perez

- 16. **2022-O-091** Concerning a voluntary annexation application by EMA Commercial Investment, LLC, altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo by annexing additional territory of 5.03 acres, more or less, located east of Loop 20/Bob Bullock Loop and north of East Del Mar Boulevard, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a contract adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of B-3 (Community Business District).

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **approval** of the annexation and initial zoning. Staff **supports** the application and initial zoning.

AN-004-2022

- 17. **2022-O-092** Concerning a voluntary annexation application by the Reuthinger Living Trust, altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo by annexing additional territory of 276.0840 acres, more or less, located west of FM 1472 and north of Vidal Cantu Road, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a contract adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **approval** of the annexation and initial zoning. Staff **supports** the application and initial zoning.

AN-006-2022
District VII - Cm. Vanessa Perez

- 18. **2022-O-093** Concerning a voluntary annexation application by Robert J. Gilpin, altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo by annexing additional territory of 29.6653 acres, more or less, located west of FM 1472 and north of Vidal Cantu Road, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a contract adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **approval** of the annexation and initial zoning. Staff **supports** the application and initial zoning.

AN-007-2022
District VII - Cm. Vanessa Perez

- 19. **2022-O-094** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to amend the FY21-22 General Fund Fire Department’s budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$142,407.00 in order to appropriate funds awarded by Texas Municipal League (TML) for the partial funding and purchasing a replacement engine.

- 20.  **Prosperous and Affordable**

2022-O-095 Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a Lease Agreement between the Laredo International Airport and Sendero Coffee,

LLC located at 5210 Bob Bullock Loop at the Laredo International Passenger Terminal in a space consisting of 200 square feet, described as Suite No. 101 on the first floor, for the purposes of operating a coffee concession stand, including but not limited to serving beverages such as coffee, water, tea, and food items, to include, but is not limited to sandwiches, paninis, salads, and desserts, among other items. Operations will be from the time the Airport opens to the time it closes every day. The lease term shall be for one (1) year with one (1) option to renew and base rent shall consist of \$320.00 in addition to twenty percent (20%) of the contractor's monthly gross sales.

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

21. Consideration to award purchase contract to vendor Convergent Technologies LLC, Austin, TX, for the upgrades and replacement of security cameras for the Laredo International Airport for the amount not to exceed \$169,335.70. These cameras will be obtained through Omnia Partners Cooperative Program under contract numbers R170502 and RNN0702. The cameras will be a one time purchase for needed upgrades to the surveillance system, as these are federal security requirements. Funding for this contract is available in the International Airport Operations Budget.

BRIDGE: STAFF SOURCE YVETTE LIMON, BRIDGE DIRECTOR

22.  **Planned and Moving**

Consideration to award supplemental agreement No. 1 to contract FY19-086 to consultant firm S&B Infrastructure LTD, Laredo, TX in the amount of \$41,674.05 for a total contract amount of \$799,910.37 for additional services for the City of Laredo International Bridge Master Plan and approval of the City of Laredo International Bridge Master Plan. Funding is available in the Bridge System Construction Fund.

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

23.



Healthy and Safe

Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a Landlord Letter of Consent to work towards a lease for the City owned properties located at, 1702, 1704, 1714, 1716, 1718, & 1720 Lafayette in Laredo, Texas with Gateway Community Health Center, Inc. The City of Laredo is in full agreement of the proposed improvements to the aforementioned leased properties. Gateway Community Health Center, Inc will be providing health services to the community.

ENGINEERING: STAFF SOURCE RAMON E. CHAVEZ, CITY ENGINEER

24.



Planned and Moving

Consideration for approval of FY22-ENG-05 McPherson Rd. & Shiloh Dr. southbound right turn lane and widening project as complete, approval of change order No. 1, a net decrease of \$11,709.42, release of retainage in the amount of \$22,105.00, and the remaining balance of \$136,730.58 adding up to the final payment of \$158,835.58 to ALC Construction Co. Inc., Laredo, Texas. The final construction contract amount is \$357,780.58, with a total contract time of 60 working days. Funding is available in the 2021 C.O. Bond.

25.



