

# CITY OF LAREDO

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1110 HOUSTON STREET

LAREDO, TEXAS 78040

June 6, 2022

5:30 P.M.

## SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

### I. STAFF REPORTS

1. Discussion with possible action and presentation by the Laredo Film Society and local filmmaker Isaac Garza on the project The Son Who Can't Play the Trumpet, and any other matters incident thereto.

### II. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

#### A. Request by Mayor Pro Tempore Vidal Rodriguez

1. Discussion with possible action to create an emergency plan for water operating system and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-sponsored by Council Member Rudy Gonzalez, Jr., Council Member Ruben Gutierrez, and Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III)**

#### B. Request by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.

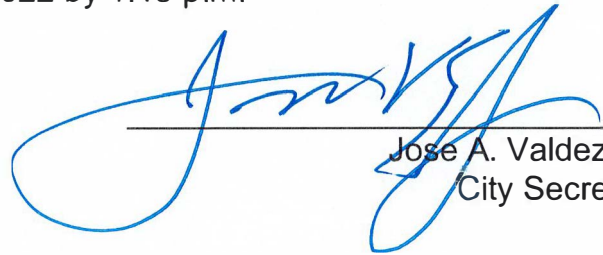
1. Discussion with possible action to recognize the Laredo Healthcare Community (doctors, nurses, hospitals, etc.) for their efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic by dedicating an area in the Health Department in their honor, and further recognizing Dr. Victor Treviño and Dr. Ricardo Cigarroa for their commitment and dedication to the Laredo community by placing portrait busts in the dedicated area; and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Ruben Gutierrez and Council Member Vanessa Perez)**

**B. Request by Council Member Vanessa Perez**

1. Discussion with possible action on helping to improve the quality of life within the City of Laredo for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their families to include: establishing an Autism and Special Needs Masterplan with the goal of building a more inclusive community where persons with disabilities are empowered and enabled to realize their potential and participate fully as integral and contributing members of society; hosting a series of town hall meetings, through the Blue Ribbon Committee, to listen to the concerns of the autism community thereby creating the framework of a proactive strategic plan; and, initiating a Coalition for Access to Autism Services, through the Health Department, to be composed of key staff, parents, caregivers, educators, and stakeholders, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr., Council Member Ruben Gutierrez, and Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa)**

**III. ADJOURNMENT**

This notice was posted at the Municipal Government Offices, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas, at a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times. Said notice was posted on June 3, 2022 by 1:15 p.m.



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Jose A. Valdez, Jr.  
City Secretary

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EMPOWER **EDUCATE** EXHIBIT

De la frontera para el mundo

June 3, 2022

Dear City of Laredo officials, staff, and public servants,

For the last decade, the work of the local arts community has reached inspiring heights in our city. From the City of Laredo comprehensive plan in 2016 to the Arts Master Plan most recently adopted, and the number of organizations that have popped up since, there is evident energy and momentum in investing in local arts and culture.

Laredo Film Society works with creatives in the film and media arts fields to share, watch and make films to inspire the next generation of border filmmakers. We are thrilled to be supporting the work of Laredo-native filmmaker Isaac Garza, a graduate of John B. Alexander High School and writer of HBO's *Pepito*, a love letter to Mexican mothers.

Isaac recently received a grant from HBO Pa'Lante and Warner Media to work on his next project, *The Son Who Can't Play Trumpet*, a family story inspired by his upbringing in Laredo. This project is part of an incubator program with HBO for up-and-coming writer/directors and it will have a first-look deal, meaning it will very likely be distributed across all HBO platforms.

While the grant has been a huge help to upstart the project, the resources he currently has allow him to film in the City of Austin only. However, we think it is only fitting that the film is shot in his beloved hometown while involving other locals in the process. On May 19, Isaac presented this idea to the Arts and Culture Commission, which gained him unanimous support, and we are now looking forward to sharing the project with you at Monday's meeting to see how we can bring this project home.

With our help, this project has the potential of impacting economic development by growing the local film industry, increasing revenue for tourism by promoting Laredo as a cultural destination, and accentuating the natural assets of our city by putting Laredo on a national spotlight. Supporting our own will not only help the arts, but it has the potential of yielding great results for our City as well.

Pa'lante,  
The LFS Team