

**CITY OF LAREDO  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
M2023-R-06  
LIVE WEB LINK: <http://laredotx.swagit.com/live>  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1110 HOUSTON STREET  
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040  
Monday, April 17, 2023 5:30 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Dr. Treviño called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Dr. Treviño requested that everyone join him in the pledge of allegiance.

**III. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Dr. Treviño requested that everyone join him in the moment of silence.

**IV. ROLL CALL**

**In attendance:**

Dr. Victor D. Treviño	Mayor	
Gilbert Gonzalez	District I	
Daisy Campos Rodriguez	District II	
Melissa Cigarroa	District III	Arrived: 5:37 p.m.
Alberto Torres Jr.	District IV	
Ruben Gutierrez Jr.	District V	
Dr. David Tyler King	District VI	
Vanessa Perez	Mayor Pro Tempore	
Alyssa Cigarroa	District VIII	Arrived: 5:43 p.m.
Jose A. Valdez Jr.	City Secretary	
Rosario Cabello	Deputy City Manager	
Joseph Neeb	City Manager	
Riazul Mia	Assistant City Manager	
Steve E. Landin	Assistant City Manager	
Doanh "Zone" T.	Nguyen City Attorney	

## V. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of April 3, 2023.

### **Motion to approve.**

Moved: Cm. Gutierrez

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. M. Cigarroa, Cm. A. Cigarroa

### **Motion passes.**

### **Citizen comments**

## VI. RECOGNITION

### **Motion to bring up recognition from the Supplemental Agenda along with the recognitions from the regular Agenda.**

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. M. Cigarroa, Cm. A. Cigarroa

### **Motion passes.**

1. Recognizing El Metro Transit for winning the Outstanding Urban Transit System Award from the Texas Transit Association.

Mayor Treviño along with the members of City Council recognized El Metro Transit for winning the Outstanding Urban Transit System Award from the Texas Transit Association.

RJ Garza expressed his gratitude on receiving the recognition.

2. Recognizing Assistant City Manager Riazul Mia for his 27 years of service to the City of Laredo and congratulating him on his retirement.

Mayor Treviño along with the members of City Council recognized Assistant City Manager Riazul Mia for his 27 years of service to the City of Laredo and congratulating him on his retirement.

Deputy City Manager Rosario Cabello delivered a speech on the tremendous job that Mr. Ria performed as an employee. Ms. Cabello thanked Mr. Ria for his leadership, and mentioned that it was a privilege to work under him.

Riazul Mia

## VII. COMMUNICATIONS

## VIII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

### Motion to approve appointments 1-4.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np:

### Motion passes.

1. Appointment by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino of Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez to the Public Safety Advisory Committee.
2. Appointment by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino of Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino to the Firefighter's Retirement System Board of Trustees.
3. Appointment by Council Member Melissa Cigarroa of Mayra Hernandez to the Economic Development Advisory Committee.
4. Appointment by Council Member Dr. Tyler King of Luis Gutierrez to the Max A. Mandel Municipal Golf Course Advisory Committee.

## IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

### Motion to open Public Hearings 1-8.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np:

### Motion passes.

1. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 25.039 acres, situated in Porcion 14, Abstract 56, Jose Guajardo, Original Grantee, within the City Limits of Laredo and Webb County, Texas, out and part of the N.D. Hachar Ranch, recorded in Volume 303, page 164, Webb County Deed Records, located south of Beltway Parkway and west of Interstate 35, from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

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

**Motion to table.**

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Campos Rodriguez, Cm. Torres.

**Motion passes.**

2. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** 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 Lot 2, Block 9, Crown Ridge Subdivision, Phase I, located at 414 Shiloh Drive, Unit 7 (1,071 square feet).

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends **approval** of the proposed Special Use Permit and staff **does not support** the application.

**Motion to close and introduce.**

Moved: Cm. King

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Campos Rodriguez, Cm. Torres.

**Motion passes.**

3. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance 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 Lot 2, Block 9, Crown Ridge Subdivision, Phase I, located at 414 Shiloh Drive, Unit 7 (1,071 square feet). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the proposed Special Use Permit and staff does not support the application. ZC-033-2023 District VI Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 1.82 acres out of 20.182 acres, designated as Tract II, conveyed to Martinez Land Development, Limited Liability Company, recorded in Volume 5042, pages 272-277, Webb County Official Public Records; situated in Porcion 31, Jose Trevino, Original Grantee, Abstract 3116, Webb County, Texas, located north of State Highway 359 and west of Delphina Avenue, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District).

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

**Motion to close and introduce.**

Moved: Cm. M. Cigarroa

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Campos Rodriguez, Cm. Torres.

**Motion passes.**

4. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 1.82 acres out of that called 48.794 acres, designated as Tract I, recorded in Volume 5042, pages 272-277, Webb County Official Public Records, and partially out of a called 25.00 acres, conveyed to Martinez Land Development Limited Liability Company, recorded in Volume 5100, pages 867-870, Webb County Official Public Records; situated in Porcion 31, Jose Trevino, Original Grantee, Abstract 3116, Webb County, Texas, located north of 359 and west of Delphina Avenue, from B-4 (Highway Commercial District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District).

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

**Motion to close and introduce.**

Moved: Cm. M. Cigarroa

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Campos Rodriguez, Cm. Torres.

**Motion passes.**

5. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 1.56 acre tract (67,745 square feet) of land, situated in Porcion 38, Abstract 472, Tadeo Sanchez Original Grantee, Porcion 21, Abstract 49, Leonardo Garcia Original Grantee, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas. Being out of a 355.725 acre tract owned by Cielito Lindo Limited as recorded in Volume 650, pages 703-706 of the Webb County Deed Records, Texas, located south of Cielito Lindo Boulevard and west of Cuatro Vientos Road, from R-1A (Single Family Residential Reduced District) to B-3 (Community Business District).

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

**Motion to close and introduce.**

Moved: Cm. Gutierrez

Second: Cm. King

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Campos Rodriguez, Cm. Torres.

**Motion passes.**

6. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for a Plant Nursery (Retail Sales and Outside Storage) on the east 1/2 of Lot 3 and west 1/2 of Lot 4, Block 122, Western Division, located at 1812 Houston Street.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **approval** of the proposed conditional use permit with an amendment to comment number 5, to reduce the required height of the opaque fence or wall from 7 feet to 5 feet, and staff **supports** the application.

(\*Note: The Laredo Land Development Code Section 24.79.1, Fencing and Screening Between Zoning Districts Required, states, "All non-residential uses which abut or adjoin any residential property or zoning district...shall provide an opaque fence or wall of not less than seven feet in height along all side or rear property lines which abut or adjoin such property".)

**Motion to close and introduce.**

Moved: Cm. A. Cigarroa

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Campos Rodriguez, Cm. Torres.

**Motion passes.**

7. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending the Laredo International Airport Operating Fund FY 22-23 annual budget by drawing down \$7,546,000.00 from the fund balance. Funding will be partially reimbursed by the Federal Aviation Administration through entitlement grants for Fiscal Years 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026. Providing a severability clause; providing for publication; and providing an effective date.

**Motion to close and introduce.**

Moved: Cm. Gutierrez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Campos Rodriguez, Cm. Torres.

**Motion passes.**

8. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter a contract with the Department of Health and Human Services, amending the FY23-24 Health Department budget by appropriating and increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$600,000.00 with no match, and amending the FY23-24 Full-Time

Equivalent Position Listing by creating one Epidemiologist Supervisor, 211 position, one Epidemiologist, 210 position, one Application Analyst II, 209 position, Health Equity Analyst, 208 position, and one Public Health Technician, 206 position, for the City of Laredo Health Department for the term period from April 1, 2023, through December, 31, 2024.

**Motion to close and introduce.**

Moved: Cm. Gutierrez

Second: Cm. M. Cigarroa

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Campos Rodriguez, Cm. Torres.

**Motion passes.**

**X. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES**

**City Council to introduce.**

9. Authorizing the City Manager to grant a non-exclusive franchise to Big Dog Waste Management to use present and future streets, avenues, alleys, roads, highways, sidewalks, easements and other public right-of-way 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 an effective date.

**XI. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

**Motion to approve final reading of Ordinances 10-12.**

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Campos Rodriguez, Cm. Torres.

**Motion passes.**

10. **2023-0-070** Amending Ordinance No. 2012-0-135; Amending Section 1, "Definitions"; adding and clarifying definitions pertinent to the article; Amending Section 2, "Landing Fees"; to allow for landing fees to be calculated based off of the maximum certified gross weight process; Clarifying exemptions and non-exemptions from landing fees; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing for a severability clause; providing for publication; and providing for an effective date.
11. **2023-0-071** Amending the City of Laredo Municipal Housing Fund FY 2022-2023 Annual Budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$21,500.00 for the

operation and maintenance of the San Enrique Duplexes, an elderly affordable rental housing project located at 302 San Enrique Avenue and establishing the rental rates and tenant policies; providing for rents to be in compliance and charged at HOME program rent limits; occupancy to be limited to elderly individuals/households as defined by HUD, with incomes at or below 60% of the area median income, as set annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and leasing the units on a first-come, first-serve basis.

12. **2023-0-072** Authorizing the City Manager to execute a restated master lease agreement between the City of Laredo, as Lessor, and 2310 Saunders LLC, as Lessee for a 14.5 acre tract of airport property, legally described as the south part of Block 1, Laredo Airport Subdivision, as recorded in Volume 5, page 1, of the plat records of Webb County, Texas. Lease term shall be for forty-five years. Primary rent shall be \$81,000.00 per annum paid in equal monthly installments of \$6,750.00 each month and subject to the CPI Adjustment every three years during the term of this lease, beginning in the 2026 ad valorem tax year. Net percentage rent, which is calculated on the basis of a percentage of the gross sales of lessee's sublessees and is in addition to any base or minimum rentals paid to by such sublease; and providing for an effective date.

## **XII. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 13-37, with the exception of item 14.**

Moved: Cm. Gutierrez

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Campos Rodriguez, Cm. Torres.

**Motion passes.**

### **AIRPORT: STAFF SOURCE GILBERTO SANCHEZ, AIRPORT DIRECTOR**

13. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one 2023 Toyota Highlander in the amount of \$37,375.00 and four 2023 Ford F-150 in the amount of \$122,760.00, total amount of contract is \$160,135.00 from Silsbee Toyota, Silsbee, Texas through the Goodbuy Cooperative Purchasing Program's contract pricing. This purchase will replace five vehicle units that have all reached their useful life. The vehicle will be assigned to the Laredo International Airport and will be used by Airport Administration, Building Maintenance, and Grounds. Funding is available in the Airport Operations Fund.

### **BUDGET: STAFF SOURCE JESUS ESPARZA, 111, BUDGET DIRECTOR**

14. Consideration to authorize a purchase of additional staging for the amount of \$60,610.50 from StageRight under Buyboard 667-22. This purchase is to add additional staging including ADA ramp package, guardrails and storage carts and necessary supplies. This



additional staging is essential to satisfy the needs of concerts, graduations, and other events, occurring at Sames Auto Arena. Funding is available in the Sports and Community Venue Fund.

**Motion to approve.**

Moved: Cm. M. Cigarroa

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Torres.

**Motion passes.**

**CITY MANAGER'S:** STAFF SOURCE JOSEPH W. NEEB, CITY MANAGER

15. **2023-R-095** Ratifying the City of Laredo's participation in the South Texas Development Council; authorizing the payment of \$54,400.20 for the City's Membership Assessment for the period covering October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2023; and confirming the appointment of representatives from the City of Laredo to serve on the Board of Directors of the South Texas Development Council. Funding is available in the General Fund.

**CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU:** STAFF SOURCE AILEEN RAMOS, CVB DIRECTOR

16. Authorizing the City Manager to rescind the donation of one ambulance (unit 233) to San Mateo Atenco, Estado de Mexico, and donate the unit to Jalpan de Serra, Queretaro. The vehicle will be used for emergency related purposes. The City of Laredo donates the vehicles as is and does not assume any liability associated with the use after it has been transferred. The unit was purchased with 2007 Certificate of Obligation Bond proceeds and has a book value of zero.

**DETOX:** STAFF SOURCE RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN, INTERIM DIRECTOR

17. Consideration to purchase IT infrastructure-cabling from Insight in the total amount of \$97,240.00 for the City of Laredo ROOTS Recovery Center (Detox Center). Funding is available through SAMHSA Funds.

**ENGINEERING:** STAFF SOURCE RAMON E. CHAVEZ, CITY ENGINEER

18. Consideration for approval to award a construction contract to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder Leyendecker Construction of Texas, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$17,134,160.00 which includes Bid Schedules 1 through 6 for the FY23-ENG-05 Laredo International Airport Terminal Improvements Project consisting of the replacement of two 15'-0" vertical rise escalators, construction of new restrooms, storage, ancillary programmed spaces, 90 linear feet of screen wall, a new generator, and the reroofing of approximately 65,000 square feet of the existing terminal with a construction contract time

of 665 calendar days; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related contract documents contingent upon receipt and approval of insurance and bond documents. After a notice to proceed is issued, the estimated completion date for the project is scheduled for June 2025. Funding is available in the Airport Construction Fund: FAA AIP Grant No. 102 (FAA 90% - LRD-10%), FAA ATP Grant 103 (FAA 95% - LRD 5%), and Airport Operation Funds.

A total of two (2) bids were received at the City Secretary's Office at 4:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, and publicly opened, read, and taken under advisement on Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 10:00 A.M.

See attached letter of recommendation from RS&H, Inc.

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

19. Consideration to award a five-year professional service contract to Hilltop Securities Asset Management, LLC to perform arbitrage rebate compliance services for all the City's tax-exempt bond issues. The fees are \$1,440.00 per computation per year. Average annual payment to Hilltop Securities Asset Management LLC is \$54,700.00. Proposed contact fee is the same as in the previous contract. Funding for the contract will be derived from interest earnings of each of the respective bond issues.
20. Consideration to authorize purchases from Amazon Business, Seattle, Washington for an annual amount of up to \$150,000.00. Amazon Business purchases are due to year-round, as needed, cumulative city-wide purchases; these purchases include urgent operational goods and allow for future unforeseen, emergency expenditures. Amazon purchases are done utilizing Omnia Partners Cooperative Program Contract MA3457 and Choice Partners Cooperative contract no. 22/045KN-01. Funding is available in the respective operational budgets.

**FIRE:** STAFF SOURCE GUILLERMO HEARD, FIRE CHIEF

21. **2023-R-079** Authorizing the ratification of the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for \$114,168.80 for the Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program. If awarded, this grant will provide funding for the purchase of 2,000 smoke detectors for the Smoke Detector Distribution Campaign for a one-year grant period. The City of Laredo shall agree to the cost share requirement in an amount equal to no less than 5% of the grant award. The grant will be accounted for in the Special Fire Grants Fund.
22. **2023-R-092** Authorizing the ratification of the City Manager to submit a grant application for \$49,177.26 to Firehouse Subs for the Public Safety Foundation Grant Program. This grant will fund the one-time purchase of 18 Lifepak 100 AED defibrillators if awarded. There is no cost-sharing/match requirement for the FY 22-23 Firehouse Subs Public Safety Grant. The grant will be accounted for in the Special Fire Grants Fund.

**FLEET MANAGEMENT:** STAFF SOURCE RONALD MILLER, FLEET DIRECTOR

23. Consideration to renew annual parts/service contract FY22-048 with Laredo Mechanical Industrial Services, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$220,000.00 for the purchase of Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) generator parts and services for the City's stationary and portable generators. Loftin Equipment, Universal City, Texas, has decided not to renew their portion of this contract. There was no price increase during the last extension period. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This contract may be extended for two additional one year periods upon mutual agreement. All services will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Fund.

24. Consideration to award contract FY23-040 for the purchase of OEM Parts for small and medium vehicles for the City's Fleet Department to the following bidders:

Section I: Rush Truck Center, Laredo, TX in an amount up to \$450,000.00,(Primary Vendor); Doggett Freightliner, Laredo, TX in an amount up to \$250,000.00, (Secondary Vendor);

Section II: Doggett Freightliner, Laredo, TX in an amount up to \$300,000.00 (Primary Vendor); Rush Truck Center, Laredo TX

Section III: Rotex Truck Center, Laredo, TX in an amount up to \$500,000.00 (Primary Vendor); Andy's Auto & Bus Air, Laredo, TX in an amount up to \$75,000.00 (Secondary Vendor A/C Parts Only); Rush Truck Center, Laredo, TX in an amount up to \$200,000.00 (Secondary Vendor Parts Only);

Section IV: Rush Truck Center, Laredo, TX in an amount up to \$85,000.00 (Primary Vendor);

Doggett Freightliner, Laredo, TX in an amount up to \$70,000.00 (Secondary Vendor);

Section V: Rush Truck Center, Laredo, TX in amount up to \$150,000.00 (Primary Vendor);

Doggett Freightliner, Laredo, TX in amount up to \$100,000.00 (Secondary Vendor).

This contract provides the Fleet Department with the ability to purchase OEM parts for small and medium vehicle repairs. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one year beginning as of the date of its execution. This contract may be extended three additional, one year periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. All parts and services will be secured on an as-needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.

**HEALTH:** STAFF SOURCE DR. RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, HEALTH DIRECTOR

25. **2023-R-088** Authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a contract with Ryan White Part C Outpatient EIS Program from the Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of \$303,056.00 per year for a total of \$606,112.00 with no match for the City of Laredo Health ,Department HIV Program for the term period May 01, 2023, through April 30, 2025.
26. **2023-R-091** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for Enhancing partnerships to address birth defects, infant disorders, and related conditions, and the health of pregnant and postpartum people in the estimated amount of \$400,000.00 per year for a total of \$2,000,000.00 with no match for the City of Laredo Health Department for the term period from September 30, 2023, to September 29, 2028, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant.
27. **2023-R-094** Ratifying the submission of a grant application to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for Pregnant People-Infant Linked Longitudinal Surveillance in the estimated amount of \$500,000.00 per year for a total of \$2,000,000.00 with no match for the City of Laredo Health Department for the term period from August 31, 2023, to August 30, 2027, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant.

**HUMAN RESOURCES:** STAFF SOURCE LINDA TENIENTE, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

28. Consideration to award contract FY23-24 for the following Voluntary Products:

- 1) Group Life/AD&D

- a. Basic Life - Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas
- b. Supplemental Life - Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas

- 2) Group Vision

- a. Vision - Aflac Group Insurance

- 3) Personal Insurance

- a. Long Term Disability -Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas
- b. Short Term Disability -Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas
- c. Accident - Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Company
- d. Cancer - Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Company
- e. Critical Illness - Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Company
- f. Legal ID Theft - LegalShield
- g. Medical Evacuation - AirMedCare Network

The City of Laredo intends to award a three-year initial contract from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2026, with the City of Laredo retaining the right to renew for up to two additional one-year renewal periods. Funding is available in the Health & Benefits Fund.

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

29. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to permit overnight camping at Jovita Idar Park from April 21 to April 22, 2023, for the 3rd Annual Family Night Under the Stars event, pursuant to Section 21-272a(2)&(3) of the City Code of Ordinances and waiving the public swimming pool fees under Section 23-3 (a)1 for April 21, 2023, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

**POLICE:** STAFF SOURCE STEVE E. LANDIN, ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE

30. **2023-R-093** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application for the FY 23-24 grant year in the amount of \$1,834,514.00 to the Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority to fund the Laredo Auto Theft Task Force for the period of September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024. This grant pays for salaries, supplies and equipment for the LPD Auto Theft Unit. The City's local match is approximately 27%, which is available as a transfer in from General Fund. Funding is available in the Auto Theft Task Force Fund.

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

31. Consideration to renew contract FY21-048 for the purchase of general electrical supplies with the following vendors:
1. 3-G Electrical Supply, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$300,000.00 (Primary Vendor) and;
  2. Consolidated Electric Distribution, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$150,000.00 (Secondary Vendor).

This contract establishes discount percentage pricing for those electrical supplies most commonly utilized by city departments. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one year beginning as of the date of its execution and subject to future appropriations. There was no price increase during the last extension period. The contract may be extended for two, additional one year periods each upon mutual agreement of the parties. All items will be purchased on an as needed basis and funding will be secured from the respective user departmental budgets.

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

32. Consideration to authorize the purchase of vehicle detection cameras and related traffic hardware from Iteris Inc., Santa Ana, California, in the amount up to \$169,050.00 and to further authorize future related traffic project expenditures for an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 through the Buy Board Cooperative Purchasing Program's contract pricing in a total amount of \$469,050.00. This purchase is for vehicle detection, monitors, cameras, and related traffic control accessories needed for the completion of various city traffic projects. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one year beginning as of the date of its execution and is subject to future appropriations. Funding for these projects is available in 2021A Certificate of Obligations Fund.

33. Authorizing the City Manager to enter and execute a Lease Program Contract with IPS GROUP, INC., San Diego, California, for the use of six XF-1 citation writer mobile enforcement devices and citation export fees. This is cooperative lease agreement utilizing a National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance Contract. The IPS lease agreement shall be for a thirty-six-month period with an estimated lease contract total of \$78,660.00. This contract is contingent on continued appropriations in future fiscal years and funding for the lease purchase payments shall be available in the Parking Enforcement Budget.

**UTILITIES:** STAFF SOURCE ARTURO GARCIA, P.E., UTILITIES DIRECTOR

34. Authorizing City Manager to issue a purchase order to Zone Industries (BuyBoard Contract #672-22) in the amount of \$380,550.00 for the replacement of four pumps and upgrades required for the Hachar Booster Station. The existing pumps have reached their useful life and need to be replaced. Funding is available in the 2020A Water Revenue Bond.
35. Authorizing City Manager to issue Amendment No. 4 to Plummer Associates, Inc., Austin, TX. in the amount of \$33,515.00 for professional engineering fees for the permit renewal of the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System for Unitec Wastewater Treatment Plant, with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The revised contract total with this amendment is \$227,895.00. Funding is available in the Sewer Construction Fund.
36. Authorizing the City Manager to utilize the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative contract #032119-jdc for the purchase of one John Deere Mini-Excavator in the amount of \$62,795.59, to RDO Equipment Company. Funding is available in the 2022 Sewer Revenue Bond.
37. Authorizing the City Manager to approve Change Order No. 1, a credit in the amount of (\$8,100.00), accept the project as complete from Southern Trench less Solutions, Inc and approve final payment of \$111,673.77 for the 16-inch water line along the south side of the SH 359 Booster Station. With this change order, the total contract amount is \$288,625.25 and a total of 75 working days. Funding is available in the 2019 Water Revenue Bond, using Buyboard Proposal Code. 635-21.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**XIII. STAFF REPORTS**

38. 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 approve.**

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Torres.

**Motion passes.**

39. Status report with possible action by the Utilities Department on the water, including but not limited to quality, infrastructure, level status, improvements, and any other matters incident thereto.

**No action was taken.**

40. Presentation and discussion with possible action on proposed ordinance for the use of Promotional Funds.

**Motion to bring back at strategic.**

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Torres.

**Motion passes.**

41. Status report with possible action by the Office of Emergency Management on the City of Laredo response during the COVID migrant crisis.
42. Presentation by the City Manager on ongoing activities.

**XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

43. **2023-RT-04** Authorizing the Laredo Mass Transit Board to approve the fourth version of the Texas Department of Transportation sponsored Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan and establishing Safety Performance Targets for the Laredo Transit Management Inc., El Metro Transit.
44. Consideration to authorize the purchase of two 2G23 Ford F-150 Crew Cabs trucks from Silsbee Ford, of Silsbee, Texas, in the amount of \$83,935.00. The purchase of these vehicles shall be made possible by utilizing the TIPS USA 210907 Vehicles Automobiles Purchasing Program. The new units will be replacing two 2004 Ford F-150 pickup trucks that have exceeded their useful life expectancy and are no longer in service. Funding is available in the Transit Sales Tax Fund.

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

**45. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Request by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino**

1. Discussion with possible action, inviting Midwest Sterilization Corporation to speak before City Council on a status update of their current Ethylene Oxide emissions, and any matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action on establishing an updated marketing and/or branding plan for the City of Laredo that is reflective of its current economic, historical and cultural importance, and any matters related thereto.

**B. Request by Council Member Melissa R. Cigarroa**

1. Consistent with the City of Laredo Charter discussion with possible action to convene and start the process to appoint new members to the City of Laredo Charter Revision Committee in order to review and recommend any appropriate changes to City Charter, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa)**

**Motion to approve.**

Moved: Cm. M. Cigarroa

Second: Cm. A. Cigarroa

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np:

**Motion passes.**

**C. Request by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.**

1. Discussion with possible action to create a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), or amend third party funding agreements with local food banks to establish a pantry for food distribution at the Margarito Benavides Recreation Center; and any other matters incident thereto.

**Motion to approve.**

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Campos Rodriguez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np:

**Motion passes.**

2. Discussion with possible action to assist St. Augustine Catholic School with the use of Uni-trade Stadium for their final baseball game on April 25, 2023; and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, Council Member Gilbert Gonzalez and Council Member Ruben Gutierrez, Jr.)**



**Motion to approve.**

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np:

**Motion passes.**

**D. Request by Council Member Ruben Gutierrez, Jr.**

1. Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution to encourage the Texas Legislature to support HB 9 which creates the Texas Broadband Infrastructure Fund; and any matter incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pro-Tempore Vanessa Perez and Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.)**

**Motion to approve.**

Moved: Cm. Gutierrez

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np:

**Motion passes.**

2. Discussion with possible action to consider feedback and concerns from the Business Town Hall held on March 23, with consideration for the frequency of subsequent town halls and the creation of a new committee to better serve the needs of the business community, and any other matter incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr. and Council Member Dr. Tyler King)**

**Motion to instruct the Technical Review Committee to amend the Ordinance.**

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np:

**Motion passes.**

3. Discussion with possible action to instruct 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 V Priority Funds will be used for this project.

**Motion to table.**

Moved: Cm. Gutierrez

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np:

**Motion passes.**

**E. Request by Council Member Dr. Tyler King**

1. Discussion with possible action to instruct 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 VI Priority Funds will be used for this project, on Juan Escutia in San Isidro subdivision.

**No action was taken.**

2. Discussion with possible action to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with United Independent School District (UISD) to formally have Trautman International Park be available to the public after school hours and on the weekends, and any other matters incident thereto.

**F. Request by Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa J. Perez**

1. Discussion with possible action directing management to evaluate the traffic control measures on Riverbank Drive at the intersection of FM1472 and at Riverbank and Aquero, with consideration to modify, and any other matters incident thereto.

**Motion to approve.**

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np:

**Motion passes.**

2. Discussion with possible action on the dedication of the new Father McNaboe Dog Park, and any other matters incident thereto.

**Motion to approve.**

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np:

**Motion passes.**

3. Discussion with possible action on the recent EPA ruling regarding Ethylene Oxide, with a recognition for the efforts of RGISC, the City of Laredo, and the Clean Air Laredo Coalition, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Melissa Cigarroa and Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa)**

**Motion to create an airline monitoring Resolution.**

Moved: Cm. M. Cigarroa

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np:

**Motion passes.**

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

1. Discussion with possible action requesting City Manager to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Webb County to combine services at the La Ladrillera Recreation Center for our youth and senior citizens.

**Motion to approve.**

Moved: Cm. A. Cigarroa

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np:

**Motion passes.**

2. Discussion with possible action requesting City Manager to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Housing Authority for joint efforts on upgrading the facilities and amenities at adjacent city parks and any other matters incident thereto.

**Motion to approve.**

Moved: Cm. A. Cigarroa

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np:

**Motion passes.**

3. Discussion with possible action to revisit the designation of the nature preserve and bird sanctuaries and to direct management to draft a nature preserve ordinance to protect

these areas and any other matters incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member  
Melissa Cigarroa)

**Motion to approve.**

Moved: Cm. Gutierrez

Second: Cm. M. Cigarroa

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np:

**Motion passes.**

**XVII. ADJOURN**

**Motion to adjourn.**

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Perez

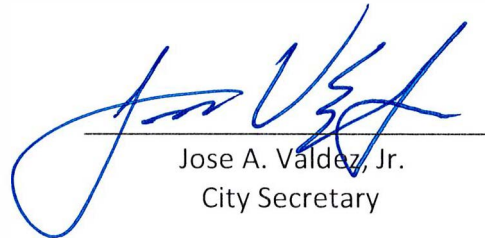
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np:

**Motion passes.**



Jose A. Valdez, Jr.  
City Secretary