

CITY OF LAREDO
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
A-2022-sc-02
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
January 24, 2022
1:30 P.M.

 **DISABILITY ACCESS STATEMENT** 

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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.

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- I. CALL TO ORDER**

- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- III. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

- IV. ROLL CALL**

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 1:45 p.m. and identify themselves at the microphone. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. No more than three (3) persons will be allowed to speak on any side of an issue. Should there be more than three (3) people who wish to speak on a particular issue, they need to select not more than three (3) representatives to speak for them and the presiding officer may limit the public comments further in the interest of an orderly meeting. Speakers may not pass their minutes to any other speaker. Citizens wishing to submit a written public comment must submit [here](#) or visit <https://www.cityoflaredo.com/council-agendas.html> by 1:45 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.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Public Hearing and Introduction of an Ordinance** 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.

The Redistricting Committee, voted to recommend **approval** of Redistricting Plan D Final, and Staff recommends **approval**.

VI. 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.

ENGINEERING; STAFF SOURCE RAMON E. CHAVEZ, CITY ENGINEER

2. Consideration for approval of the selection and negotiation of a contract with the top ranked consultant for Request for Qualifications (RFQ) FY22-ENG-10 Binational River Park 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 and transforming it into a unique international landmark with global reach for this hemisphere. The Binational working group recommends the selection of Overland Partners, Inc., San Antonio, TX. There is no financial impact at this time.

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

3. **2022-R-020** Authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for the 2022 Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) Texas Recreational Trails Program grant to create and renovate existing trails, as well as to provide, promote and support outdoor recreation, conservation, and environmental education to the community, and execute all relevant documents as determined by TPWD. Grant has no local match.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

VII. STAFF REPORTS

4. Presentation, discussion and possible action on 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 any matters incident thereto.

The Redistricting Committee, voted to recommend **approval** of Redistricting Plan D Final, and staff recommends **approval**.
5. Appointment by the City Council of an Acting City Manager in accordance with section 3.04 of the Laredo City Charter, with possible action.
6. Discussion with possible action on the selection of the next City Attorney and/or to include retaining separate independent counsel to assist the Mayor and City Council and/or City Management Team on reviewing and evaluating all pending operational and legal matters, and all other matters incident thereto.

VIII. 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.

GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

7. Request by Council Member Vanessa J. Perez

1. Discussion with possible action regarding the hiring of an independent, credentialed, and qualified auditor to determine whether the City of Laredo has been properly and legally procuring contracts as per the Texas Procurement Act (and/or other related local, state, and federal statutes) and to establish best practices to avoid actual or potential violations of the aforementioned acts and statutes, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-sponsored by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa)**

IX. 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 by Friday, January 21, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.



Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary

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