

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M-2022-R-06
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CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
April 19, 2022**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Saenz called the meeting to order at 05:32 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Saenz.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Saenz called for a moment of silence.

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 5:40 p.m.
Vanessa Perez	District VII 5:55 p.m.
Alyssa Cigarroa	District VIII
Jose A. Valdez Jr.	City Secretary
Samuel K. Selman	Interim City Manager
Rosario Cabello	Deputy City Manager
Kristina L. Hale	Assistant City Manager

Miazul Ria
Sophie Garcia

Assistant City Manager
Assistant City Attorney

V. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of March 9, 2022 and March 21, 2022.

Motion to approve the March 9, 2022 and March 21, 2022 minutes.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 6 Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Dr. Martinez, Cm. Perez.

Motion Carries.

Citizen Comments

Sylvia Bruni Representing the Web County Democratic Party, expressed how concerned she is regarding the ethylene pollution in our city.

Victor Vasquez III chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee, spoke in favor of Item E. #1 in renaming the Market Tennis Courts to the George Santiago Pappas Tennis Courts.

Sheila Serna representing The Rio Grande International Study Center, expressed her concern regarding the ethylene pollution by Midwest affecting our city.

Emiliano Paredes and Bayron Rubio, spoke in favor of the Veteran Resolution.

Valentin Ruiz representing Martin High School JROTC program, stated that the program is underfunded and requested assistance from the City of Laredo and the Laredo Independent School District.

Valentin Ruiz also representing the Clean Air Coalition, expressed his concern regarding the ethylene pollution that is currently affecting our city.

Tricia Cortez representing the Cleaner Laredo Coalition, expressed her concern regarding the ethylene pollution affecting our city, she stated that something needs to be done to stop the air pollution in our community.

Noraida Negrón read into record the following public/citizen comments.

Victor Gomez stated that is unfair and unethical on behalf of the City Manager to pick and choose what public comments are read into record. He requested for a censorship issue item to be placed on the following city council agenda.

Mary Lou Garza stated that is extremely unfair that her comments are not being read into record, for the reason that a city employee is being called out. Ms. Garza stated that her first amendment has been violated.

Johan and Salo Otero expressed their concern on the ethylene pollution that is contaminating the community.

VI. RECOGNITION

1. Recognizing Captain Cesar A. Merla from the Texas Army National Guard for his dedication and hard work over the years, and most importantly through COVID-19. Captain Merla was assigned to lead vaccination drives, water distributions, tent deployment, and many more endeavors led by the National Guard.

The Mayor and City Council recognized Captain Cesar A. Merla from the Texas National Guard for his dedication, hard work, and his involvement throughout the pandemic.

His father received the recognition on behalf of Captin Merla. He expressed how proud and honored he is with his son for helping the community throughout the pandemic.

2. Recognizing the Martin High School freshmen Danya Ibarra, Briana Morales, and Keyla De Leon for winning the 2022 UIL State Champion Robotics First Division - FTC Group II.

The Mayor and City Council recognized the Martin High School freshmen Danya Ibarra, Briana Morales, and Keyla De Leon for winning the 2022 UIL State Champion Robotics First Division- FTC Group II.

Jose De Leon Cigarroa High School principal and also representing Nixon High School, stated that he is beyond proud of all the students that participated in the competition.

Mayor Pro Tempore Rodriguez spoke on behalf of council member Cigarroa, he stated that he is extremely proud of all the student that excelled in this competition.

Council member Torres expressed his gratitude towards Council member Cigarroa for placing the item on the agenda.

Mayor Pro Tempore recognized Martin High School robotic team, on their participation and achievement on winning the 2022 UIL State Champion Robotics First Division.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

VIII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment by Council Member Dr. Marte A. Martinez of Sandra Cavazos Ayala to the Laredo Commission for Women.

Motion to approve the appointment of Sandra Cavazos Ayala to the Laredo Commission for Women.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: m. Gonzalez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Dr. Martinez, Cm. Cigarroa.

Motion carries.

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

David Alegria Public Information Specialist, read public hearings into record.

1. **Public Hearing** providing community residents the opportunity to comment in regard to the development of the HOME Investment Partnerships America Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP). These funds will be administered through the HOME Program to perform up to four (4) activities that must primarily benefit qualifying individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or in other vulnerable populations. 2. These activities can include: (1) development and support of affordable housing, (2) Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), (3) provision of supportive services; and (4) acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units. Comments received will be made part of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan that will be submitted as an amendment to the FY2021 Annual Action Plan. This plan will outline how the HOME-ARP funding of \$4,199,095.00 made available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will be utilized. The public may provide comments via this public hearing, by visiting the offices of Department of Community Development, via email to cdcomments@ci.laredo.tx.us or by filling out a survey online in English <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SDLSNPG> or in Spanish <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KNBS2NM>.

Motion to close Public Hearing # 1,2.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

NP: Mayor Saenz, Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion carries.

2. **Public Hearing** providing community residents an opportunity to comment on their housing and community needs and the projects they wish to see funded. Comments received will be made part of the City's 2022-2023 One Year Action Plan that will outline how funding for the programs listed below, made available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will be utilized. The City's Community Development Department is planning its 2022 projects/activities based on the past 2021 allocation, as estimated below: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) \$3,748,497.00 HOME Investment Partnership Grant (HOME) \$1,158,599.00 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) \$328,355.00 Activities/projects planned for the 2022-2023 Action Year are contingent on approved allocation amount. All proposed activities' budgets will be proportionally increased or decreased from the estimated funding levels to match actual allocation amounts. Any changes to the activities/projects due to changes in allocation will be reflected in the City's 2022 One Year Action Plan. The public may provide comments via this public hearing, by visiting the offices of the Community Development Department, via email to cdcomments@ci.laredo.tx.us or by filling out a survey online in English <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/comments22> or in Spanish <https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/comentarios22>.

Refer to Public Hearing #1.

3. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the City of Laredo Land Development Code Section 24.1.3.1 to adjust the rules governing the Zoning Board of Adjustment in order to identify that: quorum is formed by no less than seven (7) members, and that seven (7) concurring votes of the members of the board are required to reverse an administrative order or grant a variance, as required by the Texas Local Government Code Sections 211.008(d) and 211.009(c) respectively.

Both the Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Board of Adjustment have recommended approval of the proposed amendment. Staff recommends approval.

Motion to close and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 7 Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Mayor Saenz, Cm. Gonzalez

Motion carries.

4. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by amending Ordinance 2018-0-122 which authorized a Conditional Use

Permit for a bar on Lot 2A, Block 2, Lago Del Mar Unit 7, located at 2511 East Del Mar Boulevard in order to remove USA Yu Hsing, Incorporated/Liling Huang, Owner and ENF Entertainment Incorporated/Ernesto Trevino and Barbara del Bosque, Applicants - Musas Bar and replace with USA Yu Hsing, Incorporated/Liling Huang, Owner and Taisan8, Limited Liability Company/Yiji Mei, Applicant - Havana Sports Bar as the parties to whom the permit is issued.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed conditional use permit amendment and staff supports the application.