Dynamic and Sustainable

Consideration for approval of amendment No. 1, an increase in the amount of \$291,957.00 to the professional services contract with Crane Engineering Corporation, Laredo, Texas, for the CDBG Corpus Christi Street Water & Wastewater Improvements Project (District III) including Task 2 to Task 6 for Phase 1A from Cedar Avenue to McClelland Avenue (4 blocks). Current contract amount with this amendment is \$733,697.00. Funding is available in the 2019 Water Revenue Bond and 2017 Sewer Revenue Bond.

26.



Dynamic and Sustainable

Consideration for approval to reject the sole bid received for FY22-ENG-23 Freddie Benavides Park Baseball Outfield and Restroom Project consisting of upgrading to a new athletic outfield fence, new rod iron decorative fence with concrete columns, renovation of existing restrooms, concession stand, storage areas (first and second floor), and exterior miscellaneous improvements. There is no financial impact at this time.

27.



Welcoming and Equitable

Authorizing the Interim City Manager to approve change order No. 1, an increase of \$48,563.00 to R&A Construction for the Uni-Trade Stadium Stud Wall Repairs Project. The scope of work for this change order includes to remove and construct new partition walls in the second-floor radio/media rooms, construct a dugout deck with bench, provide players aluminum bench for the third base bullpen, and replace six water fountains. The total construction contract amount including this change order is \$293,078.00, and contract time remains at forty-five (45) working days. Funding is available in the Sports Venue Fund - Uni-Trade Operations.

28.



Dynamic and Sustainable

Consideration for approval of change order No. 1 an increase of \$365,396.01, and an increase of three hundred and twenty (320) calendar days, for electrical infrastructure upgrades to a construction contract with Leyendecker Construction of Texas, Inc., for the City of Laredo Tennis Complex at Texas A&M International University (TAMIU). Current total contract amount including this change order No. 1 is \$7,922,396.00, and contract time of eight-hundred seventy (870) calendar days. This cost will be shared equally between the City of Laredo and TAMIU in accordance with the Ground Lease Agreement. Funding is available in the Sports Venue Fund.

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

29.



Dynamic and Sustainable

Authorizing the Interim City Manager to negotiate and sign an agreement with Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District for the completion of a Review Assessment for the Chacon Creek Feasibility Project. The completion of the Review Assessment for this project will satisfy the statutory requirement within the Water Resources Development Act of 2020 for construction funding of this project. The total cost of completion of the Review Assessment is about \$1 million with a 50% match required by the City. Funding is available in the Environmental Fund - 2019 CO Bond.

FIRE: STAFF SOURCE GUILLERMO HEARD, FIRE CHIEF

30.

Consideration to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Laredo Independent School District and the City of Laredo concerning student-parent reunification process involving school campus emergency evacuations.

HEALTH: STAFF SOURCE RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, HEALTH DIRECTOR

31.



Healthy and Safe

2022-R-108 Ratifying the execution of a contract from the Texas Department of State Health Services in the total amount of \$144,000.00 with no match for the City of Laredo Health Department, Community and Clinical Health Bridge project for diabetes disease self-management and increased health education in chronic diseases for the term period of October 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023.

32.



Healthy and Safe

2022-R-109 Authorizing the Interim City Manager to accept and enter into a contract with the South Texas Development Council in the estimated amount of \$138,549.00 through the Texas Department of State Health Services to continue the City of Laredo Health Department State Services Program for HIV prevention and education for the term period from September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023.

33. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a Professional Consulting Services Contract FY22-039 to Health Management Associates (HMA), Inc. Lansing, MI for an amount of \$224,245.00. HMA's consulting contract will provide health and medical research/assessments of the Laredo Community, report findings and make recommendations as to how to best address current healthcare service shortages for the City of Laredo. Funding is available in General Fund - Professional Services, Consultant Fees.

HUMAN RESOURCES: STAFF SOURCE LINDA TENIENTE, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

34. Consideration to exercise the first (1st) extension of contracts of FY 19-045 for the following services:
1. The Standard Life Insurance Co.-Group Life/AD&D
 - a. Basic Life
 - b. Basic AD&D/Fire and Police AD&D
 - c. Voluntary Life
 - d. Voluntary AD&D
 2. Aetna - Group Dental
 - a. Dental Self-Funded Plan Administrator
 3. Guardian Life Insurance Co.
 - a. Group Vision
 - b. Group Cancer
 - c. Group Critical Illness
 4. Colonial Life Insurance Co.
 - a. Group Accident
 5. UNUM
 - a. Short Term Disability
 - b. Long Term Disability

The Standard Life Insurance Co. carrier for Basic Group Life increase their rates from .045 to .065 and the Voluntary Term Life rates will have a 15% increase. All other carrier rates remain the same as the previous year. The City of Laredo intends to award a contract period from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. Funding is available in the Health & Benefits Fund, Police Dependent Retiree Fund, and Fire Dependent Retiree Fund.

35. Consideration to extend contract FY19-044 for the following group medical services:
1. Blue Cross Blue Shield Of Texas
 - a) Third Party Medical Claims, Stop Loss, and COBRA Administration
 - b) Medical Network
 - c) Pharmacy Benefit Management
 2. Optum Financial formerly known as Connect Your Care
 - a) Section 125 Administration
 3. Aetna Medicare Advantage
 - a) Retiree Medicare Advantage Carrier

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas-Stop Loss premiums will increase by 18.5%; Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas Administrative fees will increase by 2.5%. Optum Financial will not have an increase and will remain at \$2.22 per member per month. These extensions will be effective October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023; with the exception of item No.3 that is effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Funding is available in the Health & Benefits Fund (660-2035).

**INFORMATION SERVICES & TELECOMMUNICATION: STAFF SOURCE
HOMERO VAZQUEZ-GARCIA, IST DIRECTOR**

36. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a four (4), year service agreement with Motorola Solutions Inc., in the amount of \$1,305,247.90 for the maintenance of the City of Laredo's P25 800 MHz Trunked Radio Communications System, as attached hereto. The service agreement provides annual maintenance for the infrastructure equipment, subscriber equipment, and support. Also includes two (2) Platform upgrades from 7.21 to 7.23 in year 2024 and from 7.23 to 7.25 in year 2026. Funding is available in the Information Technology Fund.

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

37. Consideration to ratify purchase order No. 351038 in the amount of \$50,873.00 with WCD Enterprises, Scottsdale, AZ due to an increase in lawn maintenance services at all the recreation centers and the inclusion of lawn maintenance at the blocks of Matamoros, Hidalgo, Houston, Victoria on IH-35 Highway. Ratification is being requested because this

vendor has exceeded the \$50,000.00 annual threshold. A formal bid is in the process and will be posted on Cit-E-Bid on June 20, 2022. Funding is available in the General Fund - Parks and Recreation Department.

POLICE: STAFF SOURCE CLAUDIO TREVINO, CHIEF OF POLICE

38.



Healthy and Safe

2022-R-110 Authorizing the Interim City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$1,086,949.50 from the Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) for the purpose of funding the FY 2023 Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Program for the period of May 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023. Funding will be used to pay for costs associated with the operational infrastructure of the TAG Center such as personnel, rent, contractual costs, information system interfaces, equipment, training, supplies and direct operating expenses. This grant does not require matching funds. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund-Texas Anti-Gang Grant.

39.



Healthy and Safe

Consideration to authorize a purchase contract with the sole source provider, Utility Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$178,200.00 for the purchase of thirty-six (36) Body Worn Video Cameras to equip sworn personnel and assists the Department's mission by promoting the safety of law enforcement officers and citizens. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund – Body Worn Camera Grant and in the General Fund – Police Department.

40.



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 \$62,301.60. This agreement is to provide internet services for the new Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Center. This will allow the LPD TAG Center to have a stand-alone connection to internet services. 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.

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

41. Consideration to renew and amend Contract FY21-065 for the supply of MC-30 Prime Oil Asphalt, for street paving projects. Contract amendment is to allow for a 25% contract amount increase to the following vendors:

Texas Materials/Gulf Coast CHR Company; San Antonio, TX - Primary vendor(Increase of \$45,000.00) : new amount total is \$225,000.00 annually,

Anderson Columbia Co., Inc. Weslaco, TX - Secondary vendor (Increase of \$45,000.00): new amount total is \$225,000.00 annually,

All materials are purchased on an as needed basis utilizing the Construction Project Budget. This increase is due to current oil prices in the industry; this is the first extension of two. Funding is available in the Public Works Department - Construction Project Budget.

42. Consideration to renew and amend Contract FY20-069 for the supply of Tack Coat Emulsified Asphalt Oil used for street paving projects. Contract amendment is to allow for a 25% contract amount increase to the following vendor:

Anderson Columbia, Weslaco, Texas as the Primary Vendor (increase of \$50,000.00): new total amount is \$250,000.00 annually.

All materials are purchased on an as needed basis utilizing the Construction Project Budget. This is the second of three (3) one (1) year extension periods, each upon mutual agreement of the parties. This increase is due to current oil prices in the industry. Funding is available in the General Fund - Public Works Budget.

43.



Dynamic and Sustainable

Consideration to award a professional services contract to Sepulveda Associates Architects, Inc. (SAA, Inc.), Laredo, Texas in the amount not to exceed \$271,620.00 for the City of Laredo Uni-Trade Stadium Enhancements to include schematic design, construction documents, bidding and negotiation, construction administration phases, and develop

a brief facilities assessments report (mainly structures and flatwork). Proposed improvements include evaluation of mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems and architectural upgrades to room finishes, ceiling tile, floor tile, furniture, lighting, and food service equipment. Exterior improvements include structural engineering services for a proposed metal frame for a TV camera platform. Funding is available in the Sports Venue Fund.

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

44. Consideration to approve amendment No. 2 to professional engineering and surveying services contract with Porras Nance Engineering of Laredo, Texas in the amount of \$459,360.00 for the relocation of utilities on US59 / Loop 20. The total contract amount with amendment No. 2 is \$1,343,610.00. Funding is available in the 2020A Water Revenue Bond and 2017 Sewer Revenue Bond. Relocation costs may qualify for TxDOT reimbursement.

45.  **Dynamic and Sustainable**

Authorizing the Interim City Manager to award a contract to Municipal Valve and Equipment of Texas in the amount of \$202,880.00 for three (3) new Crispin Tilting Disc Check Valves with Top Mounted dashpot Assembly and Limit Switch to be used at the El Pico Water Treatment Plant High Service Pump Station. Municipal Valve and Equipment is the authorized representative for Crispin valves currently used at the El Pico Water Treatment Plant and being recommended by consultant, Garver. Proposed installation meets design recommendations, engineering plans and specifications. Funding is available in the Waterworks Fund - Construction Budget.

46.  **Dynamic & Sustainable**

Authorizing the Interim City Manager to award contract to Top Site Civil Group, LLC of Laredo, Texas for the design and construction of 2.8 miles of 24-inch waterline in the amount of \$460,000.00. This project is needed to improve the flow and pressure to the south and surrounding areas, the line is a redundancy delivering water from MHOC - Booster Station. Funding is available in the 2020A Water Revenue Bond.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XIII. STAFF REPORTS

47. 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.

48. Discussion with possible action to consider the selection of possible grade separation and roadway closure locations for inclusion in a potential railroad grant application, intended to seek funding for the design and construction of improvements along the Kansas City Southern railroad line, from the Washington/Santa Isabel Avenue to the Arkansas Avenue crossing, and any other matters incident thereto.

49. Discussion with possible action on considering a special election for the funding of the Binational River Park, and any other matters incident thereto.

50. Appointment by the Interim City Manager of the 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.

51. Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1)(a) and the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.05 to consult with an attorney concerning legal issues regarding collective bargaining matters and the Collective Bargaining Negotiations between the City of Laredo, Texas and the Laredo Fire Fighters Association, Local 872.

52. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to deliberate the duties and contractual terms of the City Attorney's employment contract and any matters related thereto, and return to open session for possible action.

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

53.  **Planned and Moving**

2022-RT-14 Authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$29,392.00 to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) FY2021 Section 5310 American Rescue Plan Act Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities authorized under the new American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA, H.R. 1319) as passed by the House of Representatives on February 27, 2021 and passed by the Senate on March 10, 2021 and signed into law by President Joe Biden on March 11, 2021. Funding will be provided at a 100% federal share with no local match required and will be available for El Lift Paratransit Operating Assistance and vehicle maintenance expenses.

54.  **Planned and Moving**

2022-RT-15 Authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$29,391.00 to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) FY2021 Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities under the new Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSSA) (H.R. 133). FTA previously announced \$25 Billion in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding last April 2020. Funding will be provided at a 100% federal share with no local match required and will be available for El Lift Paratransit Service by assisting with operating assistance and vehicle maintenance expenses.

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

55. **GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. **Request by Mayor Pete Saenz**

1. Discussion with possible action on the status of Babe Ruth League's qualification compliance to secure City permit to use City Parks baseball fields, and any other matters related thereto.

B. **Request by Council Member Ruben A. Gutierrez, Jr.**

1. Status update on the City of Laredo Tennis Complex at TAMIU and its construction timeline for completion of the project along with a progress update; and any matter incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to instruct Interim City Manager to waive the pool entrance fee on July 20th at the Jovita Idar Pool for a local dance team; and any other matters incident thereto.
3. Discussion with possible action for Interim City Manager to consider during the budget workshop meetings, a cost of living increase for City employees and the review of the pay scale with a possible adjustment for inflation; and any other matters incident thereto.

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

1. Discussion with possible action to revisit and amend Ordinance 2021-O-204 pertaining to swimming pools, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pro-Tempore Vidal Rodriguez)**

D. **Request by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa**

1. Discussion with possible action to ratify the waiving of fees on June 21st for the Make the Music Day event which occurs worldwide. The parking meter fees to be waived are along:
 - Zaragoza Street between Santa Ursula Avenue and Convent Avenue;
 - Grant Street between Convent Avenue and Santa Ursula Avenue;
 - Flores Avenue between Zaragoza Street and Grant Street San

Agustin Avenue between Grant Street and Zaragoza Avenue

2. Discussion and possible action on the creation of an Inner City Housing Incentive Policy to target the redevelopment of empty buildings and undeveloped lots throughout the inner city into market rate housing. This policy incorporates the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan and provides greater incentives like forgivable loans to housing projects within targeted growth areas in the inner city. The Policy encourages historic rehabilitation, adaptive reuse, brownfield redevelopment, and market rate housing. Finally, the policy rewards good urban design and encourages mixed-use and mixed income development and redevelopment.
(Co-sponsor Council Member Vidal Rodriguez, Council Member Dr. Marte A. Martinez, Council Member Vanessa Perez)
3. Discussion with possible action on the creation of a Downtown/Inner City Economic Development Coordinator; and any other matters incident thereto.

E. Request by Council Member Rudy Gonzalez, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action to instruct the Interim City Manager to waive the pool entrance fee for July 3rd at the Independence Pool in conjunction for the Independence Day celebration and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to instruct the Interim City Manager to instruct staff to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between City of Laredo and United Independent School District to purchase the score board for the United South High School football field and any other matters incident thereto. District 1 Priority Funds will be used for this project.

F. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Vidal Rodriguez

1. Discussion with possible action to direct the Interim City Manager to initiate a safe driving campaign within the City of Laredo in an effort to promote safe driving amid a disturbing rise in traffic accidents and fatalities, and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to instruct the Interim City Manager

to authorize staff to install speed humps at the following locations, under the Special Provision of the Speed Hump Installation Policy, and to authorize the use of asphalt type speed humps, instead of speed cushions, which is currently required under the policy; and any other matters incident thereto. City Council District 2 Priority Funds will be used for this project.

- 839 Monasterio Drive

G. Request by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action on the organizational structure of the City with consideration for the establishment of departments and directors, including but not limited to the Auditor, Communications and Marketing, etc.; and any other matters incident thereto.

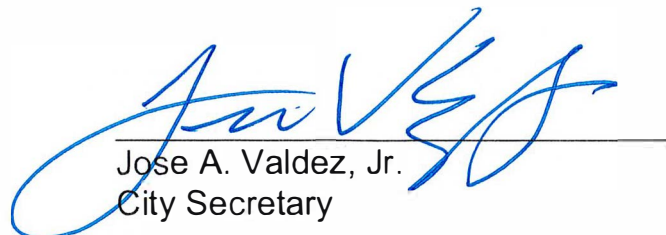
(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Dr. Marte A. Martinez, Council Member Vanessa Perez, and Council Member Ruben Gutierrez)

2. Discussion with possible action to instruct Interim City Manager to authorize staff to install speed humps at the following locations under the Special Provision of the Speed Hump Installation Policy and to authorize the use of asphalt type speed humps instead of speed cushions which is currently required under the policy and any other matters incident thereto. City Council District IV Priority Funds will be used for this project.

-199 E. Plum
-3007 Sanders
-3100 Sanders

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, June 15, 2022 at 7:35 p.m.



Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary

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