# CITY OF LAREDO CITY COUNCIL MEETING M2021-S-04

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### SUPPLEMENTAL MINUTES

## I. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

 Appointment by Mayor Pete Saenz of Gene Lindgren to the Port of Entry Advisory Committee. (Item to replace appointment on A-2021-R-11 agenda of Elia Guevara to the Port of Entry Advisory Committee)

Motion to approve the nomination of Gene Lindgren to the Port of Entry Advisory Committee.

Moved: Cm. Torres Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Mercurio Martinez was not present.

2. Appointment by Mayor Pete Saenz of Joe Brennan to the Para Transit Advisory Board.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Torres Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Mercurio Martinez was not present.

### II. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

## A. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Rudy Gonzalez, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action to draft a resolution to the Biden Administration to petition the specific allocation of COVID-19 vaccines from 500-million Pfizer vaccines the federal government will purchase to donate to the world, and to set Northern-Mexico, specifically Nuevo Laredo and other border communities, as a priority in an effort to expedite the re-opening of international bridges in a safe manner, and any other matters incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.,

Council Member Dr. Marte A. Martinez, and Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa)

Dr. Marte Martinez voiced his support of this item as it still protects American citizens by vaccinating frequent visitors to Laredo. At the suggestion of Cm. Mercurio Martinez, Dr. Martinez amended a motion to approve to direct staff to send this resolution not only to the Biden Administration but also to Laredo's Congressman and Senators.

Motion to approve and to direct staff to send this resolution to Laredo's Congressman and Senators in addition to the Biden Administration.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez Second: Cm. Mercurio Martinez

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

MPT Gonzalez and Cm. Torres were not present.

# B. Request by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez

1. Discussion with possible action to waive the entrance fee at Sister of Mercy Water Park on July 3, 2021 for those with special needs and their immediate family, and any other matters incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Ruben A. Gutierrez, Jr.)

Cm. Rodriguez noted that COVID-19 affected a lot of families who now want a safe place for them to leave the house this summer. He asked Council to support his motion to waive entrance fees for them to enjoy this day.

Cm. Perez asked how staff is going to determine who meets the description of an individual with special needs or their immediate family; Cm. Rodriguez responded that the citizenry would follow the honor system and know whether they meet that description or not. He confirmed that staff cannot ask them to verify but encouraged Council not to overthink the matter.

Motion to provide the use of Sisters of Mercy Water Park on July 3, 2021, only for individuals with special needs and their immediate family and waive their entrance fee.

Abstain: 0

Moved: Cm. Rodriguez

Second: Cm. Mercurio Martinez For: 7 Against: 0

MPT Gonzalez was not present.

#### III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Rodriguez Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 6 Against: 0 A
MPT Gonzalez and Cm. Torres were not present. Abstain: 0