Alberto Magnon spoke against the recommendation on amending Ordinance 2018-O-122

Motion to close and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: MPT Rodriguez

For: 7 Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Mayor Saenz, Cm. Gonzalez

Motion carries.

5. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 9.06 acres, situated in Porcion 26, Augustin Sanchez Original Grantee, Abstract 282, Webb County, Texas, said 9.06 acres being out of an 43,878.58 acre tract of land conveyed to Killam Ranch Properties, Limited, as recorded in Volume 540, pages 632-634, Official Public Records of Webb County, Texas located west of Bob Bullock Loop and north of University Boulevard, from AG (Agricultural District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed zone change and staff supports the application.

Motion to close and introduce Public Hearings # 5-7.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Martinez

For: 7 Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Mayor Saenz, Cm. Gonzalez

Motion carries.

6. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 1, Nancy Marie Plat, located at 1405 East Hillside Road, from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-3 (Community Business District). The

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

7. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 1A and 1 B, Block 1, East Country Subdivision, Phase III, located at 3502 and 3510 East Del Mar Boulevard (respectively), from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-3 (Community Business District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed zone change and staff supports the application.
8. **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 an Accounting Office - Certified Public Accountant (CPA) on Lot 23, Block 2, Del Mar Hills, Section 1, Area "B", located at 1 Candlewood Road. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed conditional use permit and staff supports the application.

Bob Rodnosky, Javier Vera, and Richard and Ceci spoke against the conditional use permit for an Accounting Office - Certified Public Accountant (CPA) on Lot 23, Block 2, Del Mar Hills, Section 1, Area "B", located at 1 Candlewood Road.

Gabriel Garcia spoke in favor of the conditional use permit for an Accounting Office - Certified Public Accountant (CPA) on Lot 23, Block 2, Del Mar Hills, Section 1, Area "B", located at 1 Candlewood Road.

Motion to close and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 1 Against: 5

Abstain: 0

NP: Mayor Saenz, Cm. Gonzalez

Motion fails.

9. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** authorizing the Interim City Manager to amend the City of Laredo Police Department Special Police Fund FY21-22 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Position Listing by adding one (1) Custodian, R23. Funding will be provided by the Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) FY 2022 Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Program for the period of September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022. This grant does not require matching funds. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund.

Motion to close and introduce Public Hearings # 9-13.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Martinez

For: 7
NP: Mayor Saenz, Cm. Gonzalez

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Carries.

10. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** creating the Hamilton Housing Apartments Fund, appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$527,500.00, and amending the FY21-22 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) position listing by adding one (1) Administrative Assistant II, R35 position, one (1) Building Maintenance Supervisor, R34 position, two (2) Building Maintenance Mechanics, R28 positions, and one (1) Clerk II, R25 position. The Community Development Department's Municipal Housing Division will assist the Laredo Housing Finance Corporation (LHFC) by managing the daily operations of the Hamilton Housing Apartments. The Community Development Department will also continue collaborating with the LHFC Board of Directors with setting up objectives, monitoring revenues and expenditures, and assisting with providing solutions.
11. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** authorizing the Interim City Manager to accept and enter into a contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services, and amending the Health Department Fund FY21-22 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$75,000.00, for the total of \$575,000.00 and amending the FY21-22 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Position Listing by adding one (1) Health Equity Analyst, R36 position for the City of Laredo Health Department, for the term period from September 1, 2021, through May 31, 2023. No grant match required.
12. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** authorizing the Interim City Manager to amend the FY21-22 Transit Center Facility Budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$308,501.00. Funds will be used to purchase and replace 1.) one (1) Hydraulic Elevator located at the Transit Center Facility Greyhound Terminal for \$148,340.00 2.) Replace the Transit Center Facility Garage Pay-Station and Parking Equipment for \$100,161.00 and 3.) Transit Center Facility Contractual Professional Services to inspect the Transit Center Structural Building and other professional services for a total of \$60,000.00.
13. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** authorizing the Interim City Manager to amend the FY21-22 Environmental & Solid Waste Services budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$721,234.00 from the American Rescue Act to Environmental Services for \$169,881.00 and Solid Waste Services for \$551,353.00, respectively. Funds will be for future equipment purchases for both departments.

X. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

14. Ratification by the Interim City Manager for execution of all necessary documents granting a perpetual easement and right-of-way containing 205.13 square feet to AEP Texas Central Company to install and construct certain electric distribution facilities. Said easement would

be located on a property legally described as Tract 7, .06830 acres more or less out of a 14.50 acre tract as per assignment and assumption of a ground lease between Crossett Development I LLC and 2310 Saunders, LLC, situated in Survey 799 - Abstract 238 Original Laredo Town Tract, City of Laredo, Webb County Texas, as recorded in Volume 4546, page, 627 Webb County Official Records out of Block 1, Laredo Airport as recorded in Volume 5, page 1, Webb County Public Records, as depicted in Exhibit A and B; providing for an effective date.

Council to introduce Items # 14-17.

15. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a lease agreement between the City of Laredo and 270 Development Group, LLC, on a 3.627 acre tract of land, legally described as a 157,992.1 square foot (3.627 acre) tract of land, situated in the GB & CNG RR Co Survey, Abstract No. 780, Webb County, Texas, being part of Block 1 of the Laredo Airport Subdivision, as recorded in Volume 5, Page 1, of the Plat Records of Webb County, Texas, for the purposes of constructing and developing certain improvements which shall be subleased to fixed-base operator Laredo Aviation Partners, doing business as Million Air. Lessee, at its own cost and expense, shall use all commercially reasonable efforts to obtain all permits and approvals necessary to construct certain improvements upon the 16. 17. premises in accordance with the development agreement. The lease term shall be for 30 years with one option to extend for 9 years. The monthly rent shall be \$6,583.01, and shall be adjusted on each successive third anniversary of the occupancy term effective date by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The base annual rent shall be adjusted each tenth anniversary of the effective date to the then appraised fair market rental value of the premises, excluding any and all improvements thereon; and providing for an effective date.

Gilberto Sanchez Acting Airport Director along with Ms. Josie Lumo representing Million Air, gave a presentation in regards to the airport improvement plan.

16. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a ground lease agreement between the City Of Laredo and 270 Development Group, LLC, on a 67 by 75 feet tract of land legally described as an 0.11 tract of land more or less out of the south part of Block 1 Laredo Airport Subdivision (34.45 acres), conveyed to the City of Laredo PID No. 2455472, situated in the City of Laredo Webb County, Texas, for the purposes of constructing and developing a concrete fuel containment pad of a size required by applicable regulatory agencies for the installation by lessee of at least two (2) each 25,000 gallon capacity aboveground fuel storage tanks and associated components upon the premises and subleasing said improvements to Laredo Aviation Partners, doing business as Million Air. The lease term shall be for 30 years with one option to extend for 9 years. The monthly rent shall be \$208.50, and will be adjusted according to changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), in addition to a base annual rent adjustment each tenth anniversary of the effective date based on an appraised fair market rental value of the premises. Lessee shall also be

responsible to comply with fuel flowage fees and landing fees approved by the Laredo City Council; and providing for an effective date.

Refer to Item # 15.

17. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute an agreement providing for possible partial reimbursement of the cost of construction of a 12-inch water line extension incurred by P. Todd Ireland - Real Estate Management AEP Texas Central Company and developers connecting to the proposed 12-inch water main will be subject to this reimbursement contract in the amount of \$204,423.27 for the service area. The cost per demand is estimated at \$107.08/gpm.

XI. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

18. **2022-0-039** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1 and part of Lot 2, Block 1696, Eastern Division, located at 2801 East Musser Street, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District).

Pablo Castillo, Adriana Padilla, and Ana Luisa Marcos spoke against the zone change amending ordinance 2022-O-039.

Motion to approve Items # 18-37 and wave final readings.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Mayor Saenz, Cm. Gonzalez

Motion Carries.

19. **2022-0-040** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 10.1752 acres situated in Porcion 29, Juan Bautista Villarreal, Original Grantee, Abstract 3086, Webb County, Texas, said tract of land called to contain 10.16 acres, conveyed to Killam Development Limited, as recorded in Volume 3441, Page 9, Official Public Records of Webb County, Texas, and originally out of Tract "K-5" conveyed to Killam Ranch Properties, Limited, as recorded in Volume 1385, Page 300, Official Public Records of Webb County, Texas, located north of Clark Boulevard and west of Bob Bullock Loop (behind Walmart) from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District).
20. **2022-0-040** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 10.1752 acres situated in Porcion 29, Juan Bautista Villarreal, Original Grantee, Abstract 3086, Webb County, Texas, said tract of land called to contain 10.16

acres, conveyed to Killam Development Limited, as recorded in Volume 3441, Page 9, Official Public Records of Webb County, Texas, and originally out of Tract "K-5" conveyed to Killam Ranch Properties, Limited, as recorded in Volume 1385, Page 300, Official Public Records of Webb County, Texas, located north of Clark Boulevard and west of Bob Bullock Loop (behind Walmart) from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District). ZC-026-2022 District IV 2022-0-041 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for a mini-storage/ warehouse on Lot 1, Block 1, Lago Del Mar Subdivision, Unit 16, located at 2519 East Del Mar Boulevard.

21. **2022-0-042** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 119 F, Block 3, San Isidro Southwest - Antler Crossing Subdivision, Phase 5, located at 1511 San Isidro Parkway, from B-4 (Highway Commercial District) to B-3 (Community Business District).
22. **2022-0-043** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Planned Unit Development Overlay Zone of B-3-PUD (Community Business District Planned Unit Development) for townhomes on Lot 119 F, Block 3, San Isidro Southwest - Antler Crossing Subdivision, Phase 5, located at 1511 San Isidro Parkway.
23. **2022-0-044** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 14.98 acre tract of land, made up of a 9.98 acre tract of land, conveyed to 501 Imperial Partners, L.P., described in deed recorded in Volume 4343, pages 276-284, Official Public Records, Webb County, Texas, and Tract A, a 2.50 acre tract of land, conveyed to 501 Webb Realty, LLC, described in deed recorded in Volume 4845, pages 730-734, Official Public Records, Webb County, Texas, and Tract B, a 2.50 acre tract of land, conveyed to 501 Webb Realty, LLC, described in deed recorded in Volume 4723, pages 868-871, Official Public Records, Webb County, Texas, situated in Porcion 22, Dona Maria Jesus Sanchez, Abstract 277, Webb County, Texas, located south of Monaco Boulevard and Larvotto Loop and north of Shiloh Drive, from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) and B-3 (Community Business District) to R-1 B (Single Family High Density District).
24. **2022-0-045** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning of Lot 119E, Block 3, San Isidro Southwest Antler Crossing Subdivision, Phase 5, located at 1557 San Isidro Parkway from B-4 (Highway Commercial District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District).
25. **2022-0-046** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Planned Unit Development Overlay Zone of R-2-PUD (Multi-Family Residential District Planned Unit Development) for duplexes on Lot 119 E, Block 3, San Isidro Southwest - Antler Crossing Subdivision, Phase 5, located at 1557 San Isidro Parkway.
26. **2022-0-047** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning of Lots 119A, 119B and 119C, Block 3, San Isidro Southwest - Antler Crossing Subdivision, Phase 5,

located at 9880, 9820 and 9814 Springfield Avenue (respectively), from B-4 (Highway Commercial District) to B-3 (Community Business District).

27. **2022-0-048** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 0.53 acres comprised of 0.31 acres of Tract I, a 14.78 acres Tract I, and 0.22 acres of Tract IV, a 1.66 acre easement and right of way Tract, recorded in Volume 1261, pages 834-842, Webb County Deed Records, situated in Porcion 9 Blas Maria Dias Original Grantee, A-38, Webb County, Texas, located at west of FM 1472 and south of Thesiel Road from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).
28. **2022-0-049** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to appropriate funds in the amount of \$8,753,532.00 awarded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) FY21 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Grant TX-2022-015-00 by increasing revenues and expenses for the FY21-22 Transit Budget. Funding is provided through the COVID-19 Stimulus Package passed by the 117th United States Congress signed into law by President Joe Biden on March 11, 2021. Funding will be dispensed at a 100% federal share with no local match required and will be available to support operating assistance and maintenance for the El Metro Bus Operations.
29. **2022-0-049** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to appropriate funds in the amount of \$8,753,532.00 awarded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) FY21 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Grant TX-2022-015-00 by increasing revenues and expenses for the FY21-22 Transit Budget. Funding is provided through the COVID-19 Stimulus Package passed by the 117th United States Congress signed into law by President Joe Biden on March 11, 2021. Funding will be dispensed at a 100% federal share with no local match required and will be available to support operating assistance and maintenance for the El Metro Bus Operations.
30. **2022-0-051** Amending the City of Laredo Noise Abatement Fund FY21-22 annual budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$75,000.00 and authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all necessary documents related to the grant agreement between Frontier Energy, Inc. and the City of Laredo Municipal Housing for the AEP Central Division/Targeted Low-Income Program. The program will provide for the replacement of complete central air conditioning and heating units for at least 16 Noise Abatement home properties. The total project cost is \$105,000.00, which includes a City match of \$30,000.00. Funding for the grant match is available in the Noise Abatement Fund.
31. **2022-0-052** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY21-22 Max A. Mandel Municipal Golf Course budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$80,000.00. Revenues are from funds generated by the Max Mandel Golf Course charges for the Capital Replacement Project. Funds will be used for the acquisition of equipment necessary for the maintenance of the Max A. Mandel Municipal Golf Course.
32. **2022-0-053** Amending the City of Laredo's FY21-22 Bridge System Construction Fund by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$4,325,000.00 for the City's participation and contribution to a joint project with the Texas Department of

Transportation and specifically the contribution of Right-of-Way funds for highway improvements on North US 59 Loop (formerly known as State Loop 20 and Bob Bullock Loop) including the segment from East Corridor Road (Airport) to 0.36 mile South of University Blvd, from 0.36 miles South of University Blvd. to 0.51 miles South of Shiloh Drive and from 0.51 miles South of Shiloh Drive to International Blvd. Funding for this project is from the State Infrastructure Bank Loan.

33. **2022-0-054** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to accept and amend the City of Laredo FY21-22 Capital Improvement Fund by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the total amount of \$40,000.00. Revenues are from three donations; \$20,000.00 provided by Pinnacle, \$10,000.00 provided by San Isidro Management and \$10,000.00 provided by Fasken Oil and Ranch LTD. The expenditures will be utilized for the Fasken Tree House Improvements.
34. **2022-0-055** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into a lease agreement with Literacy Volunteers of Laredo for use of approximately 279 sq. ft. of office space identified as A 102 located at the Lamar Bruni Vergara Inner City Branch Library; and providing for an effective date.
35. **2022-0-056** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute an amendment to the lease agreement between the City of Laredo, as Lessor, and Signature Flight Support, LLC, as Lessee, as approved by Ordinance No. 95-0-157 on August 7, 1995, and amendments approved by Ordinance No. 2020-0-155 on December 7, 2020, and Ordinance No. 2021-0-057 on February 1, 2021, to increase the lease premises from approximately 4,500 square feet to approximately 5,316 square feet and to increase the rent from \$3,669.75 to \$4,338.87 with an annual adjustment according to changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). All other terms and conditions remain unchanged and in effect.
36. **2022-0-057** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute an amendment to lease agreement between the City of Laredo, as Lessor, and Signature Flight Support, LLC, as Lessee, approved by Ordinance No. 2008-0-241, approved on December 1, 2008, and amendments approved by Ordinance No. 2011-0-147, on November 7, 2011, Ordinance No. 2020-0-155, approved December 7, 2020, and Ordinance No. 2021-0-041 on February 1, 2021, to decrease the leased premises from 9,882 square feet to 9,843 square feet and to decrease the rent from \$1,295.12 to \$1,290.05 with an annual adjustment according to changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). All other terms and conditions remain unchanged and in effect.
37. **2022-0-058** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute an amendment to lease agreement between the City of Laredo, as Lessor, and Signature Flight Support, LLC, as Lessee, approved by Ordinance No. 95-0-158, approved on August 7, 1995, and amendments approved by Ordinance No. 2020-0-155 on December 7, 2020, and Ordinance No. 2021-0-041 on February 1, 2021, to increase the leased premises from approximately 4,500 square feet to approximately 10,737 square feet and to increase the rent from

\$737.12 to \$1,735.15 with an annual adjustment according to changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). All other terms and conditions remain unchanged and in effect.

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

BUILDING: STAFF SOURCE JOHN H ICKLE, BUILDING DIRECTOR

38. **2022-R-008** Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and Izzamary Torres for a proposed project located at 3304 East Frost Street, Lot 2, Block 1 Paul Young Subdivision that consists of one single family residence, in accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ). This agreement will be for a five (5) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$ 1 93,962.00, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$1,195 .25 and estimated total fee waivers of \$ 1 ,475.69. The guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information.

Motion to approve Items #38-90 with the exclusion of #63,50.

Moved: Cm. Marte Martinez

Second: Mayor Pete Saenz

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: Cm. Torres on Items #40, 62

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

Motion Carries.

39. **2022-R-061** Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and Priscilla Ann Hernandez for a proposed project located at 3005 East Kearney Street, Lot 3, Block 1 84 7, Eastern Division that consist of two single-family residences. In accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowered Zone (NEZ). This agreement will be for a five (5) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$280,000.00, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$ 1 ,723.04, and estimated total fee waivers of \$ 1 ,666.1 8. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information.
40. **2022-R-062** Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and Joseph Gage for a proposed project located at 1 401 Fremont Street, Lots 11 & 1 2, Block 783, Eastern Division that consists of rehabilitation of a single-family residence, in accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ). This agreement will be for a five (5) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$94,766 .00,

estimated annual tax abatement total of \$583.16, and estimated total fee waivers of \$857.00. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information.

41. **2022-R-063** Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and Isabel Jimenez for a proposed project located at 919 Corpus Christi Street, Lot 3 & 4, block 555, Eastern Division that consists of twelve residential multi-family units. In accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowered Zone (NEZ). This agreement will be for a ten (10) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$1,155,530.00, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$7,110.79, and estimated total fee waivers of \$9,176.00. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information.
42. **2022-R-064** Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and Rolando G Ortiz, Ph.D. for a proposed project located at 2602 O'Kane Street, Lot 8, Block 1546, Eastern Division that consist of a rehabilitation of a single-family residence. In accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowered Zone (NEZ). This agreement will be for a five (5) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$160,000.00, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$159,481.35, and estimated total fee waivers of \$373.00. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information.
43. **2022-R-065** Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and LRAC Property Investments, LLC for a proposed project located at 2506 Pine Street, Lot 10, Block 1467, Eastern Division that consists of new construction of a single-family residence, in accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ). This agreement will be for a five (5) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$122,500.00, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$746.48, and estimated total fee waivers of \$941.09. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information.
44. **2021 -R-066** Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and Veronica F. Guerra for a proposed project located at 2302 Rosario Street, Lot 8, Block 1345, Eastern Division that consists of four unit multi-family structure. In accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowered Zone (NEZ). This agreement will be for a ten (10) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$140,000.00, estimated annual tax

abatement total of \$841.65 and estimated total fee waivers of \$2,710.00. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information.

45. **2022-R-067** Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and Esmeralda Zuniga for a proposed project located at 2318 Marcella Ave, Lot 7, block 299, Eastern Division that consist of two single-family residences. In accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowered Zone (NEZ). This agreement will be for a five (5) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$210,000.00, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$1,331.40, and estimated total fee waivers of \$1,850.60. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information.

46. **2022-R-068** Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and Marco A Lopez & Claudia Lopez for a proposed project located at 1617 San Francisco Ave, Lot 6, Block 315 Western Division that consists of a single family residence, in accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ). This agreement will be for a five (5) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$120,000.00, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$570.02 and estimated total fee waivers of \$919.00. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information.

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

47. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to engage in contractual services with Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal and Zech, P.C. for legal services in connection with the negotiations of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Laredo Fire Fighters Association, in an amount not to exceed \$95,000.00. Funding is available through General Fund - Contractual services.

48. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to amend the Emergency Solutions Grant - Coronavirus (ESG-CV) contracts with Bethany House of Laredo, Inc., Holding Institute, and Catholic Charities by increasing the total amount awarded to each agency by an additional \$290,281.00 in funding. The additional awarded fund will be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) among individuals and families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance. These available ESG-CV funds must be utilized for eligible ESG activities.

49. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to award a construction contract FY22-041 to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Esmeralda Garcia d/b/a EG Construction, for an amount not to exceed \$391,700.00. This construction contract is for the rehabilitation project of two duplexes located at 302 San Enrique Ave. Laredo, TX 78040 Units A, B, C, and

D, and to execute all related contract documents contingent upon receipt and approval of insurances, and payment & performance bonds. Funding is available in the Home Investment fund under the 2017 HOME Grant and Program Income.

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

50. **2022-R-080** A Resolution authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$18,600,000.00 to the U.S. Department of Transportation, under the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity (RAISE) Grant Program, for the purpose of funding the World Trade Bridge Expansion; and authorizing participation via local match in an amount of up to \$3,720,000.00 as required; funding is available in future bond proceeds; and providing for an effective date.

ENGINEERING: STAFF SOURCE RAMON E. CHAVEZ, CITY ENGINEER

51. Consideration for approval of the Fasken Community Center Prevention of Stream Bank Erosion as complete, ratification of change order No. 1, an increase of \$61,990.08 which includes additional earthwork improvements, mechanically stabilized earth (MSE) retaining wall and reinforced soil slope (RSS) improvements, an additional time of 32 calendar days, release of retainage, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$89,979.41 to Quantcorp Construction, LLC, Laredo, Texas. The final construction contract amount is \$341,883.37, with a total contract time of 182 calendar days. Funding is available in the Environmental Services fund under the 2019 Environmental Certificate of Obligation bond.
52. Consideration for approval of the selection of the top ranked consultant for RFQ FY22-ENG-14 Construction Materials Quality Testing and Subsurface Exploration Services for the Sports Complex Venue and authorization to negotiate and execute a professional services contract. Five (5) responses were received at the City Secretary's Office on March 10, 2022, and publicly opened, read and taken under advisement on March 11, 2022. The evaluation committee recommends the selection of Howland Engineering & Surveying Co., Inc. There is no financial impact at this time.
53. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Laredo and Hill Top Farm, LTD., for a 100' wide temporary construction easement, for the donation of a right-of-way by dedication plat for the construction of Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority (WC-CL RMA) Los Presidentes Arterial Project Phase 1, and to construct water lines in consideration of the donation and payment by grantor in the amount of \$34,097.80 as part of the previously approved change order No. 1 and the Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Laredo and the WC-CL RMA.

ENVIRONMENTAL SOLID WASTE: STAFF SOURCE JOHN PORTER, ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTOR/ I NTERIM SOLID WASTE D IRECTOR

54. Consideration to renew contract FY19-04 7 Manadas Creek Stormwater Detention Facilities maintenance to Nick Benavides, Oilton, Texas, in the annual amount of \$125,888.00. This is a service contract to provide mowing and maintenance to the Manadas Creek and quarterly Manadas West excavation. This is the third and final extension period of this contract. Funding is available in the Environmental Services Fund.
55. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to negotiate and execute a professional engineering services contract with SCS Engineers - Houston, Texas in the amount not to exceed \$380,410.00, for topographic survey, engineering plans, specifications, bid services, air permit revisions, and construction phase services to meet TCEQ requirements for a landfill Gas Collection and Control System (GCCS). Funding is available in the Solid Waste Services Fund.

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

56. **2022-R-079** Authorizing the City of Laredo to enter into an Inter-Local Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Equal is Group Cooperative Purchasing Program, Region 10 Education Service Center, Plano, Texas and authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute this membership agreement. The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate compliance with the State of Texas bidding requirements, to identify qualified vendors of commodities, goods and services, and to realize potential cost savings for the City of Laredo.
57. Consideration to renew service contract FY17-01 5 with Laredo Vending Company, Laredo, TX in order to provide drink and snack vending machine services for various City of Laredo departments. The term of this contract shall be for a period of five (5) years beginning the date of its execution. Laredo Vending will offer 12% percent of revenues collected and has agreed to follow the City of Laredo Healthy Choices Vending Machine Policy by offering healthy/fit products. This contract can be renewed one (1) additional five (5) year extension period upon mutual agreement of the parties. All services will be secured on an as needed basis.
58. Consideration to award annual supply contract FY22-045 to the following vendors:
 1. Fastenal Company, Laredo, Texas;
 2. Eagle Supply, Laredo, Texas;
 3. South Texas Specialties, Laredo, Texas;
 4. Dooley Tackeberry, Deer Park, Texas;

in an amount of up to \$300,000.00 annually for providing general safety supplies to all City departments. This contract establishes discount percentage pricing for those safety supplies most commonly utilized by City departments. The term of this contract shall be for a period of two (2) years beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This contract may be extended for three, additional

one (1) year periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. All items will be purchased on an as-needed basis and funding will be secured from the user departmental budgets.

59. Consideration to renew contract FY20-046 Safety Footwear II for the City of Laredo employees, to the following vendors: Al & Rob Sales - Laredo, TX, and Cavender's Western Outfitters - Laredo, TX. The amount for this contract is approximately \$140,000.00 annually. The term of this contract is for two (2) years, subject to future appropriations. This is the last extension period for this contract. Funding for this contract is available in the respective City departments' operational budget.

FIRE: STAFF SOURCE GUILLERMO H EARD, FIRE CHIEF

60. Consideration to renew contract with Rotex Truck Center Inc, Laredo, TX for service repairs through BuyBoard Cooperative Contract # 629-20 in an estimated annual amount of \$67,500.00. This service contract is for original equipment manufacturer parts and repairs for the City of Laredo Fire Department units which need to be operational at all times for emergency calls. The term of this renewal shall be for a period of two (2) years beginning as of the date of its execution and is subject to future appropriations. This is the last renewal for this service. Funding is available in the General Fund - Fire Department.
61. Consideration to ratify a purchase contract with exclusive dealer Richardson Apparatus LLC, Johnson City, TX, for a cumulative amount of \$84,1 21 .72 and to further authorize future related expenditures for an amount not to exceed \$ 1 25,000.00 for the purchase of safety gear that includes, but is not limited to rescue suits, hoods, gloves, and boots. Firefighters need special ized and certified safety gear that compl ies with the National Fire Protection Association. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is subject to future appropriations. Funding for this contract is available in the General Fund - Fire Department.

FLEET MANAGEMENT: STAFF SOURCE RONALD MILLER, FLEET D IRECTOR

62. Consideration to renew annual parts/service contract FY1 9-063 with Mechanical Shop of Laredo, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$ 1 40,000 .00 for repairs to the City's lawn maintenance equipment. 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 du ring the last extension period. This is the last extension period for this contract. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Fund.
63. Consideration to award renew parts/service contract FY21 -050 with Bone's Custom Cycles, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$50,000.00 for the purchase of motorcycle Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) parts/services for the City's Pol ice motorcycles. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution

and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. There was no price increase during the last extension period. The contract may be extended for two (2), additional one (1) year periods each upon mutual agreement of the parties. All parts and services will be purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Fund.

Ronald Miller Fleet Director, spoke in regards to the FY21-050 contract with Bones' Custom Cycles.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Gutierrez

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

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

Motion Carries.

64. Consideration to award annual parts/service contract FY22-048 to the following vendors:

1) Laredo Mechanical Industrial Services, Laredo, TX, in an amount up to \$220,000.00 (Primary Vendor);

2) Loftin Equipment, Universal City, TX, in an amount up to \$80,000.00 (Secondary Vendor);

for the purchase of Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) generator parts and services for the City's stationary and portable generators. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This contract may be extended for three (3) additional one (1) year periods upon mutual agreement. All services will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Fund.

65. Consideration to award annual supply contract FY22-047 to the low bidder Gonzalez Auto Parts, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$ 1 80,000.00, for the purchase of automotive batteries for the City's Fleet vehicles. All batteries 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. The contract can be renewed three (3) additional one (1) year extension periods, upon the mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Fund.

HEALTH: STAFF SOURCE RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, HEALTH DIRECTOR

66. **2022-R-071** Ratifying the execution of a contract Prevention and Early Intervention Division from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services in the additional amount of

\$42,542.93 for a total of \$642,542.93 with no match for the City of Laredo Health Department, Nurse Family Partnership for the term period from September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022. No grant match required.

67. **2022-R-072** Ratifying the execution of a contract Family Planning Annual Report 2.0 Initiative from the Every Body Texas in the total amount of \$56,771 .00 with no match for the City of Laredo Health Department, for the term from April 1, 2021, through March 31, 2022. No grant match is required.
68. **2022-R-075** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to accept the donation agreement from Quick Aid LLC for 28 pallets of hand sanitizers for use and distribution by the Health Department, having a fair market value for each bottle to be \$0.99, the total value is \$71,136.00 in accordance with Resolution 2019-R-024, also known as the City of Laredo Donation Acceptance Policy.
69. **2022-R-078** Ratifying the execution of a contract Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention, American Rescue Plan Act from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services in the additional amount of \$44,000.00 for a total of \$686,542.93 for the City of Laredo Health Department, Nurse Family Partnership Division for the term period from April 15, 2022, through August 31, 2022. No grant match required.
70. Consideration to approve final payment in the total amount of \$78,000.00 to Netsmart Technologies, Inc. for maintenance services for electronic medical records software for the City of Laredo Health Department. Funding is available in the Health Department budget.

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

71. Consideration to authorize the Interim City Manager to execute a professional service contract FY22-031 with Gallagher Benefits Services, Austin, Texas for an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 per year. This is an Employee Benefits Consultant contract for an initial term of three (3) years beginning May 1 st , 2022 and subject to future appropriations; contract has options to renew two (2) additional one (1) year periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties and in accordance with the terms of the negotiated contract. Funding for this contract is available in the Human Resources Health and Benefits Fund.

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

72. Consideration to award a contract to Marathon Fitness BuyBoard contract No. 583-19 in the total amount of \$61,336.50 for the purchase and installation of replacement exercise equipment at various recreation centers. The purchase of this equipment shall be made utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program. The purchase and installation shall take approximately thirty to sixty days upon placement of order. Funding is available in the General Fund - Parks & Recreation Department.

73. Consideration to ratify a supply contract with BuyBoard vendor BSN Sports LLC, Dallas, TX, for a cumulative amount of \$56,950.20 and to further authorize future related expenditures for an additional amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for the purchase of sports and playground equipment for the Parks & Recreation Department in order to make repairs to placescape. This annual contract shall utilize the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. Funding for this contract is available in the General Fund - Parks & Recreation Department.
74. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a purchase contract with Fun Abounds, Inc., Sugar Land, Texas for the purchase and installation of:
- 1) Playground equipment at the M.E. Benavides Sports Complex located at 600 South Bartlett, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$58,853.00;
 - 2) ADA Playground equipment at the Freddie Benavides Park located at 2201 Zacatecas, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$76,510.00.

These purchases shall be made utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program. The estimated time for completion of projects is 120 working days upon receipt of contracts. Funding is available in the 2019 and 2021A CO Bond.

POLICE: STAFF SOURCE CLAUDIO TREVINO, CHIEF OF POLICE

75. **2022-R-077** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$1,486,860.00 to the office of the Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) for the purpose of funding the 2021 Operation Stonegarden Grant (OPSG). This funding will be used for the purchase of two (2) patrol vehicles and for overtime and fringe benefit expenses used for Stonegarden Operations. No local match is required. Grant will be accounted for in the Special Police Fund.
76. Consideration to authorize the purchase of fourteen (14) unmarked police units from Silsbee Toyota, Silsbee, TX in the amount of \$372,812.00. The purchase of these vehicles shall be made utilizing the Goodbuy Contract Pricing Program. Funding is available in the Capital Improvements Fund and the Police Trust Fund.

PUBLIC WORKS: STAFF SOURCE JOHN ORFI LA, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

77. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to ratify change order No. 1, an increase of \$422,107.00 to R&A Construction for additional emergency repairs at the Uni-Trade Stadium. 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.

The total construction contract amount including this change order is \$528,557.00. Funding is available in the Sports Venue Fund-Unitrade Operations.

Proposal to lift/stabilize specified area of the entry level concourse \$389,337.00
Proposal to redo/repair metal stud walls inside concession stands \$32,770.00
Total \$ 422,107.00

TRAFFIC SAFETY: STAFF SOURCE ROBERT F. PENA, I NTERIM TRAFFIC DIRECTOR

78. Consideration to award purchasing contract to Cubic Trafficware, under Buy Board Contract #608-20 Highway Safety and Traffic Control Products, in the total amount of \$172,000.00 for enhanced traffic controller cabinets for Traffic Signals on Killam Industrial/Sara Road, Del Mar/Rocio, Del Mar/BroadCrest, Ejido/Sierra Vista, Ejido/Chacota, International/Simon Bolivar, Simon Bolivar/Bucky Houdmann, Concord Hills/Los Presidentes. Funding is available in General Fund - Traffic Department and the 2021A CO Bond.
79. Consideration to ratify a supply contract with HGAC vendor, Consolidated Traffic Controls, Inc, for a cumulative amount of \$169,531.00 and to further authorize future related expenditures for an additional amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 for the purchase of signal heads, pedestrian aluminum heads, visors, materials, and parts for the Traffic Safety Department. This annual contract shall utilize the HGAC Contract PE-05-21 . The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. Funding for this contract is available in the 2021A CO Bond.

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

80. **2022-R-073** Accepting the conveyance of a 15' wide utility and access easement containing 1,986 square feet, more or less, being out of a 3,782 acre-tract being Lot 11, Block 3 of San Isidro Northeast Subdivision Puerta del Sol, Phase II and a 1.892 acre tract being Lot 29, Block 1, as recorded in Volume 37, pages 93-96 Webb County Map Records, Texas. This 1,986 square feet-tract of land being more particularly described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "B" and depicted on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made part hereof.
81. **2022-R-074** Accepting the conveyance of a 600 square feet sanitary sewer easement, more or less, in Webb County, Texas, out of Porcion 32, Antonio Trevino, Original Grantee, Abstract 295, same being out of Lot 26-B, Block 1, Re-Plat of Lots 26-A and 26-B, Block 1, Los Alpes Subdivision as recorded in Volume 36, page 20, Webb County Records, Texas. This easement being more particularly described by metes and bounds in the attached Exhibit "B" and depicted on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made part hereof.
82. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to amend The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) Cooperative Contract to Maguire Iron, Inc. in the amount of \$325,000.00. Maguire Iron, Inc. performed a visual inspection of all tanks and identified the deficiencies in each water tank.

This amendment includes exterior renovation, structural analysis and tank mixers to four water tanks. Revised contract amount will be \$1,596,180.00. This amendment will be paid over five years as follows: Year 1: \$173,000, Year 2: \$38,000.00, Year 3: \$38,000.00, Year 4: \$38,000.00 and Year 5: \$38,000.00. Funding is available in the American Rescue Plan Act and in the Waterworks Construction Account.

83. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to ratify a contract to SAL Construction Management, LLC. of Weslaco, Texas, in the amount of \$196,589.87, for the emergency work (labor only) for the replacement of sixty (60) linear feet of existing 36-inch ductile iron water transmission main in 100 block of Frost Street performed on February 18, 2022 through February 25, 2022. Funding is available in the 2019 Water Revenue Bond.
84. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to ratify a contract to SAL Construction Management, LLC. of Weslaco, Texas, in the amount of \$67,245.00, for the emergency work on the 36" waterline (labor only) on St. Augustine and Jefferson St. performed on March 18, 2022 through March 19, 2022. Funding is available in the Waterworks Construction Fund.
85. Consideration to renew annual contract FY20-040 with MG Landscaping, Laredo, Texas in an amount, not to exceed, \$90,000.00 for lawn and landscaping repairs caused by water line break 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 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 services will be secured on an as-needed basis. Funding is available in the Water Works Fund.
86. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to approve an amendment No. 11 to CDM Smith, in the amount of \$34,500.00 for the professional services for conceptual design evaluation and construction cost estimates for three (3) different blower building modifications to mitigate dust and debris from entering the facility and impacting blower operations. Recent repairs to the blowers identified excessive wind-blown dust inside the blowers and electrical panels. The revised contract amount is \$8,367,110.00. Funding is available in the 2017 Sewer Revenue Bond.
87. Consideration to renew supply contract number FY20-045 with Core and Main, St. Louis, Missouri in an amount of up to \$800,000.00 for the purchase of mechanical joint fittings, cast iron meter boxes, brass and galvanized fittings, and full circle repair clamps for the Utilities Department. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This contract 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. These materials are purchased on an as needed basis by the Utilities Department- Water Operations for construction and repair projects. Funding is available in the Water Works Fund.

88. Consideration to renew annual contract FY19-065 with Square E. Services, Los Fresnos, Texas, in an amount up to \$750,000.00 to provide services in the maintenance of all the water treatment plants SCADA monitoring and electrical controls under preventative maintenance and emergency response objectives. Pricing is based on a flat hourly rate for management, technician, system integrator, journeyman electrician, and a professional engineer. All services will be secured on an as needed basis. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the last extension period for this contract. Funding is available in the Water Works Department Fund - Water Treatment Division.
89. Consideration to ratify a contract with BuyBoard vendor Precision Pump Systems, Edinburg, TX, for an amount of \$60,1 00.00 for the replacement of an electrical panel which controls the Climber Barscreen at the Zacate Wastewater Treatment Plant and to further authorize future related expenditures for an additional amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 for the purchase of pumps, motors, controls, and accessories for the Utilities Department. This annual contract shall utilize the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. Funding for this contract is available in the Water and Sewer System Funds.
90. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute an agreement providing for reimbursement of part of the cost of construction of an off-site 12-inch sanitary sewer collector line extension. The proposed collector line will benefit the City of Laredo and adjoining areas. The preliminary estimate identifies the cost of the off-site extension at \$723,963.00. The developer is requesting oversize participation in the amount of \$506,774.10 from the Utilities Department. This participation will be presented in the form of a reimbursement contract through an ordinance that will assess the cost to future development with an LUE fee upon authorization. The fee will be based on the area to be served and the total number of LUE's that can be served. The developer is requesting to have first option on the available capacity for future phases within the first five (5) years of the agreement. Any extra capacity will be available to other developers on a first come first served basis and payment of applicable fees. Thereafter, any other developer will have the right to purchase excess LUE's upon development within the service area. Funding is available in the Sewer System Fund-2017 Sewer Revenue Bond.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XIII. STAFF REPORTS

91. 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.

Tina Rodriguez Internal Auditor, presented the waterworks license and certification review that was previously requested by city council.

Motion to accept report.

Moved: Cm. Martinez

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion Carries.

92. Presentation of the FY20-21 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) prepared by the City of Laredo's Financial Services Department and audited by the Independent Audit Firm of Canales, Garza, and Baum, P.L.L.C.

Juan Jose Garza representing the firm of Canales, Garza, and Baum P.L.L.C, gave a presentation on the FY20-21 annual comprehensive financial report.

No action was taken.

93. Discussion with possible action on the Integrated Water Master Plan and including the proposed funding plan; and any other matters incident thereto.

Tom Ray, and Gene Belmarez representing Lockwood, Andrews and Newman, Inc., gave a presentation on the Integrated water master plan as well as the proposed funding plan.

Motion to move forward with the existing proposed plan as needed and required.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Torres.

Motion Carries.

94. Presentation and update report by Gene Lindgren, President of Laredo Economic Development; and any other matters incident thereto.

Gene Lindgren President of the Laredo Economic Development Corporation, gave a verbal update and presentation on the activities that will be conducted during the Economic Development week.

No action was taken.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Motion to recess as the Laredo City Council and convene as the Laredo mass transit board.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Martinez

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Torres.

Motion Carries.

- 95. **2022-RT-04** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to accept and execute the FY2021 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Grant No. TX-2022-01 5-00 in the amount of \$8,753,532 for operating assistance and maintenance for the El Metro Bus Operations. The grant utilizes ARP Act funding to help hard-hit public transit agencies avoid service reductions and to recover due by the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. Funding will be provided at a 100% federal share with no local match required.

Motion to approve items # 95-99.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Martinez

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Torres.

Motion Carries.

- 96. **2022-RT-05** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to accept and execute the FY2021 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSSA) Grant No. TX-2022-01 2-00 in the amount of \$1,529,460 for operating assistance and maintenance for the El Metro Bus Operations. This grant utilizes CRRSSA funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus COVID-19 Pandemic that includes payroll and operating expenses for fixed-route and paratransit

in order to continue transit services. Funding will be at a 100% federal share with no local match required.

97. **2022-RT-09** A resolution of the Laredo Mass Transit Board to approve and adopt the Laredo Transit Management Inc. Transit System Drug and Alcohol Policy in accordance with regulations of the United States Department of Transportation Title 49 Code of Regulations Part 655 and Part 40.
98. **2022-RT-10** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to accept a resolution approving the Laredo Transit Management Inc. (L TMI) Title VI Program and authorizing the Interim City Manager and staff to submit the plan to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Regional Office. FTA requires that transit systems receiving federal financial assistance must update their Title VI Program every three (3) years.
99. Consideration for the Interim City Manager to award contract RFP FY22-042 to the Lamar Texas Limited Partnership, d/b/a Lamar Advertising of Laredo for bus shelter advertising, installation, and maintenance for an advertising inventory of 102 locations with the addition of one (1) new bus shelter per year and agrees to pay the city on or before the first day of each quarter, the quarterly amount of \$5,000.00 of the minimum annual guaranteed of \$20,000.00. In addition to the guaranteed annual payments, the city will participate with Lamar Advertising's "excess" gross receipts 40.01 % of the annual gross receipts collected by Lamar Advertising from advertising on the shelters in years 1-3 of the contract. These payments will be made to the city within one (1) month of the end of each quarter. Lamar Advertising will provide ten (10) advertising locations for El Metro Ridership Program at no additional cost based on availability. The City will only pay the cost of the vinyl material.

XVI. 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: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Torres.

Motion Carries.

100. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Request by Mayor Pete Saenz

1. Discussion with possible action to recognize Mr. Martin Villarreal, Chief Appraiser for Webb & La Salle County Appraisal District, for his 33 years of dedicated public service. The District is responsible for discovering, listing, and appraising every item of taxable property within the respective counties.

Motion to table.

Moved: Mayor Pete Saenz

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Torres.

Motion Carries.

B. Request by Council Member Vanessa J. Perez

1. Discussion with possible action and status update regarding a park project near Los Martinez and Markley Lane; and any other matters incident thereto.

Motion to take item into executive session along with the legal department and management.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Torres.

Motion Carries.

No action was taken during executive session.

2. Discussion with possible action on the Presidential Permit Application for the expansion of the World Trade Bridge, with a presentation from supporting trade organizations, and any other matters incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa)

Jose Ceballos and Arturo Dominguez representing Farias Development, gave a small presentation on the World Trade Bridge expansion presidential permit application.

No action was taken.

3. Discussion with possible action to endorse a resolution by the Veterans Committee in support of training facilities for Martin High School ROTC, and any other matters incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa)

Cm. Torres inquired on the content of the resolution.

Cm. Perez stated that the content of the resolution was to support all students enrolled in the ROTC program at Martin High School.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cigarroa

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Mayor Saenz, Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

C. Request by Council Member Rudy Gonzalez, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action to direct Interim City Manager to assign staff to purchase and install security cameras at El Eden Recreation Center.

Cm. Gonzalez stated that the purchase of cameras is necessary due to previous incidents that have occurred at the center.

Homero Vasquez IST director, stated that his team is finalizing all the proposals for the purchase of the equipment following the bidding process for installation of the cameras.

Motion to approve to purchase and install security cameras at El Eden Recreation Center.

Moved: Cm. Gonzalez

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion Carries.

D. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Vidal Rodriguez

1. Discussion with possible action on instructing the Interim City Manager to provide a status report on all Capital Improvement Projects adopted by the City Council during last year's budget workshop, to include the reason for any delays in the completion of said projects, and to explain the reason for not complying with Ordinance 2019-0-026 which required the City Manager to provide a monthly report on the status and expenditures of all council projects, and any other matters incident thereto.

Cm. Rodriguez expressed his concern with this item and the reason he placed this item on the agenda. Cm. Torres also explained the process of how the ordinance has not been followed. He wanted to discuss the item when the Interim City Manager is present and give him the direction of how we want him to direct our projects. Cm. Dr. Martinez also agreed that they should wait until the Interim City Manager was present.

Motion if the City Manager doesn't come back to this meeting that staff puts it on for next meeting, for it to be addressed with significance if not, it gets placed back on the agenda.

Moved: MPT Rodriguez

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7 Against: 0

Abstain:0

NP: Mayor Saenz, Cm. Gutierrez.

Motion Carries.

2. Discussion with possible action on directing the City Manager to immediately implement a plan of action to ensure accountability by staff for the follow-through and completion of all district projects, and any other matters incident thereto.

Same motion as item 100 D1. Motion if the City Manager doesn't come back to this meeting that staff puts it on for next meeting, for it to be addressed with significance if not it gets placed back on the agenda.

Moved: MPT Rodriguez

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 7 Against: 0

Abstain:0

NP: Mayor Saenz, Cm. Torres.

Motion Carries.

3. Discussion with possible action for the City to host Families for Autism Support and Awareness organization at Sister's of Mercy Water Park on Saturday April 30th; and any matter incident thereto.

Motion to approve for April 30, 2022, and to wave all fees for the families.

Moved: MPT Rodriguez

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7 Against: 0

Abstain:0

NP: Mayor Saenz, Cm. Gutierrez.

Motion Carries.

E. Request by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III

1. Discussion with possible action to rename the Market Street Tennis Courts to the George S. Pappas Market Street Tennis Courts, and to rename the Championship Court #7 to the T. Perry Widener Championship Tennis Court (as recommended by the Facilities Naming and Recognition Commission for council consideration).

Motion to name the Market Street Tennis Courts to the George S. Pappas Tennis Center.

Moved: Cm. Martinez

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion Carries.

F. Request by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action on traffic concerns on Springfield Ave., between Calton Rd. and Hillside Rd.; and any other matters incident thereto.

Motion to instruct the traffic director through the city manager, to bring back and present different options to address any traffic concerns on Springfield avenue between Calton Rd. and Hillside Rd.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion Carries.

2. Discussion with possible action to set goals, priorities, and performance measures as it pertains to the Interim City Manager; and any other matters incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Ruben Gutierrez)

No action was taken.

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

1. Discussion with possible action on hosting the second annual "Family Night Under the Stars," an overnight movie and camping event at the Jovita Idar Park, with free access to the pool from 4 pm. to 8 pm., as authorized under Section 21-272a(2)&(3) of the City Code, and any matter incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alberto Torres Jr. and Council Member Vanessa Perez)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Gutierrez

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Mayor Saenz, Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

2. Discussion with possible action to start the process of a design cost analysis for a new Veteran's park at the 5200 block of McPherson; and any matter incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Vanessa Perez)

J.J. Gomez Parks Director, presented the proposed location for the Veteran's park.

Cm. Gutierrez stated that the park would be specifically in honor of Vietnam Veterans.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Gutierrez

Second: MPT Roriguez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion Carries.

2. Discussion with possible action to instruct the Interim City Manager to authorize staff to install speed humps at the following locations under the Special Provision of the Speed Hump Installation Policy and to authorize the use of asphalt type speed humps instead of speed cushions which is currently required under the policy and any other matters incident thereto. City Council District V Priority Funds will be used for this project.

- 7400 Ezra Pound Drive

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Gutierrez

Second: MPT Rodriguez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion Carries.

XVII. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Gutierrez

Second: Cm. Martinez

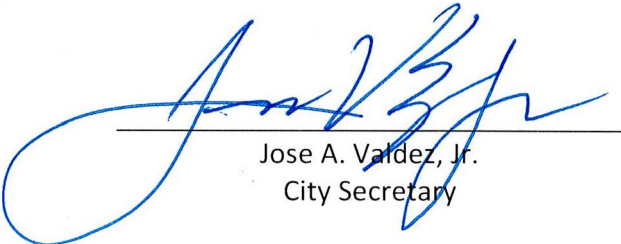
For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motions Carries.



Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary