

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
A-2022-R-09**

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CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
June 6, 2022
5:30 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Saenz called the meeting to order at 05:37 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Saenz.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Saenz called for a moment of silence for the victims of Uvalde.

IV. ROLL CALL

Motion to excuse Council Member Gonzalez.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, MPT Rodriguez.

Motion Carries.

In attendance:

Pete Saenz

Mayor

Rudy Gonzalez Jr.

District I

Not Present

Vidal Rodriguez

Mayor Pro Tempore

Mercurio "Merc" Martinez, III

District III

Alberto Torres Jr.

District IV

Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

District V

Dr. Marte Martinez

District VI

Vanessa Perez

District VII

Alyssa Cigarroa

District VIII

Jose A. Valdez Jr.
Samuel K. Selman
Rosario Cabello
Kristina L. Hale
Miazul Ria
Sophie Garcia

City Secretary
Interim City Manager
Deputy City Manager
Assistant City Manager
Assistant City Manager
Assistant City Attorney

V. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of May 16, 2022.

Motion to approve the minutes of May 16, 2022.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

Citizen Comments

Armando Lopez representing the Laredo Commission on Fine Arts spoke in favor of Item #1 on the supplemental agenda.

Motion to bring up Item #46.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, MPT Rodriguez.

Motion Carries.

Norma Cavazos spoke against a residential swimming pool that it is being rented as a commercial swimming pool without a permit. Ms. Cavazos complained that it has been causing several issues with the parking and loud music on a residential area. Ms. Cavazos requested assistance from the City to address the issue.

Ricky Villarreal, Jose Luis Maldonado, representing the Laredo Baseball and Softball Select, playing at Anna baseball league for the past 8 years and expressed his concern with the lack of help and inconsistencies that city staff is providing for the use of baseball fields to be utilized by the children on his baseball league.

Carlos Flores, Cuauhtémoc Rodriguez, and representing Los Tecolotes de Laredo spoke in favor of item #71.

Motion to bring up executive session item # 71.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

Noraida Negron Mario Canales requested a barrier on Jacaman Rd. between Barttlet and Sinatra to minimize traffic accidents in that area.

Dalton Crespín he is also known as Little Mouth and he teaches gender studies at a local higher education campus here in Laredo. He spoke on LGBTQAI+ issues.

Motion to bring up Supplemental Agenda item #C.1.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Martinez.

Motion Carries.

VI. RECOGNITION

Motion to bring up recognitions 1, 2, and 3.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

1. Recognizing Dr. Ricardo Cigarroa, MD, for his exemplary work and selfless dedication in keeping the community informed and safe throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor Saenz along with City Council Recognized Dr. Ricardo Cigarroa for his exemplary work and selfless dedication in keeping the community informed and safe throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Saenz presented the key to the city to Dr. Cigarroa.

Dr. Ricardo Cigarroa expressed his gratitude on receiving the key to the City as a recognition for his hard work. He also expressed his concern on the lack of pediatric care for the children of Laredo Texas.

Motion to bring Item # II B-1 on Supplemental Agenda.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Gutierrez, Cm. Dr. Martinez.

Motion Carries.

2. Recognizing Jaime Donjuan, a former Tennis Coach at Laredo College for being inducted into the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Hall of Fame to take place in Tyler, Texas on May 15, 2022. His recognition is a tremendous accomplishment with his 7 National Championships, solidifying his spot as one of the top coaches in NJCAA Competition. NJCAA has named Coach Donjuan as Coach of the Year more than 3 times and many of his LC tennis players were named All Americans. (Co-Sponsored Council Member Ruben Gutierrez)

Mayor Saenz along with City Council recognized Jaime DonJuan for being inducted into the National Junior College Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

Jaime Donjuan expressed his gratitude for being recognized by Mayor Saenz along with City Council.

3. Recognizing El Metro Transit bus operators for achieving 200,000 miles with zero preventable accidents, zero injuries reported, and zero unexcused absences. Out of 101 bus operators, only 3 employees were able to obtain this high honor thus entering into the 200,000-mile club. The employees are Rene Valdez with 36 years of service, Juan R. Hernandez with 29 years of service, and Mario Medellin with 29 years of service. El Metro Transit is thankful for their leadership and commitment to Transit.

Mayor Saenz along with City Council recognized El Metro Transit Bus Operations employees; Rene Valdez, Juan R. Hernandez, and Mario Medellin for their years of service and dedication. They were also recognized for achieving 200,000 miles with zero preventable accidents, zero injuries reported, and zero unexcused absences.

RJ Garza, Transit Director commended El Metro Transit staff on their achievement. Mr. Garza stated that he is extremely proud of his team.

Oscar Gomez, Community Outreach Coordinator with El Metro Transit recognized Rene Valdez with 36 years of service, Mario Medellin with 29 years of service, and Juan R. Hernandez with 29 years of service.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Invitation by Gateway City Pride Association to the Gateway City Pride Parade and Festival on Saturday, June 18, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Jorge Quijano Founder and President of the Gateway City Pride Association a local nonprofit along with members Marc Nix, Maria Mendoza and Dr. Thomas Gavages gave a presentation on the foundation and purpose of the LGBTQI+ pride events and services that are available in the community.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment by Mayor Pete Saenz of Ana Cazares to the Blue Ribbon Committee for People with Disabilities.
2. Appointment by Mayor Pete Saenz of Denise Luna to the Blue Ribbon Committee for People with Disabilities.
3. Appointment by Council Member Alberto Torres of John C. Galo to the Airport Advisory Board.
4. Appointment by Council Member Ruben Gutierrez Jr. of Joel Benavides to the Airport Advisory Board.
5. Ratifying City Manager's Appointment of the Keep Laredo Beautiful Board of Directors:
 1. Javier Alonso, Agriculturalist and Community Activist - District VII
 2. Lynne Nava, KLB Volunteer - District V
 3. Brenda L. Garcia, Ladrillito Activity Center - District VIII
 4. Graciela Villarreal, Richard Raymond Office - District I

Motion to approve appointments 1 - 5.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, MPT. Rodriguez, Cm. Torres.

Motion Carries.

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Motion to open Public Hearings 1 - 9.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Gutierrez, Cm. Dr. Martinez, Mayor Saenz.

Motion Carries.

1. **Public Hearing** allowing interested persons to comment on the 2022-2023 One-Year Action Plan which identifies the projects proposed to be funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City anticipates receiving \$3,403,999.00 in the 48th Action Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, \$1,239,355.00 through the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and \$315,100.00 through the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). An additional \$80,000.00 is anticipated to be received in Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan, \$20,000.00 through CDBG Program Income, and \$200,000.00 in HOME Program Income. The following projects are proposed to be funded:

Motion to close and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez.

Second: Cm. Gutierrez.

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Cigarroa, Mayor Saenz.

Motion Carries.

2. **Public Hearing** allowing interested persons to comment on the Section 108 Loan Application in the amount of \$4,120,000.00 which will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to request funding for the rehabilitation of an existing City owned historical building known as the Southern Hotel located downtown at the 1200 block of Matamoros St., Laredo, TX 78040, for the purpose of providing twenty-two (22) additional affordable rental housing units available for low-moderate income households.

Motion to close and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez.

Second: Cm. Martinez.

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Cigarroa, Mayor Saenz.

Motion Carries.

3. **Public Hearing** and consideration of a motion to consider the alteration of the fence of an existing historic property on Lot 9 and 10, Block 143, Western Division, located at 1519 Matamoros Street in the Saint Peter's Historic District. Historic District Landmark Board failed to establish quorum on May 12th and May 26th, 2022, therefore the item is being presented for Council consideration pursuant to Municipal Code of Ordinances Section 2-156, which states, "To the extent permitted by law, if a committee is unable to establish a quorum for a regularly scheduled meeting, the city manager may bypass the committee and place any item on the committee's agenda for that meeting on the next regularly scheduled city council meeting." (Ordinance Number 2018-0-050) Staff supports the proposed improvement.

Motion to close and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez.

Second: Cm. Martinez.

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Cigarroa, Mayor Saenz.

Motion Carries.

4. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** 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.

Motion to close and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez.

Second: Cm. Martinez.

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Cigarroa, Mayor Saenz.

Motion Carries.

- 5. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** 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.

Motion to close and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez.

Second: Cm. Martinez.

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Cigarroa, Mayor Saenz.

Motion Carries.

- 6. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** 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.

Motion to close and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez.

Second: Cm. Martinez.

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Mayor Saenz.

Motion Carries.

7. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** 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.

Motion to close and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez.

Second: Cm. Martinez.

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Mayor Saenz.

Motion Carries.

8. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 3, Block 1, DCAF Mines Road Subdivision, located at 16101 FM 1472, from a B-3 (Community Business District) to a B-4 (Highway Community District).

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

Ms. Negron read written comments from Israel Bonugli and Elizabeth Chapa. They were against the item.

Victor Espinoza, Andres Ramos Jr., spoke in favor of the zone change. They stated that it would not be a hindrance for the neighbors.

Orlando Navarro Planning and Zoning Director, stated that staff does not recommend the zone change due to issues with traffic in a residential zone.

Cm. Perez explained many of the concerns this zone change has, especially access to the property which is not allowed.

Motion to close the Public Hearing & deny.

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cigarroa.

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Mayor Saenz.

Motion Carries.

- 9. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** 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.

Motion to close and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez.

Second: Cm. Martinez.

For: 7 Against: 0

Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Mayor Saenz.

Motion Carries.

X. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

Council to Introduce.

- 10. 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. 7 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

XI. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to wave final reading and adopt items 11 – 19.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez.

Second: Cm. Gutierrez.

For: 7 Against: 0

Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Mayor Saenz.

Motion Carries.

11. **2202-0-081** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 2A, Block 16, El Eden Subdivision, Unit XIX, located at 5210 South Ejido Avenue, from B-1 (Limited Business District) and B-3 (Community Business District) to B-3 (Community Business District).
12. **2022-0-082** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 147.94 acres situated in Porcion 26, Agustin Sanchez, Original Grantee, Abstract 282 and Survey 1550 Geo K. Hall, Original Grantee, Abstract 496, Webb County, Texas, said 147.94 acres being out of a called 43,878.58 acre tract of land conveyed to Killam Ranch Properties, Limited, as recorded in Volume 540, pages 632-634, Official Public Records of Webb County, Texas, located west of Bob Bullock Loop and south of University Boulevard, from AG (Agricultural District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District).
13. **2022-0-083** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for a restaurant serving alcohol on approximately 3.54 acres situated in Porcion 25, Juan F. Garcia, Original Grantee, Abstract 50, City of Laredo, Webb County Texas. Being out of that certain 1,450 acres of land conveyed to Delfina Benavides Alexander and Josefina Alexander Gonzalez recorded in Volume 414, pages 502-506, deed records Webb County Texas, subsequently conveyed to Ema Commercial Investments, Limited Liability Company as per deed recorded in Volume 4200, pages 846-852, Webb County Official Public Records, located south of Del Mar Boulevard and west of John B Alexander Parkway, Unit 101 (8,383 square feet).
14. **2022-0-084** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for a restaurant serving alcohol on Lots 1 and 2, Block 3 Khaledi Heights Subdivision, Unit 3 and on Lot 3, Block 3, Khaledi Heights Subdivision, Unit 2, located at 3902, 3910, and 3920 East Del Mar Boulevard (respectively), suites 205-206 (4,100 square feet).
15. **2022-0-085** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by amending Ordinance 2006-0-129 which authorized a Special Use Permit for mini-storages on Lot 2, Block 2, Monaco Subdivision, located at 9416 McPherson Road in order to amend the site plan to reconfigure the storage units and parking.
16. **2022-0-086** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to accept a grant, approve a program and appropriation of funds from the Texas Department of Health & Human Services through a partnership with UT Health San Antonio School of Nursing in the amount up to \$400,000.00 for the Laredo Fire Department EMS Division to help improve the outcomes of residents

that have suffered narcotic overdose; and amend the FY21-22 Special Fire Grants budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$400,000.00.

17. **2022-0-087** Ordinance authorizing the Interim City Manager to amend the FY21-22 General Fund - Laredo Municipal Court budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$175,000.00 by appropriating excess revenues. Funds will be used to upgrade the computer network.
18. **2022-0-088** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to appropriate funds by amending the City of Laredo Health Department FY21-22 budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$33,600.00, for the vasectomy service in the Patient Care Services 6 Program, and increase revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$3,600.00, for the HIV medications, PrEP and nPep, in the LETs program for the term period of October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022.
19. **2022-0-089** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a Lease Agreement between the Laredo International Airport and D and H Oil & Gas Services, LLC for approximately 15,000 square feet constituting warehouse and office space 9 situated within a 3.0-acre tract of land located at 5508 Thomas Avenue, Laredo, Webb County, Texas situated on property described as Block No. 1, of the subdivision plat of Laredo International Airport according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 5, page 1, plat records of Webb County, Texas. Lease term is for five (5) years and may be extended for two (2) five (5) year options until June 30, 2037. Initial monthly rent shall be \$7,500.00 a month and will be adjusted annually according to changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI); and providing for an effective date.

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 20 - 63 and to exclude items; 23, 28, 61, 30. Those items will be taken up individually.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez.

Second: Cm. Gutierrez.

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Mayor Saenz.

Motion Carries.

BRIDGE: STAFF SOURCE YVETTE LIMON, BRIDGE DIRECTOR

20. Consideration to amend purchase contract (PO # 360357) to Veteran Refrigeration & A/C Services, Laredo, TX, for a change order increase of \$37,050.00 for a cumulative total amount of \$80,210.00. Repairs to Colombia Bridge Cold Storage room are needed to prevent perishable goods from spoiling. Originally, an emergency purchase order was issued to replace three (3) compressors in the cold storage room for a cost of \$49,460.00. During these repairs, vendor became aware that an additional seven (7) motors were required for the cold storage to function properly. Funding for these repairs is available in the Bridge System Fund-Refrigerated Facility Maintenance Budget.

BUDGET: STAFF SOURCE JESUS ESPARZA, III, INTERIM BUDGET DIRECTOR

21. Consideration to ratify the purchase of the upgrades/replacement to the existing Ice Plant for the Sames Auto Arena from CIMCO Refrigeration, Toronto, Ontario, in the amount of \$1,263,000.00. These improvements were initially discussed and requested by the Laredo City Council and the purchase was made utilizing the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract# 120320-CIM. Funding is available in the Sports and Community Venue Fund.
22. Consideration to ratify the purchase of the upgrades/replacement of LED Lighting system in the bowl area and control systems for the Sames Auto Arena from Musco Sports Lighting, LLC, Oskaloosa, Iowa in the amount of \$514,000.00. These improvements were initially discussed and requested by the Laredo City Council and purchase was made utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program. Funding is available in the Sports and Community Venue Fund.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: STAFF SOURCE MIRIAM CASTILLO, INTERIM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

23. 2022-R-107 Resolution authorizing the creation of the Laredo Binational River Park working group for the purposes of advising the City of Laredo and Webb County on items such as but not limited to the planning, design, project management, construction, and construction phasing for the development of flood control, water conservation, security, and amenity improvements on the Binational River Park.

Cm. Dr. Martinez expressed his concern with the direction and responsibilities each group would have with the project. Councilmember wants clear direction with this project because he fears it will sit on a shelf for many years to come.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez.

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Mayor Saenz.

Motion Carries.

ENGINEERING: STAFF SOURCE RAMON E. CHAVEZ, CITY ENGINEER

24. **2022-R-095** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into an agreement for a donation with San Isidro Southwest, Ltd., the surface only of lots one (1) and two (2), block one (1), San Isidro Southwest Detention Pond plat, a subdivision situated in the City of Laredo, as per plat recorded in Volume 39, pages 96-97, Webb County Plat Records. Detention Ponds have a total value of \$51,930.00. The properties will be used for municipal purposes. The detention ponds will be maintained by the City of Laredo after improvements in the amount of \$174,839.25 have been completed and future contribution of \$25,000.00 for the irrigation system.
25. **2022-R-096** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into a Right-of-Entry agreement between the City of Laredo and the Texas Army National Guard to provide access to begin pre-construction assessments, geotechnical and environmental studies near 26911 Pinto Valle Dr., property 1 0#276974 or GEO#900-90021-017 situated in Webb County, Texas and being the surface only of a tract of land containing 150.00 acres, more or less, situated in Porcion 2, Abstract 232, Porcion 3, Abstract 233, Webb County, Texas. This 150 acre tract particularly described on the attached Exhibit "A". The access shall be termed for twelve (12) months; providing an effective date. This is part of the US59/Loop Interchange Project.
26. Consideration for approval of change order No. 2 in the amount of \$43,829.55 to Summit Building and Design, Laredo, Texas, for the World Trade International Bridge - Federal Port of Entry Fast Lanes Relocations Project CSJ 0922-33-178. Current construction contract amount with this change order is \$7,049,861.04. We 11 27. 28. received approval from TxDOT to proceed with the change order. Construction contract time remains the same at 456 calendar days. Funding is available in the Bridge Fund-Construction Budget.
27. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Laredo and JMLG Holdings, LTD., for a 100 ft wide temporary construction easement, for the construction of Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority (WC-CL RMA) Los Presidentes Arterial Project Phase 1 . There is no financial impact at this time.
28. Consideration for approval of the selection of the top ranked consultant for the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) FY22-ENG-11 City of Laredo Municipal Water Park to be located adjacent to the proposed Sports Complex Venue; and authorization to negotiate a professional services contract. A total of five (5) firms responded to the RFQ and the top three (3) firms conducted presentations before the evaluation committee on May 10, 2022. The evaluation committee recommends the selection of Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc., Austin, Texas. There is no financial impact at this time.

Cm. Dr. Martinez asked if there was local representation with the recommended group.

City Engineer Ramon Chavez stated that Redline Architects working with Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez.

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For:7 Against: 0 Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Mayor Saenz.

Motion Carries.

FINANCE: STAFF SOURCE JOSE F. CASTILLO, ACTING FINANCE DIRECTOR

- 29. Consideration to renew contract FY16-04 7 to Thyssenkrupp (TK) Elevator Corporation, Corpus Christi, Texas in an annual amount up to \$220,000.00 for elevator and escalator maintenance services. This contract provides for monthly maintenance services on the elevators and escalators at various City locations, including but not limited to: Airport Terminal, Bridges I, III & IV, City Hall (Downtown), City Hall Annex, Police Department, Public Library, Fire Administration Building, El Mercado, Parking Division, Parks & Leisure Recreation Centers, El Pico Water Treatment Plant, Max Mandel Golf Course, and Uni-Trade Stadium. The term of this renewal contract shall be for a period of three (3) years and is subject to future appropriations. This is the contract's last extension period. Funding is available in the respective departmental budgets.

- 30. Consideration to renew contract number FY19-094 to Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld LLP, Washington, DC, to provide federal legislative and lobbying consulting services for the City of Laredo. The contract amount should not exceed \$240,000.00 annually. This is the second of a 3-year renewal period. Funding is available in the General Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez.

For:7 Against: 0 Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Mayor Saenz.

Motion Carries.

FLEET MANAGEMENT: STAFF SOURCE RONALD MILLER, FLEET DIRECTOR

31. Consideration to renew contract number FY20-052 with Lopez Transmission, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$60,000.00 to provide automatic transmission repair services for the Fleet Department. This contract establishes a discount percentage on parts and an hourly labor rate for repair services. 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. The contract may be extended for one (1) additional one (1) year period, each upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.

32. Consideration to renew annual contract FY20-058 with the following vendors:
 1. Andy's Auto Air & Supplies, Inc. (d/b/a Andy's Auto & Bus Air, Inc.), Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$70,000.00; and
 2. Rotex Truck Center, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$70,000.00;for air conditioning system repairs for medium and heavy-duty trucks, and construction equipment for the Fleet Department. The term of the contract shall be for period of one (1) year with an opportunity to renew for one (1) additional one (1) year period and is subject to future appropriations. There was no price increase during the last extension period. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.

33. Consideration to renew annual supply contract FY21-079 with Hydr Hose Services, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$55,000.00 for the fabrication of hydraulic hoses with fittings for the City's heavy equipment. 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 two (2) additional one (1) year periods, each upon mutual agreement of the parties and contingent upon future funding appropriations. There was no price increase during the last extension period. All hoses will be purchased on an as-needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.

34. Consideration to renew annual contract FY21-054 for the purchase of Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) parts/service for the City's John Deere equipment with RDO Equipment, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$200,000.00. All parts and 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 is a proposed price increase of 9% due to an increase in labor costs for this next extension period. This contract allows for two (2) additional, one (1) year extensions upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.

HEALTH: STAFF SOURCE RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, HEALTH DIRECTOR

35. **2022-R-076** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to accept the mid-year budget amendment by the Health and Human Services Commission reducing the contract amount by \$11,100.00 for a total award of \$25,900.00 for the City of Laredo Health Department Title V Prenatal Medical and Dental Programs for the term period of September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022. No grant match required.
36. **2022-R-099** Authorizing Interim City Manager to accept and enter into a renewal contract with the South Texas Development Council in the estimated amount of \$137,837.00 through the Texas Department of State Health Services to continue the City of Laredo Health Department's Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Project for the term period from September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023. No grant match required.
37. **2022-R-101** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application, Closing the Gap with Social Determinants of Health Accelerator Plans, to the Department of Health and Human Services in the estimated amount of \$125,000.00 for the City of Laredo Health Department. The term period is from September 29, 2022, through August 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.
38. **2022-R-102** Ratifying the execution of a contract amendment from the Texas Department of State Health Services in the amount of \$127,561.00 for the total amount of \$535,244.00 to continue the City of Laredo Health Department Family Support/Community Resources program. The program assists families with children with special healthcare needs for the term period of September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023. No grant match is required.
39. **2022-R-103** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Laredo Health Department and Serving Children and Adults in Need, Inc., for the purpose of integrating services that can improve client care for Texas residents that are at risk of contracting or are living with HIV/AIDS, for the term of September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022.
40. **2022-R-106** Ratifying the execution of the continuation contract, Ryan White Part C Outpatient EIS Program with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, in the amount of \$75,764.00 for the City of Laredo Health Department HIV Program. The contract is for the term period of May 1, 2022, through April 30, 2025. No grant match required.
41. Consideration for approval of the appointment of Maurice Click, M.D. to serve as the City of Laredo Health Authority under Section 121.021-121.025 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, for a two-year period after oath of office. Funding is available in the Health Fund - Administration Division.
42. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Laredo and Regional Employee Assistance Program, Inc. d/b/a Laredo Urology Associates for

vasectomy procedures in the amount of \$25,000.00 per year for the total amount of \$50,000.00 for patient care services. The agreement is for the term period of August 1, 2022, through July 31, 2024. Funding is available in the Health Department Fund and contingent upon approval of Final Reading 2022-0-088.

43. Consideration to renew contract FY20-018 to Martinez Pharmacy, Laredo, Texas for an annual amount of \$152,500.00. This contract is for pharmaceutical services for the City of Laredo Health Department. It is the second and final extension for a two (2) year term, subject to future appropriations; services will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Health Department Fund.

LIBRARY: STAFF SOURCE MARIA G. SOLIZ, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

44. **2022-R-094** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into a non-financial agreement between Workforce Solutions for South Texas (WSST) and the City of Laredo to place customized Workforce Virtual Stations (WVS) on the premises of participating City of Laredo public libraries to better address the employment and skill needs of current employees, job seekers and employers and to optimize the delivery of workforce services to populations served by the WSST Workforce Center and the Laredo public libraries.

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

45. Consideration to amend annual supply/service contract FY22-008 by 25% with the following vendors,
 - a) Ruby's Air Conditioning, Laredo, TX for an amount increase of \$25,000.00 and a new contract amount of \$125,000.00 (Primary Vendor);
 - b) Temprite Mechanical Inc., Laredo, TX for an amount increase of \$5,000.00 and a new contract amount of \$25,000.00 (Secondary Vendor);

to provide HVAC repair services for various recreation centers. This contract establishes an hourly service rate and cost percentage for parts. This contract amendment increase is due to an increase in HVAC repairs at various recreation centers. The contract may be extended for two (2), additional one (1) year periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding for the additional extensions are subject to future budget appropriations. There was no price increase during the last extension period. In case the primary vendor is unavailable, the secondary vendor will be contacted. All repair services will be purchased on an as needed basis and funding is available in the Parks Department Budget.

46. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to negotiate and enter into an agreement for a three-year contract FY22-058 with Uni-Trade Forwarding, L.C., Laredo, Texas, for the naming rights of the City of Laredo's Professional Baseball Stadium. The City of Laredo solicited formal request for proposals for the naming rights of the City's Professional Baseball

Stadium; Uni-Trade Forwarding submitted a proposal for the naming rights in compliance with RFP terms which includes a three-year, \$360,000.00 commitment. Funds will be deposited into the Sports & Community Venue Fund.

Eduardo Garza Robles expressed that it is an honor to be able to contribute in the naming of the City of Laredo Professional Baseball Stadium.

Motion to follow staff's recommendation on accepting the naming of the Uni-Traded Stadium.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Martinez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

POLICE: STAFF SOURCE CLAUDIO TREVINO, CHIEF OF POLICE

47. **2022-R-097** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to ratify the submission of a continued grant application for the FY23 grant year in the amount of \$1,198,534.00 to the Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority to fund the Laredo Auto Theft Task Force for the period of September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023. This grant pays for salaries, supplies and equipment for the LPD Auto Theft Unit. The City's local match is approximately 37%, which is available as a transfer in from General Fund. Funding is available in the Auto Theft Task Force Fund.
48. **2022-R-104** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to ratify and enter into and execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Laredo Police Department (LPD) and Serving Children and Adults in Need (SCAN) program, the Border Behavioral Health Expansion Project (BBHEP) for the purpose of establishing collaboration between LPD and SCAN's Mobile Crisis Outreach Team (MCOT) for behavioral health crisis calls with no cost to the City of Laredo.
49. **2022-R-105** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to renew a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Laredo Police Department and the Laredo Job Corps Center. The Police Department's participation is part of the community service provided to our citizens and our partner law enforcement agencies with no cost to the City of Laredo.
50. Consideration to authorize the purchase of audio visual equipment from Data Projections, San Antonio, TX., in the amount of \$64,673.86 for the purchase, delivery, setup, and installation of equipment. This includes interactive touch monitors, flat panels, microphones and speakers for program audio and camera control for conference and training rooms located in the new Texas Anti-Gang Center. The purchase will be through

the use of State of Texas, Department of Information Resources (DIR) Cooperative Purchase Contract # DIR-CPO-4468. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund-Texas Anti-Gang Center Grant.

PUBLIC WORKS: STAFF SOURCE JOHN ORFILA, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

51. Consideration to renew annual supply contract number FY21-078 with the following vendors:

1) Emperor Services LLC, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$500,000.00 for the purchase of:

- a. Gravel delivered to Public Works and Utilities Job Site - \$33.00/Cubic Yard;
- b. Gravel picked up by City Trucks - \$14.00/Cubic Yard;
- c. 3/8" Pea Gravel picked up by City Trucks - \$20.00/ton;
- d. 3/8" Pea Gravel delivered to Public Works and Utilities Job Site- \$20.00/ton;
- e. Flexible Base-Caliche delivered to Public Works and Utilities Job Site \$18.15/ Cubic Yard;
- f. Flexible Base-Caliche picked up by City Trucks - \$8.49/Cubic Yard;

2) Flecha Materials, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$70,000.00 for the purchase of:

- a. Red Top Soil Job Site Delivery - \$35.00/Cubic Yard w/\$60.00 delivery charge;
- b. Fill Dirt Job Site Delivery - \$17.00/Cubic Yard w/\$60.00 delivery charge.

This contract is for the purchase of materials required for all city paving and construction projects. 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 two (2) additional one (1) year periods, each upon mutual agreement of the parties and contingent upon future funding appropriations. Due to a price increase in fuel, there were price increases submitted by Emperor Services and Flecha Materials during the last extension period. All materials are purchased on an as needed basis and funding is available in the Public Works Department, Utilities Department, Parks & Recreation Department, and various construction project budgets through general funds.

52. Consideration to amend and ratify contract FY17-049 with Anderson Columbia, Lake City, Florida, to allow for a 25% contract amount increase of \$750,000.00. The new annual amount of contract will be for \$3,750,000.00. This and any other price changes to this contract are governed by an index made up of the composite posted prices in the Laredo area of those companies published in the daily publication of Oil Price Information Service (OPIS). This contract is for the purchase of black base and asphalt hot mix used for street paving projects; all materials are purchased on an as needed basis utilizing the construction project budgets. This is still the fourth and final extension period of this contract. Funding is available in the General Fund - Public Works Budget.

53. Consideration for approval of the Uni-Trade Stadium Emergency Repairs Project as complete, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$52,855.70 to R&A Construction,

Laredo, Texas. The final construction contract amount is \$528,557.00. Funding is available in the Sports Venue Fund.

TRAFFIC SAFETY: STAFF SOURCE ROBERT F. PENA, INTERIM TRAFFIC DIRECTOR

54. Consideration to approve a supply contract with CUBIC ITS Trafficware, Sugarland, TX, in an amount of \$100,000.00 and to further authorize future related expenditures for the purchase of traffic safety control equipment for the Traffic Safety Department. This annual contract shall utilize the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Contract Program. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. Funding for this contract is available in the General Fund - Traffic Safety Department.
55. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to renew a one (1) year lease program contract with IPS Group, Inc., San Diego, CA, for an amount of \$23,600.00, for a new contract total amount of \$76,700.00. This lease contract is for the use of nine (9) N5 mobile enforcement devices for Traffic Department, Parking Enforcement Division. This is cooperative lease agreement utilizing a National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA) Contract. This contract is contingent on continued appropriations in future fiscal years and funding for the lease purchase payments shall be available in Parking Meter Fund-Parking Enforcement Division Budget.

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

56. Consideration to renew annual service contract FY20-049 to provide electric motor repair services with the following vendors:
 1. Delta House Electric & Motor, Freer, Texas in an amount up to \$300,000.00 (Primary Vendor);
 2. RAMSA Electric, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$100,000.00 (Secondary Vendor).

These repairs are for motors with horsepower ratings from 1/8 HP to 400 HP that are used in water and wastewater operations. 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 contract can be renewed one (1) additional one (1) year extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. All services will be purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Water and Sewer Operating Funds.

57. Consideration to select and negotiate for the engineering and surveying services with the two submitted qualification statements being Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc out of Laredo, Texas and Binkley & Barfield out of Houston, Texas for the 36-inch water

transmission main. Six (6) firms submitted qualification statements and were reviewed and ranked by City staff. The project will be divided into two (2) sections and each team will be assigned to a section based on their expertise. There is no cost involved during the interview, review and selection process.

MPT. Rodriguez asked where we are with the project. Assistant City Manager Riazul Mia stated that this is the hiring of the engineer and that the contract for approval would probably be on the next agenda.

58. Consideration to award supply contract number FY22-062 to the sole bidder Core and Main, St. Louis, Missouri in an amount of up to \$602,899.70 for the purchase of mechanical joints: butterfly valves, solid sleeves, and mega lugs 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. This contract can be renewed three (3) additional one (1) year extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. These materials are purchased on an as needed basis by the Utilities Department-Water Operations for construction and repair projects. Funding is available in the Water Works Fund.

59. Consideration to amend annual supply contract number FY20-090 by 25% with the following vendors:

1. DPC Industries, Corpus Christi, Texas
2. Altivia Chemicals, Houston, Texas
3. Brenntag Southwest, Lancaster, Texas
4. Chemtrade Chemicals, Parsippany, New Jersey
5. Polydyne, Inc., Riceboro, Georgia

for an amount increase of \$625,000.00 and a new contract with a total amount of \$3,125,000.00 for the purchase of water and wastewater treatment chemicals for the Utilities Department. The term of this contract shall expire on November 2, 2022. Contract amendment is due to an increase in price, usage and to cover future expenditures. All chemicals will be purchased on as needed basis. Funding is available in the Water and Sewer Funds-Water and Wastewater Treatment Division's Operating Budgets.

60. Consideration to award annual supply contract FY22-061 to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder JMF Repair Services, Corpus Christi, TX in an amount up to \$110,000.00 for the purchase of cementitious mortar concrete. This contract is needed for the repair of sanitary sewer underground structures 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 may be extended for three (3), additional one (1) year periods, each upon mutual agreement of the parties. All material will be purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the 2017 Sewer Revenue Bond.

61. Consideration to renew annual contract FY19-064 with Rafter P. Transport, Floresville, Texas, in an amount up to \$700,000.00 to provide hauling and disposal services of approximately 5,500 cubic yards of wastewater bio-solids from the City of Laredo South Wastewater Treatment Plant to San Antonio which is the approved State of Texas TCEQ registered solids disposal facility. All 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. Due to increase in fuel costs, there is a proposed price increase for this last extension period. Funding is available in the Sewer System Fund - Wastewater Treatment Division Budget.

Cm. Dr. Martinez commented that he has an issue with spending \$700k for hauling services and we need to implement our own bio solids system here locally.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez.

Second: Cm. Gutierrez.

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Mayor Saenz.

Motion Carries.

62. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to award a three (3) year Service Contract to Environmental Improvements, Inc., from Buda, Texas in the amount of \$225,000.00 per year, for a total amount of \$675,000.00, for the preventative maintenance, calibration and equipment repairs at both the water and wastewater treatment plants. Environmental Improvement Inc. is the authorized local Manufactures' Representative for the sale, parts and maintenance of multiple treatment equipment brands used in our facilities. Any additional funding needed will be requested as needed for any upgrades or replacements caused by excessive wear and tear of equipment in the water and wastewater treatment plants. Funding available in the Waterworks and Sewer System Operations Budget.

63. Consideration to renew annual service contract FY19-059 with Nick Benavides, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$75,000.00 for landscaping and maintenance services for various wastewater treatment plants and for the water treatment plant. This contract establishes a cost per cycle rate to include, but not limited to, the collection of trash, debris, litter, and mowing trimmings. All 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 Water Works and Waste Water Departments Budget.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XIII. STAFF REPORTS

64. 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.

Motion to Table.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 7 Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez. Mayor Saenz.

Motion Carries.

65. Presentation with possible action to address all the non-paved city streets for residents that have or are paying for services; and any other matters incident thereto.

City Engineer Chavez gave a status update on the cost of improvements for the non-paved city streets.

Motion to do the assessment to figure out what the true cost would be and to reach out to the families to see if they would want to go into that type of program. To include 120 Market, 300 N. Ejido, and Zulema St. in District 5 as amended.

Moved: MPT. Rodriguez

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 7 Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Mayor Saenz.

Motion Carries.

66. Discussion with possible action for approval of the Sports Complex Logo, and any other matters incident thereto.

Keith Selman interim City Manager, gave a presentation on the Sports Complex Logo.

Motion to approve, with the little star where Laredo is located as amended.

Moved: MPT. Rodriguez

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 7
NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Mayor Saenz.

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Carries.

67. Discussion with possible action on the status by Able City of the four blocks located downtown at the end of 1-35, and any other matters incident thereto.

Motion to Table.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Mayor Saenz.

Motion Carries.

68. Discussion with possible action to enter into an Agreement with the Laredo Pony Association for sponsorship in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00 of the 2021 World Series Softball Tournament to be held from July 12, 2022 through July 17, 2022, and the World Series Baseball Tournament to be held from July 28, 2022 through August 1, 2022. It is anticipated that over 100 teams will participate from throughout the United States and Mexico and between 25,000 to 30,000 team members and visitors will be in our city for these tournaments. The Laredo hotels are expected to be at capacity and hotels in Cotulla and Zapata have been contracted to handle the overflow. This tournament will produce an economic benefit for our local restaurants, hotels, entertainment venues and retail businesses.

Richard Rosas representing Laredo Pony League asked for support in regards to the Softball and Baseball World Series.

Joel Vasquez with the Convention and Visitors Bureau stated that the monies budgeted was the same amount as prior years.

Cm. Torres asked what additional amount of money was needed. Mr. Rosas stated that \$16k would cover the rooms for the softball.

MPT. Rodriguez asked management to bring back another item to show the economic impact and what is your recommendation.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Mayor Saenz.

Motion Carries.

69. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to donate six (6) vehicles to the municipality of Colombia, Nuevo Leon, under the agreement between the City of Laredo and the State of Nuevo Leon, Mexico. (2014 Chevrolet Caprice Unit # 011 46, 2010 Ford Crown Victoria Unit # 1264, 2010 Ford Crown Victoria Unit # 1284, 2010 Ford Crown Victoria Unit # 1267, 2010 Ford Crown Victoria Unit # 1243, 2010 Ford Crown Victoria Unit # 1262, 2010 Ford Crown Victoria Unit # 1244). The City of Laredo donates these vehicles as is and does not assume any liability associated with its use after it has been transferred. The vehicles have been fully depreciated and have a book value of zero (0). They were originally purchased with funds from the Police Trust Fund. Donation is contingent upon approval from the Department of Justice.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Torres
Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Mayor Saenz.

Motion Carries.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into Executive Session for items 70 and 71, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (1)(a) to consult with an attorney on pending/contemplated litigation for the 60-Day Safe Drinking Water Act Notice of Intent to Sue Under 42 U.S.C. §300j-8(b)(1)(a), and pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (2) to consult with an attorney regarding negotiation of extension and/or possible amendment of 2L4L Lease Agreement for Uni-trade Baseball Stadium return to open session for possible action. To include the City Manager and anyone else deemed necessary.

Moved: Cm. Torres
Second: Cm. Gutierrez
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
NP: Cm. Gonzalez, MPT Rodriguez.

Motion Carries.

70. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (1)(a) to consult with an attorney on pending/contemplated litigation for the 60-Day Safe Drinking Water Act Notice of Intent to Sue Under 42 U.S.C. §300j-8(b)(1)(a), and return to open session for possible action.

No action was taken, proceed as discussed.

71. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (2) to consult with an attorney regarding negotiation of extension and/or possible amendment of 2L4L Lease Agreement for Uni-trade Baseball Stadium.

No action was taken, proceed as discussed.

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

Motion to recess as the Laredo City Council and convene as the Laredo Mass Transit Board.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Mayor Saenz.

Motion Carries.

72. **2022-RT-13** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a Bus Replacement Grant Proposal in the amount of \$8,761,630.00 to the U.S. Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2022, Section 5339(c) Low or No Emission Program and Section 5339(b) Bus and Bus Facilities Competitive Program for fourteen (14) Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Transit buses and replacing the existing fourteen (14) diesel buses which will complete the City of Laredo commitment to provide a Near-Zero safe, sustainable Transit fleet for the community. The required 15% local match will be funded from the Transit Sales Tax Fund in the amount of \$1,334,244.50.

MPT. Rodriguez asked if the city was going to go to smaller buses if not why? El Metro General Manager R.J. Garza stated that they still need the larger buses at this time.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Torres, Mayor Saenz.

Motion Carries.

Motion to adjourn as the Laredo Mass Transit Board and reconvene as the Laredo City Council.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Torres, Mayor Saenz.

Motion Carries.

73. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Request by Mayor Pete Saenz

1. Discussion with possible action on status of Laredo Police Department active shooter preparedness, and any other matters incident thereto.

Claudio Treviño Chief of Police, gave a status update regarding the Laredo Police Department active shooter preparedness.

Cm. Gutierrez expressed his concern with the way that department policies can interfere in the matter between a life and death situation, where supervisors hinder officers from responding rapidly in a shooting. Cm. Gutierrez stated that he does not want to see it happening in our schools nor in our city.

Motion to ensure that the Laredo's Police Department SWAT team is training currently on and active shooter situations.

Cm. Dr. Martinez withdrew his motion.

No action was taken.

2. Discussion with possible action on the status of retaining a medical-health consultant to address the underserved medical and health needs of our community, and any other matters incident thereto.

Mayor Saenz expressed his concern with the lack of medical services in the community.

Noraida Negron read Dr. Tyler King written comment speaking against Item 73 A 2.

Elmo Lopez, Roly Ortiz, and Gene Lindgren spoke in favor of item #73 A.2. They recommend approval and funding support to address the underserved medical and health needs of our community

Cm. Torres stated that Council has to be prudent and responsible when it comes to allocating funds during budget time for the Health Department.

Cm. Dr. Martinez stated that a plan needs to be developed moving forward.

Motion to have management find the funding for this item.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

B. Request by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.

1. 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.

- 201 E. Plum Street

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Martinez

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Torres, Mayor Saenz.

Motion Carries.

C. Request by Council Member Dr. Marte A. Martinez

1. Discussion with possible action on the creation of a Sports Management and Sport Tourism Department to address the City of Laredo's growing demands associated with its sports recreation programs to be tasked with responsibilities that include: hosting regional and national tournaments and championship sports events; programing, scheduling, and general oversight of the City's sports fields, golf course, and baseball stadium; managing

the Buenavista Sports Complex and Water Park; and working in tandem with the Convention and Visitor's Bureau to promote Laredo as the leading destination for amateur sports; and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III)**

Cm. Dr. Martinez expressed his concerns with managing fields and implementing sports tourism program.

City Manager Selman stated that currently out for an RFQ for the sports complex that would include marketing as part of the contract.

Cm. Perez felt that having operations also do the marketing might not be such a good idea.

Motion to start addressing the issue and bring back a plan of action in the next two weeks to a month. To include the best practices for how to implement a Sports Tourism Department.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Martinez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Torres, Mayor Saenz.

Motion Carries.

2. Discussion with possible action on the creation of an Arts & Culture Division under the direction of the Convention and Visitors Bureau Department to be responsible for implementing all policies, best practices, and program administration responsibilities detailed in the Laredo Public Art Master Plan, adopted by the City Council on January 18, 2022, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III)**

Cm. Dr. Martinez explained his desire to have position funded during budget time that focuses on how to show case the arts and our culture in Laredo.

City Manager Selman asked if he could be given the opportunity to see where the best place would be to place this.

MPT. Rodriguez asked if for the next council meeting could you guys bring back what Convention And Visitors Bureau is doing. Mr. Selman stated that they would have a presentation of what they are doing are now.

Cm. Perez mentioned that she would like to explore the possibility of creating a marketing department for the city.

Motion to approve and bring back during the Budget.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Martinez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Torres, Mayor Saenz.

Motion Carries.

3. Discussion with possible action on the construction of a Shiloh Hike and Bike Trail System and to initiate community engagement for development of the project, and any other matters incident thereto.

Park and Rec. Director J.J. Gomez gave a brief presentation and stated that they received a grant for the trails from the Department of Parks and Wildlife. He mentioned that the grant would not reimburse any monies until June of 2023.

Cm. Dr. Martinez wanted to work on and create trails not in the grant location. He commented that the people could not wait until 2023 to get started.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Torres, Mayor Saenz.

Motion Carries.

XVII.ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 10:43 p.m.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Perez

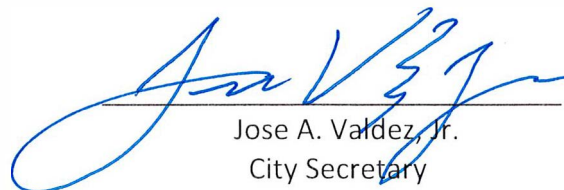
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Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Torres, Mayor Saenz.

Motion Carries.



Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary