

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
A-2022-R-01
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
January 18, 2022
5:30 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Saenz called the special city council meeting to order at 12:10 pm.

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.

IV. ROLL CALL

In attendance:

Pete Saenz	Mayor
Rudy Gonzalez Jr.	District I
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.	City Secretary
Robert Eads	City Manager
Dean Riggio	City Attorney
Rosario Cabello	Deputy City Manager
Kristina L. Hale	Assistant City Manager

Cm. Dr. Martinez arrived at 5:43 pm.

Cm. Perez arrived at 5:56 pm.

V. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of November 22, 2021, December 06, 2021, December 13, 2021, and January 06, 2022.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against:

Abstain:

NP: Cm. Dr. Martinez, Cm. Perez

Citizen comments

Fernando Baldazo citizen spoke on the fact that they lost 80% of the mountain bike trails and asked the City Council for help. Citizen Lorena Lopez representing Hacher media stated that she supports the arts and the LAMP project and are here to offer their services and help. Ms. Rosie Santos executive director for the Laredo Center for the Arts and a member of the Fine Arts and Culture Commission stated that she wanted to publicly endorse the public master plan that was presented by Arts Studio and I hope you adopt it. Sandra Johnson mentioned that she was here to discuss her son who was in an accident on Jacaman road her would like for council to make the road a lot better. Item 90 E2 was motion to be brought up and heard at this time.

VI. RECOGNITION

1. Recognizing Coach Joe Coss for being selected as the 2021 Coach of the Year. Coach Coss has led the United South High School Football Team to playoffs for four consecutive years. This year the Panthers were District Champions, Bi-District Champions and Area Champions, with a record season of 9-4. The City of Laredo congratulates Coach Coss for being a great leader and role model, especially to the United South High School community.

Mayor Saenz and the City Council Members congratulated Coach Coss for being selected 2021 Coach of the year and all his previous success that led up to this award. Coach Coss thanked the City Council for the recognition.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

2. Presentation by Natalie Hernandez, President of the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association (WBCA), and board members regarding the upcoming WBCA events with presentation of the 124th Celebration's Commemorative Poster to the City of Laredo Mayor and City Council.

Members Ms. Hernandez and Mr. Gibson invited the city council to the kickoff of the WBCA events.

3. Invitation to watch the annual State of the City Address on KGNS and Telemundo, Monday, January 31st at 6:00 p.m., as well as on the City of Laredo's Public Access Channels and Facebook Page.

Mayor Saenz invited the community to watch the State of the City Address and Ms. Noraida Negron stated the time and locations for viewing the event.

XIII. PUBLIC HEARING

4. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot SA, Block 1058, Eastern Division, located at 3119 South Buena Vista Avenue, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Commercial District).

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce 4 and 5.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 8

Against:

Abstain:

NP: Mayor Saenz

5. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 11.65 acres situated in Porcion 33, Jose Dionicio Trevino, Original Grantee, Abstract 3084 and Porcion 34, Jose Antonio Diaz, Original Grantee, Abstract 762, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas; being 11.65 acres out of 18.61 acre tract owned by JMLG Holdings, LTD., as recorded in Volume 4448, pages 721-729, Official Public Records of Webb County, Texas, located west of Isla Mujeres Drive and east of Cautro Vientos Road, from AG (Agricultural District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District).
6. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 17, Santa Fe Subdivision Unit IV, located at 602 Nispola Drive, from R-1 MH (Single Family Manufactured Housing District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District).

Motion to close the public hearing and deny.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 8

Against:

Abstain:

NP: Mayor Saenz

7. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 3.09 acres conveyed to D&J Alexander Investments, Limited Liability Company, recorded in Volume 4284, pages 587-592, Official Public Records of Webb County Texas, also being out of Porcion 26, Abstract 282, Agustin Sanchez, Original Grantee, Webb County Texas located south of North Bartlett Avenue and east of Sidney Sheldon, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District).

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce 7 and 8.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 8

Against:

Abstain:

NP: Mayor Saenz

8. 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 commercial mini storage on approximately 3.88 acres conveyed to D&J Alexander Investments, Limited Liability Corporation, recorded in Volume 4284, pages 587-592, Official Public Records of Webb County Texas, also being out of Porcion 26, Abstract 282, Augustin Sanchez, Original Grantee, Webb County Texas located south of North Bartlett Avenue and east of Sidney Sheldon.
9. 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 amusement redemption machine establishment in Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, San Isidro-McPherson Subdivision, Phase IV, Cantera Court, located at 9802 McPherson Road, Unit 116 (bottom only).

Motion to close the public hearing and deny.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Martinez

For: 8

Against:

Abstain:

NP: Mayor Saenz

10. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 3.00 acres conveyed to Palos Construction Group, Limited Liability Corporation, recorded in Volume 5110, pages 391-396, Webb County Public Records, also being out of Porcion 24, Abstract 268, Toribio Rodriguez, Original Grantee, Webb County Texas located north of Lagos Avenue and west of Lindenwood Drive, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District).

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce 10, 11 and 12.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 8

Against:

Abstain:

NP: Mayor Saenz

11. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 1, LopezAdri Subdivision, Phase 1, located at 22401 FM 14 72 Road, from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

12. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 7.74 acres out of a 32.81 acre tract, conveyed to Robert Muller, LTD., recorded in Volume 4774, page 32, Official Public Records of Webb County, Texas, situated in Porcion 18, Abstract 21, Jose de Bustamante Original Grantee and Porcion 2143, Abstract 591, Abel Morgan Original Grantee located 0.80 miles west of FM 1472 and 0.22 miles south of the intersection of Enterprise Street and Interamerica Boulevard, from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

13. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 61.11 acres situated in Porcion 17, Abstract 52, Jose Christobal Garcia, Original Grantee and Porcion 18, Abstract 21, Jose de Bustamante, Original Grantee out of Shares 2 and 3 described Partition Deed of La Bota Ranch recorded in Volume 492, pages 732-761 of the Webb County Deed Records and later out of Tract 4 of Partition Deed recorded in Volume 647, pages 36-57 of the Webb County Deed Records, located south of La Bota Parkway and southwest of Cowbird Cove Court, from AG (Agricultural District) and R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-1A (Single Family Area District).

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 8

Against:

Abstain:

NP: Mayor Saenz

14. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 2, 3, 4, and 5, Block 1, Springfield Crossing Subdivision, Unit 1, located at 8422, 8424, 8426, and 8428 Springfield Avenue, from B-1 (Limited Commercial District) to B-3 (Commercial Business District).

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 8

Against:

Abstain:

NP: Mayor Saenz

15. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance approving and adopting the Districting Plan of the City of Laredo; providing for the redistricting of the eight (8) City Council Districts within the City of Laredo; and providing for publication and effective date.

Planning Director Orlando Navarro stated that the commission had met and approved the plan that is before council. MPT. Rodriguez asked if it was a time sensitive item. Mr. Navarro stated that we have enough time and City Secretary Jose Valdez Jr. stated that it was time sensitive. Mr.

Valdez explained that the plan becomes effective after 181 day after it is approved. The will affect the upcoming election when candidates submit applications, will they be running under the old boundary lines or the new ones. Chairman of the Commission Donato Dennis Ramos stated that they used the 2020 U.S. census population data which assumed around 255 thousand residents so the goal of the commission was to get around 31 thousand resident per district. We met our statistical mandate of less than 10% deviation between districts. Cm. Martinez thanked the commission for the time and effort they spent working on the proposed plan.

Cm. Torres requested individual map that show street and that he had already requested that. Cm. Perez asked for the different plans that were presented. MPT Rodriguez stated that that request was close to gerrymandering and we should not do that and have as little say so as possible. Cm. Torres and Perez disagreed and stated that they have all the say so. Mr. Navarro stated that keeping the precincts whole was their number one priority. Cm. Gonzalez did not agree with what he was seeing and felt that the presented map looked fishy.

Motion to close the public hearing and schedule a workshop for council on Monday at 1pm.

Moved: Cm. Gutierrez

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 8

Against:

Abstain:

NP: Mayor Saenz

16. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the FY21-22 Community Development Department's budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$4,199,095.00 in order to appropriate the HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds available from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in relief to address the need for homelessness assistance and support services. Additionally, amending the FY21-22 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) position listing by adding one (1) Administrative Assistant II, R35 and one (1) Clerk 111, R27 positions for the City of Laredo Community Development Department HOME-ARP Program; and providing an effective date.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 8

Against:

Abstain:

NP: Mayor Saenz

17. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY21-22 General Fund - Police Department Annual Budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$23,923.00. The revenues are from forfeiture cases involving abandoned and unclaimed money from the Laredo Police Department Property and Evidence Section. These funds will be used for maintenance, repairs, and improvements to the police department buildings.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 8

Against:

Abstain:

NP: Mayor Saenz

18. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the FY21-22 Department of Community Development budget by increasing revenues and expenditures by an additional amount of \$200,000.00 in order to appropriate The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) funds available for the Texas Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (TEMAP) to assist low to moderate income eligible families/individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, for a total of \$400,000.00 received in TEMAP Funds.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Martinez

For: 8

Against:

Abstain:

NP: Mayor Saenz

19. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the City of Laredo Capital Improvements Fund (CIF) and Health Department Fund by appropriating a draw down of fund balance in the Capital Improvement Fund for the Health Department Fund. The additional appropriation will be used to supplement funding for the Health Department Fund in the amount of \$378,000.00. Transfer to Health Department Fund will be appropriated for personnel expenses other services.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Martinez

For: 8

Against:

Abstain:

NP: Mayor Saenz

IX. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

20. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 23, Article I, Section 23-4, of the Code of Ordinances and Ordinance 2017-0-139 to add North Central Park Fitness Center and recreation center programming fees for instructional programming, a \$60 fee for the summer playground program, and recreation center membership fees of \$15.00 per quarter or \$50.00 annually.

City Council to Introduce.

X. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

21. **2021-O-231** Amending the General Fund FY21-22 Full Time Equivalent" (FTE) Position Listing by creating four (4) Assistant to City Council, Grade 32 positions. Estimated annual cost of the four positions is \$313,000.00. Funding for the new positions will be transferred from General Fund - Reserve Appropriations.

Motion to table. (Fails for a lack of majority)

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Martinez

For: 4

Cm. Martinez

Cm. Dr. Martinez

Cm. Perez

Cm. Cigarroa

Against: 4

Cm. Gonzalez

MPT. Rodriguez

Cm. Torres

Cm. Gutierrez

Abstain:

NP: Mayor Saenz

CM. Perez stated that she thought that the positions were not necessary and they were not in the budget and that is why she's against the item. Cm. Gutierrez disagreed with his colleague and is in total favor of the item. He mentioned that the assistances are torn in half between two council members and if we both have things going on during the day it becomes hard for them to work on both projects. Cm. Torres asked management if they are looking for money or scrambling for funds since they put the item on the agenda. Mr. Robert Eads mentioned that during his evaluation council mentioned the greater need of council assistants he talked about how he could do it. Cm. Torres asked Mr. Eads if he needed more staff to manage the city council. His answer was that he would make it manage. MPT. Rodriguez asked he why then are their projects not getting done. Can I get a breakdown of the \$313,000 because I feel the it's not that amount. Deputy City Manager Rosario Cabello she mentioned that it include expenses for offices in addition to other considerations. MPT. Rodriguez disagreed with her and stated that there are plenty offices in the city building. Cm. Cigarroa said that in a perfect world it would be great that each one of us has an assistant but that is not the priority at the moment. By having more assistants it will not help we have greater needs though out the city. Cm. Perez said that having a council assistant will not push projects forward because we do not have the personnel. Mr. Eads responded with the fact that staff has been doing more with less people. Cm. Torres stated that before the item made it to the agenda, Mr. Eads should have explored the creative ways of getting things done before opening up a can of worms here.

Motion to deny.

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Martinez

For: 5

Against: 3

Abstain:

Cm. Martinez

Cm. Gonzalez

Cm. Torres

MPT. Rodriguez

Cm. Dr. Martinez

Cm. Gutierrez

Cm. Perez

Cm. Cigarroa

NP:

Motion to approve items #22 through #30, excluding item #25, which will be taken individually.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 8

Against:

Abstain:

NP:

22. **2022-O-001** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 14, Block 2, Jacaman Ranch Unit 6, Jacaman Commercial Park, Located at 7126 Rosson Ln, from B-4 (Highway Commercial District) to B-3 (Community Business District).
23. **2022-O-002** Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute all necessary documents to complete the sale of the "Surface Only" of City right-of-way at its market value of \$4,949,043.00 to TXDOT. This right-of-way is part of the Highway U.S. 59 construction project and is located at the east line of U.S. 59, south of Sinatra Parkway in Laredo, Webb County, known as Parcel 31. Legal description being 9.305 acres of land located in the Jane Guyman Survey Number 1714, Abstract No.517 and the Galveston, Brazos, and Colorado Narrow Gage Railroad Company (G.B.&C.N.G) Survey No.1022 Abstract No.654, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas. The City of Laredo reserves any and all visible and apparent easements recorded or not recorded; approving and providing for an effective date. Proceeds will be deposited into the Airport Fund.
24. **2022-O-003** Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease extension agreement, pursuant to the terms of the original lease agreement with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, as an entity of the United States of America for a 2,622 square foot tract of land located along the Santa Isabel Avenue right-of-way in the Integrated Railcar Inspection System located at the Laredo Railroad Crossing. This lease agreement is extended through August 31, 2031, under the same terms and conditions of the original lease or any supplemental lease agreed upon by both parties with no rental fee.
25. **2022-O-004** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 6 "Animals and Fowl" of the Code of Ordinances, specifically section 6-19 (Protection of Animals and Pets) and 6-119 (Registration, Vaccination, and Permit Fees) to provide for regulation and inspection of privately owned animal traps within city limits and to charge an annual fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for privately owned animal traps within city limits; providing a

severability clause; providing for a penalty; providing for publication; and declaring an effective date.

Cm. Gutierrez and MPT. Rodriguez had an issue with have people pay a fee for providing their own traps. Animal Carew Services Director Karina Elizondo explained why they wanted a fee and wanted people to provide proper traps that will not hurt animals. Cm. Torres explained why he felt that the fee was appropriate; he also told a story of an incident involving a cat the tragic ending. Cm. Torres suggested that it be a requirement to register your trap and failure to register ends up in a citation and the Municipal Court Judge decides the fine. Cm. Dr. Martinez felt that ratepayer or taxpayers should have to pay this. If people aren't taking care of their pets, pets are getting out then, and we have to cover that cost, the cost is marginal and it gives us some money to try to fight the pet population. If someone is taking the time to buy their \$100 trap, I don't think it is a stretch to think that these people would pay \$25 registration fee because they would be taught how to properly trap animals. Cm. Perez mentioned that the bigger problem was the spade and neutering of stay animals. MPT. Rodriguez still had concerns with having people having to pay, it's an extra burden on them and that's not right. Cm. Torres mentioned that it also happens in the inner city not just on the outskirts of the city.

Motion to approve as amended to include the requirement to register traps within the city limits and failure to register a trap and if there is a call made to Animal Care Services, that the individual be fined \$25 for the first incident and after that the find increases to \$100.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 8

Against:

Abstain:

26. **2022-O-005** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 6 "Animals and Fowl," Article III "Small Animals and Fowl," of the Code of Ordinances to amend grooming shop requirements to allow for mobile businesses; adding Section 6-49 related to procedures for revoking permits granted under this article; providing a severability clause; providing for publication; and declaring an effective date.
27. **2022-O-006** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, regarding Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) Number Two, which designates The Coves at Winfield Development, located in northeast Laredo, as Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Two, pursuant to Chapter 311 of the Texas Tax Code, approving the final financial plans and final project plans that will provide the basic framework of the TIRZ and detailing the type, kind, number and location of public improvements to be constructed in the Zone; and declaring an effective date.
28. **2022-O-007** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Ordinance 2020-0-149 regarding the temporary parklet pilot program to extend the expiration date of the program for one hundred and twenty days (120) following the expiration of the Governor's COVID-

19 disaster declaration; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date.

29. **2022-O-008** An Ordinance amending the FY 21-22 Transit System Fund by drawing down fund balance by \$256,000.00 from the Transit Sales Tax Fund and appropriating \$256,000.00 as a transfer out to the Transit System - El Metro Operations Fund to cover the estimated cost increase related to personnel expenses. **(as amended)**
30. **2022-OT-001** An Ordinance amending the FY 21-22 Transit System - El Metro Operations Fund by transferring and appropriating from the Transit System Fund by \$256,000.00. The purpose is for a one-time payment in the amount of \$750.00 for contract part-time personnel and \$1,100.00 for contract full-time personnel in addition to a cost of living increase of 2.5% for contract and administrative personnel which will be retro active and effective October 1, 2021. Total expenses will be an estimated \$401,000.00. **(as amended)**

XI. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve items 31 through 81, with the exception of 31, 32, 56, 61, 71, and 79 those items will be dealt with, individually.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 8 Against: Abstain: CM. Torres on item #52
NP:

AIRPORT: STAFF SOURCE GILBERT SANCHEZ, INTERIM AIRPORT DIRECTOR

31. **2022-R-015** A resolution of the City of Laredo authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Chapter 380 Agreement with Transportes Aeromar, S.A. de C.V. related to the enhancement of economic development, growth, job opportunities for citizens of Laredo, retail sales, and other businesses and commercial activity in Laredo Texas and surrounding areas by providing access to low-cost nonstop air transportation. The City and Aeromar S.A. de C.V. have agreed that the City of Laredo will purchase seats in advance for the route to and from Mexico City, Mexico for an amount that is not to exceed \$390,500.00 and will equal to 142 tickets monthly until December 2022. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund.

Cm. Dr. Martinez asked why the amount was less than the previous contract. Mr. Eads stated that the city was required to purchase less tickets. Cm. Martinez suggested that the city should approach some of the local businesses through the Chamber of Commerce to purchase some ticket in the future.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez
Second: Cm. Martinez

For: 5 Against: Abstain: CM. Torres on item #52
NP: Cm. Gonzalez, MPT. Rodriguez, Cm. Gutierrez, Cm. Perez

32. Consideration to award contract FY22-025 to Madison Avenue Marketing, Laredo, TX in an amount up to \$90,000 per year. These services are for Airport and Airline marketing campaigns that will include: social media management, professional videography & photography, website management and graphic design. The term of this contract is for one (1) year with an option to renew an additional two (2), one (1) year terms contingent upon mutual agreement and availability of funds. Funding is available in the International Airport Budget.

Cm. Torres asked if the contract went out for bids. Interim Airport Director Gilbert Sanchez stated that it had. Cm. Torres asked if the company had bid or are we paying \$90,000. Mr. Sanchez stated that they bid \$90,000.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Torres
Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 5 Against: Abstain: CM. Torres on item #52
NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Gutierrez, Cm. Perez

BRIDGE: STAFF SOURCE YVETTE LIMON, BRIDGE DIRECTOR

33. Consideration to award a contract for escalator repairs to Schindler Elevator Corporation, San Antonio, TX in the amount of \$53,750.00. Pricing is through cooperative Sourcewell contract #100516-SCH. This is for repair services for two (2) escalators at Bridge #1 to comply with safety inspection requirements and avoid violations. Funding is available in the Bridge Fund.

CITY MANAGER'S: STAFF SOURCE ROBERT A. EADS, CITY MANAGER

34. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to execute a Management Contract (FY22-015 -Transit Management Services) with Hendrickson Transportation Group (HTG), of Waco, Texas, for the management of the City's Transit System for a term of five (5) years beginning February 1, 2022, for an amount not to exceed \$3,246,065.52; this five year contract is subject to future budget appropriations and includes one option to renew for an additional five (5) years, in accordance with the terms of the negotiated contract. Funding for this contract is available in the El Metro Operations Fund.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: STAFF SOURCE TINA MARTINEZ, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

35. **2022-R-011** A Resolution of the City of Laredo, Texas authorizing and directing the City Attorney's office pursuant to Chapter 251 of the Texas Local Government Code Municipal Right of Eminent Domain to acquire land necessary for a public use for the West Laredo Corridor-Phase II Realignment of Las Cruces Drive and Flecha Lane Project. Property owners J & R Gon Investments, Ltd., - 8111 Las Cruces Dr. The three parcels needed for the right-of-way are: Parcel 3 Part 1 being 0.66 acre (28,771 sq. ft.) tract of land more or less, out of a 1.8267 acre tract conveyed to J & R Gon Investments, Ltd., Recorded in Volume 3363, page 302, official public records of Webb County, Texas, being out of Porcion 22, Dona Maria Jesus Sanchez Original Grantee, Abstract 277, Webb County, Texas. Parcel 3 Part 2 being 0.05 acre (2,382 sq. ft.) tract of land more or less, out of a 1.8267 acre tract conveyed to J & R Gon Investments, Ltd., Recorded in Volume 3363, 302, page 302, official records of Webb County, Texas, being out of Porcion 22, Dona Maria Jesus Sanchez Original Grantee, abstract 277, Webb County, Texas. Parcel 5 being 0.01 acre (367 sq. ft.) tract of land more or less, out of a 0.0709 acre tract conveyed to J & R Gon Investments, Ltd., Recorded in Volume 4277, page 569, Deed of Records in Webb County, Texas, being out of Porcion 22, Arnulfo Gonzalez, Jr. and Wife Janice G. Gonzalez, Original Grantee, abstract 277, Webb County, Texas. The two parcels needed for the Drainage Easements are: Parcel 3E Part 1 being 0.16 acre (6,995 sq. ft.) tract of land, more or less, out of a 1.8267 acre tract conveyed to J & R GON Investments, Ltd., Recorded in Volume 3363, page 302, Webb County Deed Records, being out of Porcion 22, Dona Maria Jesus Sanchez, Original Grantee, abstract 277, Webb County, Texas. Parcel 3E Part 2 Being 0.08 acre (3,426 sq. ft.) tract of land, more or less, out of a 1.8267 acre tract conveyed to J & R Gon Investments, Ltd., Recorded in Volume 3363, page 302, Webb County Deed Records, Being out of Porcion 22, Dona Maria Jesus Sanchez, Original Grantee, abstract 277, Webb County, Texas.
36. Ratification of the submission of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Texas Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program contract amendment and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents. The program, under this grant contract amendment of \$200,000.00, will provide emergency mortgage assistance to eligible low moderate income families/individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Martinez

For: 7

Against:

Abstain: 1 (CM. Torres)

NP: Mayor Saenz

37. Consideration to award contract FY22-023 to sole bidder Midas Contractor, LLC., Laredo, TX. for the purchase of materials and installation of a metal shade structure at the Roberto De Llano Park in the total amount of \$184,500.00. Midas Contractors will be required to furnish a satisfactory Payment and Performance Bond in the amount of 100% of the total contract price and shall comply with all federal regulations. Funding is available in the

Community Development Budget for District V Park Improvement Project and De Llano Park District V CDBG Funds.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: STAFF SOURCE TECLO J. GARCIA, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

38. Consideration to award contract FY22-022 to LiftFund, Inc., Laredo, TX., to provide micro-lending services to the City of Laredo. Services shall include the utilization of grant funds in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 in order to help small and microbusinesses in the City which have encountered unprecedented challenges and interruptions to services due to COVID-19. The term of contract shall be for a period of one (1) year, subject to future appropriations and may be extended for one (1) additional one-year period. Funding is available in the America Rescue Act Plan Fund.

ENGINEERING: STAFF SOURCE RAMON E. CHAVEZ, CITY ENGINEER

39. Consideration to award a construction contract FY22-ENG-03 Lafayette Park Restroom to the lowest responsible responsive bidder Mage 4Group, LTD., in the amount not to exceed \$99,480.00. This includes one (1) ADA restroom with split face concrete block, metal roof, stainless steel fixtures, LED lighting and accessible sidewalk; with a construction time of sixty (60) working days and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related contract documents contingent upon receipt and approval of insurance and bond documents. Funding is available in the 2015 Certificates of Obligation Issue Bond-District 8 Priority Funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL: STAFF SOURCE JOHN PORTER, ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTOR/ INTERIM SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR

40. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a temporary right-of-entry agreement and a license agreement for vegetation control between the City of Laredo and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Department of Homeland Security for the Laredo Roads Project. The right of entry agreement will provide limited access to survey and conduct environmental assessment of properties owned by the City of Laredo located near the Rio Grande River. The right of access shall be for a limited term of 18 months. The license for vegetation control will allow CBP to control vegetation and perform site assessments. The license term for vegetation control is indefinite, and the City may revoke the license at any time on 60-days notice to CBP.

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

41. Consideration to renew contract FY20-030 with Task Force Security, Laredo, Texas, for an annual amount not to exceed \$1,062,500.00 for providing city wide security guard services at various municipal buildings/locations. 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 two (2) additional one (1) year extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the respective departmental budgets.

42. Consideration to authorize purchases from Amazon Business, Seattle, WA 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 prices utilize Omnia Partners Cooperative Program Contract MA3457. Funding is available in the respective operational budgets.
43. Consideration to amend contract to correct vendor name to Caldwell Country Chevy, Caldwell, TX in the amount of \$187,323.00 through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC)- Cooperative Purchasing Program, for the purchase of three (3) emergency response vehicles for EMS Supervisors. Siddons-Martin Emergency Group provided the proposal, and the proposal states that the purchase order shall be made to Caldwell Country Chevy. The anticipated delivery is within 4-5 months of order date. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund.
44. Consideration to ratify a purchase contract with Casco Industries, Shreveport, LA, for a cumulative amount of \$69,777.45 and to further authorize future related expenditures for an additional amount of \$125,000.00 for the current fiscal year for the purchase of firefighters uniforms that may include, but is not limited to: helmets, bunker boots, gloves and other items. Total purchases will not exceed \$194,777.45 and will be made utilizing Buy board pricing under contract # 603-20. As per the Collective Bargaining Agreement, the City shall provide the best quality and safest items available for firefighters based on the National Fire Protection Association and National Bureau Standards. Funding for this contract is available in the General Fund - Fire Department Budget.

FLEET MANAGEMENT: STAFF SOURCE RONALD MILLER, FLEET DIRECTOR

45. Consideration to renew contracts FY21-019 for the general diesel engine repairs and parts/service for the City's Fleet Department with following vendors:
 1. Rotex Truck Center, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$218,750.00 (Primary Vendor); and
 2. Rush Truck Center, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$175,000.00 (Primary Vendor); and
 3. Andy's Auto & Bus Air, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$50,000.00 (Alternate Vendor); and
 4. South Texas Truck Centers, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$30,000.00 (Alternate Vendor); and
 5. South Texas Auto Rebuilders, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$20,000.00 (Alternate Vendor).

This contract establishes multiple vendors for general diesel engine repairs. This contract provides the Fleet Department with the ability to outsource and expedite needed diesel engine repairs. 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

two (2) additional one (1) year extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Fleet Management Fund.

46. Consideration to renew annual service contract FY21-021 with the following vendors:
1. Fox Truck World, San Antonio, TX, in an amount up to \$125,000.00 (parts only);
 2. Laredo Mechanical Industrial Services, Laredo, TX, in an amount up to \$150,000.00 (Primary Vendor-Labor);
 3. Fox Truck World, San Antonio, TX, in an amount up to \$75,000.00 (Secondary Vendor-Labor);

For the purchase of GS Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) parts and truck services for the City's automated side loader trucks. 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 two (2) additional one (1) year periods upon mutual agreement. There was no price increase during the last extension period. All services will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Management Fund.

47. Consideration to renew contract FY20-009 with Gateway Glass & Mirror, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$50,000.00 for the purchase of windshield and back glass replacement parts/services for the City's automobiles and trucks. 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 can be renewed one (1) additional one (1) year extension period, upon mutual agreement of the parties. There was no price increase during the last extension period. All parts and services will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Management Fund.

48. Consideration to renew contracts FY21-013 for vehicle repair services for small and medium vehicles for the City's Fleet Department with the following vendors:
1. Toro Auto Sales, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$80,000.00, (Primary Vendor) and;
 2. Andy's Auto & Bus Air, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$40,000.00, (Alternate Vendor) and;
 3. South Texas Auto Rebuilders, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$40,000.00 (Alternate Vendor).

This contract provides the Fleet Department with the ability to outsource and expedite needed services for small and medium vehicle repairs. 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 two (2) additional one (1) year extension 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 Management Fund.

49. Consideration to award supply contract FY22-029 for the purchase of Ford Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) automotive parts for the City's fleet vehicles to:
1. Sames Motor Company, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$250,000.00 (Primary Vendor);
 2. Gillie Hyde Ford, Glasgow, Kentucky in an amount up to \$100,000.00 (Secondary Vendor).

All parts 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. This contract can be renewed three (3) additional one (1) year extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Fleet Management Fund.

50. Consideration to renew annual supply contract FY21 -025 for the purchase of tractor and heavy equipment tires Sections I and II to Southern Tire Mart, Columbia, MS, in an amount up to \$45,000.00. All tires 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 a price increase of 8% during the last extension period due to an increase in costs of raw materials and logistics. This contract can be renewed two (2) additional one (1) year extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Fleet Management Fund.

51. Consideration to renew the six-month (6) supply contract FY21-094 with Arguindegui Oil Company, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$80,000.00 for the purchase of lubricants for the Fleet Department. All lubricants will be secured on an as needed basis. The term of this contract shall be for a period of six (6) months beginning as of the date of its execution. At the time contract renewal notices were received, there was an average price increase of 4% due to an increase in the crude oil market during this extension period; price changes will be 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. This is the first of seven extension periods. Funding is available in the Fleet Management Fund.

52. Consideration to renew supply contracts FY21-068 with the following vendors:

Section	Description	Vendor	Location	Dollar Amt	Award
I	Fuel, Air, Oil Filters	Rush Truck Center	Laredo, TX	\$75,000.00	Primary Vendor

		Fleet-Pride	Laredo, TX	\$40,000.00	Secondary Vendor
II	Belts, Hoses, Cooling	Gonzalez Auto Parts	Laredo, TX	\$250,000.00	Primary Vendor
III	Brakes & Related				
IV	Items				
V	Brakes/Misc. Parts				
VI	Chassis & Steering				
VII	Drive Train				
VIII	Electrical Auto Parts				
IX	Exhaust Auto Parts				
X	Fuel & Emission Parts				
XI	Heating & Air				
XII	Condition				
XIII	Ignition				
XIV	Lamp Bulb, Flashers				
XV	Shock & Struts				
XVI	Wiper Blades &				
XVII	Motors				
	Service Lubricants				
	Brakes/Emergency				
	Vehicles				
	Parts/Emergency				
	Vehicles				
		Toro Auto Sales	Laredo, TX	\$40,000.00	Secondary Vendor
		O'Reilly Auto Parts	Laredo, TX	\$40,000.00	Secondary Vendor
	(Only Section X Heating Cooling)	Andy's Auto Air	Laredo, TX	\$25,000.00	Secondary Vendor

for the purchase of automotive parts for the Fleet Department. This contract establishes a percentage discount on parts utilized during city vehicle repairs. All parts will be purchased 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 except for Fleet Pride which is requesting a 9% increase due to an increase in transportation and shipment costs. This contract can be renewed for two (2) additional one (1) year extension periods, upon the mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Fleet Management Fund.

HEALTH: STAFF SOURCE RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, HEALTH DIRECTOR

53. **2022-R-004** Ratifying the execution of a contract Title X Dire Need Supplemental Funds from the Every Body Texas in the amount of \$7,665.00 with no match for the City of Laredo Health Department for the term period from December 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022. No grant match required.
54. **2022-R-005** Ratifying the execution of a contract amendment from the Texas Department of State Health Services in the amount of \$178,721.00, with a match of \$35,744.00, for the City of Laredo Health Department, Tuberculosis Prevention & Control/Federal Program for the term of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.
55. Consideration to ratify the purchase of Reagents COVID-19 1000RXN from Life Technologies Corporation in the estimated amount of \$76,117.50 for the City of Laredo Health Department. Funding is available in the Health Department Fund.

HUMAN RESOURCES: STAFF SOURCE ZAIDA J. GONZALEZ, INTERIM HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

56. Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate a contract with The Segal Company for a compensation and classification study. This contract is not to exceed the amount of \$200,000.00 and completion is estimated to be nine (9) months. The compensation and classification study aims to create a pay program that is fair, equitable, and competitive with both public and private employers in the surrounding geographic market area from which the City recruits. Funding is available from General Fund.

Motion to go into executive session for items #56 and #84 under Texas Government Code 551.074 (Personnel Matters) and include item #89 under Texas Government Code 551.071 (sub section 1A). To include City management, city attorney and anyone else deemed necessary and appropriate for the discussion.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

After back and forth with the city attorney, no action was taken to go into executive session and both items were heard in open session.

Attorney Dean Roggia asked, under item #84 if individuals were going to be discussed or just the plan. Cm. Torres questioned who was the attorney and why was he flip-flopping. He felt that it was not sufficient to go into executive session. Cm. Torres asked Assistant City Manager Kristina Hale if they could go into executive session. Ms. Hale stated that if a discussion on a specific employee was going to happen then yes. Mr. Eads commented that he could keep it general.

Cm. Perez asked if council could get a preliminary report and not wait for 9 months. Human Resources Director Zaida Gonzalez explained the item. MPT. Rodriguez stated that the item is taking too long. Cm. Perez asked if maybe they could look at individual departments and not have

to wait for the whole study to be finished. Ms. _____ stated that the study needs to be done all together and not piece meal it.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cigarroa

For: 7

Against:

Abstain:

NP: CM. Gonzalez

INFORMATION SERVICES & TELECOMMUNICATION: STAFF SOURCE HOMERO VAZQUEZ-GARCIA, IST DIRECTOR

57. Authorizing the City Manager to purchase Year 2 of Contract for Darktrace Enterprise Immune System from SHI Government Solutions for the total amount of \$87,012.00. Pricing under BuyBoard - Technology Contract #579-19. Funding is available in the Information Services & Telecommunications - I-Net Division.

58. Consideration to authorize the use of State of Texas, Department of Information Resources (DIR) Cooperative Purchase contracts to purchase computers, computer hardware, computer software, telecommunications and other goods and services offered through DIR Cooperative Purchase contracts. Due to year-round (as needed) cumulative DIR contract vendor purchases, the city exceeds the \$50,000.00 purchase limits, which require City Council approval; the following are DIR Co-op Vendors and estimated annual purchase amounts:

DELL Computers USA - \$810,000.00

Computer Solutions - \$650,000.00

Verizon - \$450,000.00

AT&T - \$475,000.00

SHI Government Solutions - \$410,000.00

COG Government - \$375,000.00

The City is a member of the State of Texas - Texas Procurement and Support Services (TPASS) Cooperative Purchasing Program which allows the City of Laredo to take advantage of approved state contracts. Funding for cooperative purchases contracts and services are available in the respective departmental budgets.

LAREDO ANIMAL CARE SERVICES: STAFF SOURCE KARINA ELIZONDO, LACS DIRECTOR

59. Consideration to renew contract FY20-013 for Pharmaceutical and Medical Supplies to MWI Veterinary Supply for an annual amount of \$112,500.00 per year. The term of this contract shall be for a period of two (2) years; this is the last renewal extension period for this contract. Funding for this contract is available in the General Fund - Laredo Animal Care Services Department.

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

- 60. Consideration to renew contract FY20-015 with Chkn Peak Bikes & Fitness, Laredo, Texas in an annual amount of up to \$60,000.00 for providing preventative maintenance, labor parts, and repairs for fitness equipment at City recreation centers. 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 for one (1) additional one (1) year extension period, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the General Fund - Parks & Leisure Department.

- 61. Consideration to award annual supply/service contract FY22-026 to the sole bidder Artsound Techincal Services, Laredo, TX, in an amount up to \$40,000.00 for maintenance of the LED video wall located at the Uni-Trade Stadium. This contract establishes hourly rate pricing and an allowance for equipment parts needed for maintenance or repairs. 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 three (3) additional one (1) year periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. All parts and services will be secured on an as needed basis and funding will be secured from the Sports and Community Venue Fund - Unitrade Operations Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Gutierrez

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 6 Against: Abstain:
 NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Torres

- 62. Consideration to renew annual supply/service contract FY21-027 with Dr. Ike's Home Center, Laredo, TX, in an amount up to \$60,000.00 for the purchase and repair of handheld landscaping equipment. This contract establishes pricing and a discount percentage on handheld landscaping equipment and repair services most commonly utilized by City departments. 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 may be extended two (2) additional one (1) year periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. All parts and services will be secured on an as needed basis and funding will be secured from the user department budgets.

POLICE: STAFF SOURCE CLAUDIO TREVINO, CHIEF OF POLICE

- 63. **2022-R-001** Authorizing the City Manager to apply for a grant in the amount of \$872,271.00 to fund the Laredo Police Department HIDTA Task Force, the Laredo DEA HIDTA Task Force, and the Rio Grande Valley Financial HIDTA Task Force. These initiatives are funded by the Executive Office of the President, Office of the National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) at no cost to the City. Funding will be used to

pay personnel salaries, fringe benefits, overtime, travel and operating expenses from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2023. Funding for the Rio Grande Valley Financial Task Force will be used for payment of fringe benefits, overtime, and operating expenses from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2023.

64. **2022-R-002** Authorizing the City Manager to renew two (2) individual Memorandum of Understandings (MOU) between the City of Laredo Police Department and one, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs VA Texas Valley Coastal Bend Healthcare System, and two, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Enforcement and Removal Operation, Harlingen Field Office, Port Isabel Detention Center, for the purpose of providing assistance/reinforcement in the event of an emergency or crisis situation that may warrant additional personnel assistance. 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.
65. **2022-R-014** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$500,045.11 from the Office of the Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division for the purpose of funding the 2022 Operation Lone Star Grant Program. Funding will be used to pay for over time and equipment to reduce border-related criminal activity in Texas. This grant does not require matching funds. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund.
66. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one hundred and eight (1 08) ballistic vests for the Police Department in the amount of \$88,556.76 from GT Distributors, Inc through the Buyboard Cooperative Purchasing Program's contract pricing. Approximately 48 vests will be purchased with funding awarded through the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant and the remaining 60 vests will be funded by the Police Trust Fund. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund and the Police Trust Fund.
67. Consideration to authorize the purchase of two (2) rapid deployment surveillance trailers from the sole source vendor Jenoptik Light & Safety, Traffipax, LLC, Jupiter, Florida, in the amount of \$88,383.26. These surveillance trailers will be used in conjunction with our Operation Stonegarden deployments and will be placed in high traffic areas along roads that have been identified as threat areas by U.S. Border Patrol and have proven to be hotspots for human/drug smuggling. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund-2020 Operation Stonegarden Grant.
68. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to enter into a professional service contract with Gabriel E. Martinez, Jr., OBA Gold Shield Consulting, LLC., for the purpose of providing professional services as the Program Administrator for the Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Center. The award of the contract is contingent on the retirement of Gabriel E. Martinez, Jr as a City employee. The agreement is dependent on grant funding and will begin on February 1 , 2022, and continue until August 31 , 2023, contingent on the grant being awarded for Fiscal Year 2023. The first year of the agreement will run from February 1 , 2022, through August 31 , 2022, in the pro-rated fee of \$70,000 for Fiscal Year 2022 and the second year of the

Agreement is from September 1 , 2022, through August 31 , 2023, in the amount of \$120,000.00 and is contingent on grant award for Fiscal Year 2023. Thereafter, this contract may be renewed annually, contingent on funding availability and both parties agreeing to enter into a new contract. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund - Texas Anti-Gang Center.

69. Consideration to enter into and execute an agreement between the City of Laredo Police Department and the non-profit organization Charitable Recycling Foundation, also known as, 911 Cell Phone for the purpose of donating cell phones and other portable electronic devices that have been released by the Property and Evidence Section from the lost and found/abandoned items in accordance with Texas Law. No financial impact.
70. Consideration to ratify the purchase of furniture from Kimball Office (Division of Kimball International) and Seating by Nightingale through authorized dealer G&S Office Supply, Inc., Laredo, TX, for the purchase, delivery, setup, and installation of modular workstations, tables, seating and related furniture for the new Laredo Texas Anti-Gang Center. The current expense is not to exceed \$270,000.00. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund – Texas Anti – Gang Center. The purchase contracts are identified as follows: Kimball Office; OMNIA Partners Contract # R191814, and Seating by Nightingale; TIPS contract 200301.

PUBLIC WORKS: STAFF SOURCE JOHN ORFILA, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

71. 2022-R-016 Ratification of a construction contract with R&A Construction in the amount not to exceed \$106,450.00 for emergency repairs at the Uni-Trade Stadium, including foundation investigative work, plumbing drain line inspection, concrete repairs, and other improvements. The contract was made pursuant to Section 252.022 (a)(3) of the Local Government Code and is necessary because of unforeseen damage to public property that is occurring or has occurred which requires immediate action to preserve public property. Funding is available in the Sports Venue Fund.

City Attorney Roggia expressed that he needs to provide legal counsel on this item.

Motion to go into executive session under the Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and to include executive session item #89.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Martinez

For: 6 Against: Abstain:
NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Torres

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Martinez

For: 5 Against: Abstain:
NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Martinez, Cm. Perez, Cm. Cigarroa

SOLID WASTE: STAFF SOURCE JOHN PORTER, INTERIM SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR / ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTOR

72. Consideration for approval of the selection of Arredondo, Zepeda & Brunz, LLC, Laredo, Texas based on Request for Qualifications (RFQ) received and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate a professional services contract for the design and engineering of a landfill disposal cell. There is no cost involved in this part of the RFQ/selection of consultant process.

TAX: STAFF SOURCE DORA MALDONADO, TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

73. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts adjusted for the month of December 2021 represent a decrease of \$514,664.99. These adjustments are determined by the Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

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

74. Consideration to renew annual supply contract FY19-029 for the purchase of speed hump signs and marking from NSTS, LLC., Seguin, Texas, in an amount up to \$70,000.00. All speed hump signs and marking 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 a 26% price increase due to an increase in the cost of raw materials and freight costs. This is the last extension period for this contract. Funding is available in the General Fund - Traffic Safety Department.

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

75. Authorizing the City Manager to approve and execute Change Order No. 1 totaling a credit of \$4, 143.20 for a final contract value amount to \$163,856.80, final acceptance of the project, and release of final payment totaling to \$26,145.10 to Romo Contractors, LLC of Laredo, Texas for the Creek Erosion Control Project Near Station 312+81. The project was completed on December 8, 2021. Funding is available in the 2019 Water Revenue Bond.
76. Authorizing the City Manager to issue amendment No. 1 to professional engineering services contract with Ardurra Group, Inc. of Laredo, Texas in the amount of \$569,000.00 for a total revised contract amount of \$919,000.00. The amendment consist of additional services to update the Nitrification Action Plan including meetings, staff support, staff augmentation and additional administrative duties. Funding is available in the 2019 Water Revenue Bond.
77. Authorizing the City Manager to approve and execute Change Order No.1 totaling a credit of \$53,204.48 for a final contract value amount of \$121,443.52, final acceptance of the project, and release of final payment totaling to \$27,260.32 to Romo Contractors, LLC of Laredo, Texas for the exterior painting of Mary Help of Christian (MHOC) Concrete Ground

Storage Tank Project. The project was completed on November 3, 2021. Funding is available in the Water Works Fund.

78. Consideration to approve amendment No. 1 to professional engineering services contract with Porras Nance Engineering of Laredo, Texas in the amount of \$75,000.00 for the Relocation of Utilities on US59 / Loop 20. The total contract amount with amendment No. 1 is \$884,250.00. Funding is available in the 2020A Water Revenue Bond and 2017 Sewer Revenue Bond.
79. Authorizing the City Manager to sell the remaining capacity from the oversized water and sewer infrastructure in the form of Living Unit Equivalent (LUEs) to Phoenix Subdivision, Gator Point Subdivision, Bella Subdivision, Las Fincas Subdivision and La Herradura Subdivision (water infrastructure only); up to the capacities of the elevated storage tank at Las Blancas, and up to the capacity of the existing 24" sanitary sewer main as first-come, first-served basis. The monies collected from the sale of the LUEs will be used for any future water and sewer maintenance and repairs to the existing water and sewer infrastructure. Revenues collected will be deposited to the respective Water and Sewer Land Development Fees account.

Citizen Juan Ramirez Jr. stated that he was against this item because the waterline in question was private. Utility Director Arturo Garcia commented that this item was brought forward do to development in the area. MPT. Rodriguez asked if a new waterline was going to be built. Mr. Garcia stated no because they were selling excess capacity not existing capacity. Mr. Ramirez still had concerns with future development.

Motion to table.

Moved: MPT. Rodriguez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 5

Against:

Abstain:

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

80. Authorizing the City Manager to award a professional engineering services contract to Valdez Engineering for \$196,563.00. The sedimentation/clarifier basins at the El Pico Water Treatment Plant continue to leak water and form visual cracks which represents ground movement and instability. Immediate emergency engineering services are required to baseline the structure and provide an engineering report. Scope of work includes geotechnical/forensics with ground penetrating radar, multiple soil borings, structural engineering with 3-0 scan and surveying to determine locations for permanent survey-control monuments if warranted. Funding is available in the Waterworks Construction Fund.

81. Authorizing the City Manager to reject the sole bid for South Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant (SLWWTP) received on December 3, 2021, because the bid received significantly exceeded the anticipated budget and engineer's estimate for the project. The engineer has received confirmation from Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to utilize the TWDB fund to purchase the equipment directly from the manufacturer and contract the installation works to local contractor.

XII. STAFF REPORTS

82. 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.

Internal Auditor Tina Rodriguez gave her recommendations and asked council to approve her recommendations.

Motion to approve recommendations.

Moved: MPT. Rodriguez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 5 Against: Abstain:

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

83. Status update on current COVID-19 information as presented by Local Health Authority, Health Director and Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC); and any other matters incident thereto.

Dr. Victor Trevino gave an update that included hospital data and general information. Dr. Richard Chamberlin Health Department Director gave an update and Chief Guillermo Heard gave his presentation regarding COVID – 19. Cm. Cigarroa stated that because of the rise of COVID to allow written comments.

Motion to allow written comments because of the rise of COVID.

Moved: Cm. Cigarroa

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 5 Against: Abstain:

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, MPT. Rodriguez, Cm. Dr. Martinez

84. Discussion with possible action on a City retention plan, and any other matters incident thereto.

City Manager Robert Eads discussed his director level retention program. He mentioned that he wants to create a floor and then add layers base on merit. Cm. Torres asked how that would be fair to anyone that has worked here for a long time. How do you calculate longevity because this seems unfair if you have been here a long time. Mr. Eads responded that the baseline is the first part and longevity is the second part along with other parts of a matrix they are creating. Cm. Cigarroa asked if other cities have a floor and Mr. Eads said yes they do. Cm. Gutierrez asked if every director have an allowance for car and phone. Mr. Eads stated that it's on a case by case bases.

Motion to approve the floor at \$128,000.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Martinez

For: 5 Against: Abstain:
NP: Mayor Saenz, Cm. Gonzalez, MPT. Rodriguez, Cm. Torres

85. Status update with possible action on the 2022 Federal Legislative Agenda, and any other matters incident thereto.

Mr. Eads mentioned that this year's trip would be comprised of small groups to meet with certain legislatures. MPT. Rodriguez commented to management to visit with council to see who wanted to go to certain meetings. Mr. Eads asked council to include items as well.

Motion to have two meeting in March.

Moved: MPT. Rodriguez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 5 Against: Abstain:
NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Torres, Cm. Dr. Martinez

86. Discussion on the March City Council Meeting schedule with possible action.

Motion to have one meeting in March.

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cigarroa

For: 5 Against: Abstain:
NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Torres, Cm. Dr. Martinez

87. Presentation with possible action on the Laredo Public Arts Master Plan, and any other matters incident thereto.

Elia Quiles with Art Studio gave a presentation on the Laredo Public Art Master Plan. She went over the process and background of how they arrived at master plan. She also went over the steps in the artist selection process. Cm. Torres asked some questions having to do with the process. MPT. Rodriguez asked questions related to the turning lane art and who will decide which projects get funding. Cm. Dr. Martinez described an Arts Coordinator position will be needed and that person will present recommendations for council consideration. Convention and Visitors Bureau Director and project liaison Aileen Ramos explained that the first step was to approve the arts master plan and part of the master plan includes that there will be an arts program coordinator and that person needs guidance that guidance is the master plan. MPT. Rodriguez had concerns with spending money on the consultant for the master plan and on hiring an arts coordinator. He felt that there would not be any money left for art. Cm. Dr. Martinez had concerns and explained what the purpose of the master plan was and why it was important for it to be established; and continue to be developed. Ms. Quilles continued with her presentation and its benefits for the city. Cm. Torres commented that it's not so much a master plan but an SOP (standard operating procedures) and the consultant somewhat agreed.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Martinez

Second: Cm. Cigarroa

For: 8

Against:

Abstain:

NP:

88. Status report and update on quarterly strategic priorities and goals.

Mr. Eads presented his Strategic Planning Priorities to council. Cm. Perez asked about the last strategic planning session if he had data as far as were we are and how much of our goals we met. Cm. Cigarroa wanted to know what metric are being used.

No action taken.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any posted agenda item when authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and/or 551.086 (Economic Development). Following closed session, the open meeting will reconvene at which time action, if any, may be taken.

89. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551 .071 (1)(a) to consult with attorney on pending litigation: Cause No. 201 8CVK00243-D3; City of Laredo v. Gilberto Hernandez and Amanda Jacqueline Hernandez; in the 341 st District Court, Webb County, Texas; and return to open session for possible action.

Motion to proceed accordingly.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez
Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 5 Against: Abstain:
NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Martinez, Cm. Perez, Cm. Cigarroa

XIV. 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: 5 Against: Abstain:
NP: Cm. Gonzalez, MPT. Rodriguez, Cm. Martinez, Cm. Gutierrez

Motion to approve items #90 through # 93.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez
Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6 Against: Abstain:
NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Martinez

90. Consideration to award a two (2) year contract (FY22-013) to Arguindigui Oil, Co. LTD, Laredo, TX in the annual amount of \$1 1 5,328.00 (\$230,656.00 for 2 years) for the purchase of engine motor oil and lubricants. Items will be purchased on an as needed basis during the term of the contract. This contract can be extended for an additional two (2) one (1) year periods contingent upon availability of funds and mutual agreement. Funding is available in Laredo Transit Management Operations Fund.
91. Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act grant application no. TX-2022-005-00 in the amount of \$375,000.00 for the purchase of three (3) replacement El Lift paratransit vans. The required local match of \$75,000.00 (15%) will be funded from Transit Sales Tax Fund.

- 92. Consideration to award contract FY22-027 Tire Lease/Purchase contract to the sole responsive, responsible bidder Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, Akron, OH for the amount of \$214,953.63. This contract is for a period of three (3) years with the option to renew an additional one (1) year term upon mutual agreement and contingent upon availability of funds. The contract is to lease tires and /or purchase for transit vehicles. Funding is available in El Metro Operations Fund.

- 93. Consideration to authorize a purchase contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc. through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract No. 17724 in the amount of \$21,183.30 for the purchase of ten (10) replacement handheld mobile APX900 radios for the Operations Department and twelve (12) replacement APX1500 radios for \$37,468.56 for the El Lift vans for a grand total of \$58,651.86. Funding is available in the FTA Cares Grant No, TX-2020-100-00 (\$21,183.00), FTA Section 5310 Grant No. TX-2019-063-00 (\$36,776.52) and El Metro Operations (\$692.04).

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

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

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 5 Against: Abstain:
NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Martinez

94. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Request by Mayor Pete Saenz

- 1. Discussion with possible action on status of retaining an experienced, independent consultant to assess the city's overall health challenges and medically under-served needs, and provide solutions thereto; and any other matters incident thereto.

Dr. Trevino stated that an incentive of money was the major factor in bringing in doctors. Cm. Perez mentioned that she met with Mr. Lopez from the Gateway Community Health Center and he said that they have a program were they help train doctors by providing an internship and or residency. Dr. Trevino agreed that helping payoff your student loans is a huge incentive.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Saenz

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 8
NP: Cm. Gonzalez, MPT. Rodriguez, Cm. Dr. Martinez

Against:

Abstain:

B. Request by Council Member Rudy Gonzalez, Jr.

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 I Priority Funds will be used for this project.

- 4228 Marcy Loop

Motion to approve and use district priority money.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez
Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 5
NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Martinez, Cm. Torres

Against:

Abstain:

2. Discussion with possible action regarding pedestrian crossings across Cuatro Vientos Loop to and from the United South Ninth Grade Campus and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co- Sponsored by Council Member Dr. Marte A. Martinez)**

Cm. Dr. Martinez expressed his concern with the traffic in this area. He also mentioned that there were some developers that are willing to fund a pedestrian bridge for this area.

Motion to instruct management to look at all avenues to look for funding a pedestrian bridge or any other mechanism to safely allow children to cross this area, to look at all sources including TXDOT and as well as private donations for the purpose for the safety of the children.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez
Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 5
NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Martinez, Cm. Torres, Cm. Perez

Against:

Abstain:

C. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Vidal Rodriguez

1. Discussion with possible action for staff to develop an economic plan and provide incentive options for developers to build affordable homes for low level income families in the R-1 a Zones with values of \$1 50,000 or less in our community.

Motion to devise a plan to work with the private sector to develop affordable housing.

Moved: MPT. Rodriguez
Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 5 Against: Abstain:
NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Martinez, Cm. Torres, Cm. Perez

D. Request by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action on recognizing Animal Control Officer Jose E. Aranda who is credited with saving the life of 45 cats inside the animal shelter when it recently caught fire.

Cm. Torres congratulated and spoke about the commitment and dedication that Animal Control Officer Aranda has and demonstrated in saving 45 cats from the animal shelter.

E. Request by Council Member Ruben A. Gutierrez, Jr.

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 V Priority Funds will be used for this project.

- 5500 Hawaii Lane
- 300 Bellaire

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Gutierrez
Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 5 Against: Abstain:
NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Martinez, Cm. Torres, Cm. Perez

2. Update on Jacaman Road traffic safety improvements for that section of roadway adjacent to the airport property with possible action.

Cm. Ruben Gutierrez discussed the background and concerns with Jacaman road and the area. Interim Traffic Director Robert Pena gave a presentation with different options of how to improve the area and potentially reduce accidents.

Motion to adopt option #2 as presented depending on cost.

Moved: Cm. Gutierrez
Second: Cm. Gonzalez
For: 7

Against:

Abstain:

NP: Cm. Perez

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

- 1. Status report on the shortage of transformers by American Electric Power (AEP) which is causing delays in future developments with possible action.

Cm. Dr. Martinez Expressed his concern with the shortage of transformers. Mr. Toney Arce from AEP along with Olga Maldonado regional manager for customer services and Ron Wells the manager for distribution systems for Laredo. Mr. Arce expressed the concern they have with shortages in the industries. Ms. Maldonado stated some of the concerns they have with current ordinances. Cm. Dr. Martinez asked when the due date for receiving transformers was. Ms. Maldonado commented that there was a lead time of 7 month.

Motion to direct management to work with AEP to find any and all temporary alternative solutions.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: MPT. Rodriguez

For: 5

Against:

Abstain:

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Torres, Cm. Gutierrez

G. Request by Council Member Vanessa J. Perez

- 1. Discussion with possible action on establishing a temporary moratorium on the acceptance and processing of subdivision plats, site developments, and zoning amendments for all land located within the La Bota Ranch (A.F. Muller Boulevard), Green Ranch (Verde Road), in order to conduct traffic studies and updating the city's development ordinances in order to ensure: any future development will have an acceptable impact on the distinctive character of these particular areas within the City; that they meet the objectives of the Comprehensive Plan; and that they adequately protect the health, safety, environment, quality of life and general welfare of the citizens, and any other matters incident thereto.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 8

Against:

Abstain:

NP:

- 2. Discussion with possible action on the adoption of an ordinance pursuant to Section 212.006 of the Texas Local Government Code that would establish a new process for plat approvals by delegating approval authority to the City Council in addition to that of the Planning & Zoning, and any other matters incident thereto.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 8

Against:

Abstain:

NP:

XVI. ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn at 10:30 pm.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

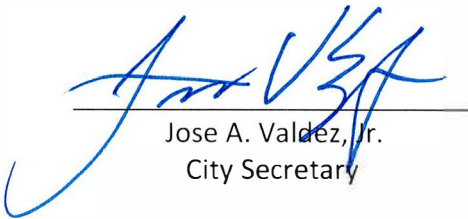
Second: MPT. Rodriguez

For: 5

Against:

Abstain:

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Torres, Cm. Gutierrez



Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary