

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M-2022-R-08
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CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
May 16, 2022
5:30 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Saenz called the meeting to order at 05:30 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	5:51 p.m.
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	5:46 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	Assistant City Manager	

V. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of May 2, 2022.

Motion to approve the May 2, 2022 minutes.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 6 Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: MPT Rodriguez, Cm. Perez.

Motion Carries.

Citizen Comments

Cynthia Mares spoke against Item #61 A.1, she had concerns with traffic congestion in the Mines Road area.

Isabel Sosa read the following Public Comments for the record:

David Saenz had concerns with the water master plan and the cost of new water.

VI. RECOGNITION

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

Mayor Saenz started to read the recognition and was informed that Mr. Donjuan was not present so no action was taken at this time.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

VIII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Motion to approve appointments to commissions, boards, and committees # 1-8.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: MPT Rodriguez, Cm. Perez.

Motion Carries.

1. Appointment by Mayor Pete Saenz of Mr. Romeo Rodriguez, Jr. to the Third Party Funding Committee.
2. Appointment by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III of Jaime Fuentes to the Telecommunications Advisory Committee.
3. Appointment by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III of Blas Alberto Martinez to the Cemetery Committee.
4. Appointment by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III of Sheri Alba to the Transportation and Traffic Safety Committee.
5. Appointment by Council Member Dr Marte A. Martinez of Cristina R. De Llano to the Animal Care Services Advisory Committee.
6. Appointment by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa of Elia Guevara to the Airport Advisory Board.
7. Appointment by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa of Lupita Zepeda to the Telecommunications Advisory Committee.
8. Appointment by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa of Juan Caballero to the Third Party Funding Committee.

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Motion to open Public Hearings # 1-13, exclude public hearings; 2, 3, and 4 until Cm. Perez arrives and to table public hearings #10.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: MPT Rodriguez, Cm. Perez.

Motion Carries.

1. **Public Hearing** and discussion of the voluntary annexation and initial zoning of B-3 (Community Business District) on a tract of land totaling 5.03 acres, more or less, as described by metes and bounds in the attached Exhibit "A", and known as Annexation Tract 4 (EMA Commercial Tract) located east of Loop 20/Bob Bullock Loop and north of East Del Mar Boulevard.

Orlando Navarro Planning and Zoning Director, presented several annexations for council discussion. Mr. Navarro stated that the first applicant is Ramin Emami with EMA commercial investments.

Motion to close Public Hearing.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

Cm. Torres

NP: Cm. Gutierrez.

Motion Carries.

2. **Public Hearing** and discussion of the voluntary annexation and initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) on a tract of land totaling 8.0 acres, more or less, as described by metes and bounds in the attached Exhibit "A", and known as Annexation Tract 3 (USA TSM Tract), located east of FM 14 72 and north of Lampazos Loop.

Mr. Navarro stated that the applicant is Enrique Garza Cantu with USATSM Incorporated.

Motion to close Public Hearing.

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Martinez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gutierrez.

Motion Carries.

3. **Public Hearing** and discussion on the voluntary annexation and initial zoning of M-1 (Light Industrial) on a tract of land totaling 288.2131 acres, more or less, as described by metes and bounds in the attached Exhibit "A", and known as Annexation Tract 6 (Reuthinger Tract), located west of FM 14 72 and north of Vidal Cantu Road.

Mr. Navarro stated that the third applicant is David Reuthinger with Reuthinger Living Trust.

Motion to close Public Hearing.

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Martinez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gutierrez.

Motion Carries.

- 4. **Public Hearing** and discussion of the voluntary annexation and initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) on a tract of land totaling 29.6653 acres, more or less, as described by metes and bounds in the attached Exhibit "A" and known as Annexation Tract 7 (Gilpin Tract), located west of FM 14 72 and north of Vidal Cantu Road.

Mr. Navarro stated that the applicant is Robert J. Gilpin with Gilpin Engineering Company.

Motion to close Public Hearing.

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Martinez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Torres, Cm. Gutierrez.

Motion Carries.

- 5. **Public Hearing** and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 2A, Block 16, Eleden Subdivision, Unit XIX, located at 5210 South Ejido Avenue, from B-1 (Limited Business District) and B-3 (Community Business District) to B-3 (Community Business District).

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

Motion to close and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Gonzalez

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gutierrez.

Motion Carries.

- 6. **Public Hearing** and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 14 7 .94 acres situated in Porcion 26, Agustin

Sanchez, Original Grantee, Abstract 282 and Survey 1550 Geo K. Hall, Original Grantee, Abstract 496, Webb County, Texas, said 147.94 acres being out of a called 43,878.58 acre tract of land conveyed to Killam Ranch Properties, Limited, as recorded in Volume 540, pages 632-634, Official Public Records of Webb County, Texas, located west of Bob Bullock Loop and south of University Boulevard, from AG (Agricultural District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District).

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

Motion to close and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gutierrez.

Motion Carries.

7. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for a restaurant serving alcohol on approximately 3.54 acres situated in Porcion 25, Juan F. Garcia, Original Grantee, Abstract 50, City of Laredo, Webb County Texas. Being out of that certain 1,450 acres of land conveyed to Delfina Benavides Alexander and Josefina Alexander Gonzalez recorded in Volume 414, pages 502-506, deed records Webb County Texas, subsequently conveyed to Ema Commercial Investments, Limited Liability Company as per deed recorded in Volume 4200, pages 846-852, Webb County Official Public Records, located south of Del Mar Boulevard and west of John B Alexander Parkway, Unit 101 (8,383 square feet).

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

Motion to close and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Martinez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gutierrez.

Motion Carries.

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 restaurant serving alcohol on Lots 1 and 2, Block 3 Khaledi Heights Subdivision, Unit 3 and on Lot 3, Block 3,

Khaledi Heights Subdivison, Unit 2, located at 3902, 3910, and 3920 East Del Mar Boulevard (respectively), suites 205-206 (4,100 square feet).

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

Motion to close and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gutierrez.

Motion Carries.

9. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by amending Ordinance 2006-0-129 which authorized a Special Use Permit for mini-storages on Lot 2, Block 2, Monaco Subdivision, located at 9416 McPherson Road in order to amend the site plan to reconfigure the storage units and parking.

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

Motion to close and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Martinez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gutierrez.

Motion Carries.

10. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 3, Block 1, DCAF Mines Road Subdivision, located at 16101 FM 14 72, from a B-3 (Community Business District) to a B-4 (Highway Community District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed special use permit and staff does not support the application.

Item was tabled.

11. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** authorizing the Interim City Manager to accept a grant, approve a program and appropriation of funds from the Texas Department of Health & Human Services through a partnership with UT Health San Antonio School of Nursing in the amount up to \$400,000.00 for the Laredo Fire Department EMS Division to

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

Cm. Dr. Martinez expressed the importance of the grant, to help save many lives. Assistant fire chief gave a small presentation, and spoke on the importance of the approval of the Texas target opioid response intervention program.

Motion to close and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gutierrez.

Motion Carries.

12. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** authorizing the Interim City Manager to amend the FY21-22 General Fund - Laredo Municipal Court budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$175,000.00 by appropriating excess revenues. Funds will be used to upgrade the computer network.

Motion to close and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Martinez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gutierrez.

Motion Carries.

13. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** authorizing the Interim City Manager to appropriate funds by amending the City of Laredo Health Department FY21-22 budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$33,600.00, for the vasectomy service in the Patient Care Services Program, and increase revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$3,600.00, for the HIV medications, PrEP and nPep, in the LETs program for the term period of October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022.

Motion to close and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gutierrez.

Motion Carries.

X. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

14. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a Lease Agreement between the Laredo International Airport and D and H Oil & Gas Services, LLC for approximately 15,000 square feet constituting warehouse and office space situated within a 3.0-acre tract of land located at 5508 Thomas Avenue, Laredo, Webb County, Texas situated on property described as Block No. 1, of the subdivision plat of Laredo International Airport according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 5, page 1, plat records of Webb County, Texas. Lease term is for five (5) years and may be extended for two (2) five (5) year options until June 30, 2037. Initial monthly rent shall be \$7,500.00 a month and will be adjusted annually according to changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI); and providing for an effective date.

City Council to introduce.

XI. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to adopt and wave final reading of items #15 - #23.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Martinez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gutierrez.

Motion Carries.

15. **2022-0-059** 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 211.005(d) and 211.009(c) respectively. On April 7th, 2022, the **Planning and Zoning Commission** voted to recommend **approval** of the proposed ordinance amendment to the City Council. On April 13th, 2022, **Board of Adjustment** was called to consider this item, but did not achieve quorum and no action was taken. (correction) On May 11th, 2022, the **Board of Adjustment** voted to recommend **denial** of the proposed ordinance amendment. The Board stated that the ordinance should require a concurring vote of 75% of the members present to grant a variance or reverse an administrative order, rather than requiring a concurring vote of 75% of the membersto grant a variance or reverse and administrative order as stipulated in Texas Local Government Code Section 211.009(c). The Board also expressed their support for the appointment of alternates, if the Council approved the ordinance as proposed.

16. **2022-0-073** Ratifying the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Laredo Health Department and Methodist Healthcare Ministries amending the FY21-22 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$220,621.00 and amending the FY21-22 Full-Time Equivalent Position Listing by adding two (2) Health Educators, R29 positions, for the Juntos for Better Health Program for the term period of March 1, 2022, through February 28, 2023.
17. **2022-0-074** Amending Chapter 15, "Health and Sanitation," Article I, "In General," Section 15-11 of the Code of Ordinances to add the fees for HIV prevention medication; providing a severability clause; providing a savings clause; and providing for publication and effective date. Fees are as follows: PrEP medication \$45.00 (new), nPep medication \$45.00 (new).
18. **2022-0-075** Ratifying the execution of a contract from the Health and Human Services Commission, amending the FY21-22 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$82,058.00, and amending the FY21-22 Full-Time Equivalent Position Listing by creating one (1) Health Educator Supervisor, R36, one (1) Licensed Professional Counselor, R37, one (1) Administrative Assistant I, R32, one (1) Medical Office Assistant II, R30, and one (1) Health Educator I, R29, for the City of Laredo Health Department. Funding is available in the Community Mental Health Grant for the term period of June 1, 2022, through August 31, 2022, with possibility of renewal. Funding will be allocated in the Health Department - Community Mental Health Grant.
19. **2022-0-076** Amending Chapter 23, Section 23-4 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo to incorporate a baseball league fee of \$200.00 per team and authorizing the Interim City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY21-22 Recreation Fund budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$2,400.00. Revenues are from funds generated by the team fees and will be used for recreation equipment for the league; containing a savings clause; containing a severability clause, and providing an effective date.
20. **2022-0-077** Amending the Chapter 11.5, Emergency Management Ordinance, to set forth regulations for obtaining a license to use city-owned property when a state of emergency has been declared or a disaster has occurred; establishing an application and license fees; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing for a savings clause; providing for a severability clause; providing for a penalty; providing for publication; and declaring an effective date. Fees are as follows: one-time application fee of \$100.00, a maximum of 400 square feet of lease space at \$5.00 per square foot, for a total monthly lease amount of \$2,000.00 for private businesses.
21. **2022-0-078** Amending the FY21-22 budget for the Sports and Community Venue Fund by drawing down fund balance by \$4,669,400.00. Funds will be appropriated for maintenance and repairs at the Sames Auto Arena.
22. **2022-0-079** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a Food Service Agreement between the Laredo International Airport and Chick-Fil-A Marketplace Bob Bullock for the

Airport Passenger Terminal located on 5210 Bob Bullock Loop. The lease consist of 133 square feet counter and office space No. 5 on the first floor, as depicted in Exhibit B, for the purposes of providing prepared lunch food items and non-branded drinks, further described in Exhibit A. The hours of operation will be from 9:00 AM to 7:30 PM, Monday through Saturday. The lease term shall be for one (1) year, with one (1) option to renew. Base rent shall consist of twenty percent (20%) of the contractor's monthly gross sales; and providing for an effective date.

23. **2022-0-080** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all necessary documents to purchase the "surface only" of a 1.0170 acre tract of land, with legal description Villas San Agustin, Block 11, Lot 1, Unit 1 in Webb County, Texas for the amount of \$15,000.00. Funding is available in the Health Department - WIC Indirect Cost Account.

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items 24 - 51 and to exclude item 45, which will be heard individually.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Martinez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gutierrez.

Motion Carries.

AIRPORT: STAFF SOURCE GILBERTO SANCHEZ, INTERIM AIRPORT DIRECTOR

24. Consideration to amend and increase a GRA, Incorporated contract by \$20,000.00 for a new contract amount of \$70,000.00. GRA is providing consulting services in support of air service development at the Laredo International Airport. Funding is available in the Airport Operation Fund.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: STAFF SOURCE TINA MARTINEZ, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

25. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to renew contract FY21-066 with Poznecki-Camarillo, LLC, San Antonio, TX, for an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00. This is a professional consulting services for contamination and toxic substances; services include, but are not limited to completion and creation of a report and a conclusion for contamination and toxic substances 24 CFR 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2) section of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Environmental Review Record (ERR). The term of this renewal contract shall be for a period of two (2) years and is subject to future appropriations. Funding is available in the 2021 CDBG and HOME Grant Year and ESG-CARES Second Allocation Funds.

FIRE: STAFF SOURCE GUILLERMO HEARD, FIRE CHIEF

26. Consideration to award a service contract to exclusive dealer Siddons Martin Emergency Group, Houston, TX, for the annual amount of \$150,000.00 for mechanical repair services

and parts rendered and emergency (unforeseen, unexpected) service repairs. These are repairs done on Fire Department units including two tankers, one fire engine and two aerial trucks. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution with an option to renew an additional one (1) year term. Contract is subject to future appropriations. Funding for this contract is available in the General Fund - Fire Department Budget.

FLEET MANAGEMENT: STAFF SOURCE RONALD MILLER, FLEET DIRECTOR

27. Consideration to renew service contract FY21-067 with Gutierrez Machine Shop, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$75,000.00 for professional metal and aluminum welding repair and fabrication services for the Fleet Department. The services requested include repair and fabrication services such as the installation, alteration, repair, relocation, and replacement of equipment parts on the City's vehicles and heavy-duty 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 during the last extension period. This contract can be renewed for two (2) additional one (1) year extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.

HEALTH: STAFF SOURCE RICHARD A. C HAMBERLAIN, HEALTH DIRECTOR

28. **2022-R-038** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to accept and execute a contract amendment from the Health and Human Services Commission in the additional amount of \$100,000.00 for a total amount of \$453,303.00 for the City of Laredo Health Department Family Planning Program and a reduction of \$100,000.00 for a total amount of \$240,208.00 for the Healthy Texas Women Program. The contract term period is from September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022. No grant match is required.

INFORMATION SERVICES & TELECOMMUNICATION: STAFF SOURCE HOMERO VAZQUEZ-GARCIA, 1ST DIRECTOR

29. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to approve a contract with Barcom Technology Solutions in the amount of \$108,033.00 for year one (1) of three (3) years, for Cybersecurity Services as per DIR Contract No. DIR-TSO-4167. Funding is available in the Information Systems Technology Fund.
30. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to approve the purchase of 63 cameras and accessories from STS360.com in the amount of \$66,435.19 for the El Eden Recreation Center Complex Video Surveillance Project, as per BuyBoard Contract # 654-21. Funding is available in the 2019 C.O. Bond.

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

31. Consideration to approve a supply/service contract with Park Place Recreation Designs, San Antonio, TX, in the total amount of \$350,000.00 and to further authorize future related expenditures for the purchase and installation of playground equipment for the Parks & Recreation Department. This annual contract shall utilize the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Contract Program. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year

beginning as of the date of its execution. Funding for this contract is available in the General Fund - Parks Department and in District Priority Funds.

POLICE: STAFF SOURCE CLAUDIO TREVINO, CHIEF OF POLICE

32. **2022-R-086** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$24,999.75 from the Texas Department of Transportation for the enforcement of vehicle occupant protection during the "Click It or Ticket" (CIOT) Campaign. The City of Laredo will match \$7,749.92 for a total project amount of \$32,749.67. The grant funding is to pay for overtime salaries and fringe benefits for officers to conduct intense occupant protection enforcement in order to increase occupant restraint use in all passenger vehicles and trucks. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund.
33. **2022-R-089** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$1,486,860.00 from 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. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund-Operation Stonegarden Grant.
34. **2022-R-090** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$98,400.00 to the U.S. Department of Justice Programs for the purpose of funding the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant for FY 2023. The funds will be utilized to replace approximately 120 vests that have exceeded the recommended life expectancy. If awarded the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program will provide funding in the amount of \$49,200.00 with the other 50% of the project being provided by city match. Funding will be accounted for in the Special Police Fund.
35. **2022-R-091** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$78,840.00 from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, to fund the FY2022 Body-Worn Camera Program for the period of March 01, 2022, through February 28, 2023. The grant will provide funding for the purchase of 36 body-worn cameras and the first year of support services. The City of Laredo will be responsible for a required 25% match of total project cost. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund-Body-Worn Camera Grant.
36. Consideration to authorize a purchase with Southwest Solutions Group, Inc. through Sourcewell Contract No. 010920-SPC, in the amount of \$84,256.10 for the purchase, delivery, setup and installation of lockers for the new Laredo Texas Anti-Gang Center, which will house multi-agency task forces combating gangs and other criminal organizations operating in Laredo and affecting the South Texas border region. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund-Texas Anti-Gang Center Grant.
37. Consideration to authorize the purchase of furniture from Kimball Office (Division of Kimball International) through authorized dealer G&S Office Supply, Inc., Laredo, TX, in the amount of \$94,943.46 for the purchase, delivery, setup, and installation of modular workstations,

tables, seating and related furniture for the new Laredo Texas Anti-Gang Center. The purchase will be through Kimball Office; OMNIA Partners Contract # R191814. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund-Texas Anti-Gang Center Grant.

38. Consideration to authorize a purchase with Nardis Public Safety, San Antonio, Texas through Buy Board Contract No. 603-20, in the amount of \$70,256.00 for the purchase of police uniforms. Police uniforms include pants, long sleeve and short sleeve shirts of different sizes which will be distributed to sworn police officers in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Funding is available in the General Fund - Laredo Police Department.

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

39. Consideration to reject sole bid submittal received for bid solicitation FY22-055 for the purchase of a storage tank to hold leachate water for the Solid Waste Department, and requesting authorization to let out a new formal bid solicitation with updated/revised scope of services. The City received one bid submission, but price is considered high and not competitive compared to previous informal quotes received by the Solid Waste Department. There is no financial impact for action taken on this motion.
40. Consideration to award contract FY22-054 to sole responsive, responsible bidder UTW Tire Collection Services, Donna, TX in the annual amount of \$225,000.00 for processing, recycling, beneficial use, or disposal of used tires collected by the City of Laredo Landfill. This service is to comply with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regulations and guidelines to properly dispose of tires by certified transporters. The term of this contract is for two (2) years with the option to renew one (1) additional two (2) year term upon mutual agreement; contract is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Fund.
41. Consideration to renew and amend contract FY21-061 for wood grinding services for landfill to Nick Benavides, Oilton, TX in the annual amount of \$186,000.00. This contract renewal includes a 24% price increase (an additional \$0.35 per cubic yard) due to fuel price increases, industry-wide. 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. The term for this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year. Contract can be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year periods upon mutual agreement of the parties and contingent on availability of funds. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Fund.
42. Consideration to authorize a one time purchase from Rush Truck Center, Laredo, TX for the purchase of two (2) grapple trucks in the total amount of \$463,670.20 for the Solid Waste Department. Rush Truck Center is utilizing BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program pricing under contract 601-19. These trucks and equipment are to replace units which have already reached their useful life. Some units have to be replaced every 4-5 years to meet

performance standards for the collection and transportation of solid waste material. Funding is available in Solid Waste Fund-2017, 2018 & 2019 PFFCO's.

TAX: STAFF SOURCE DORA MALDONADO, TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

43. Approving adjustments to the tax roll for the month of April 2022. The amounts adjusted represent a decrease of \$13,407.93 for prior year taxes and a decrease of \$99,473.87 for current year taxes. The aggregate adjustment represents a decrease of \$112,881.80. These adjustments are determined by value changes reported by the Webb County Appraisal District.

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

44. Consideration to award contract FY22-057 to the sole bidder Bell Electrical Supply, Woodside, NY, in an amount up to \$88,252.65 for the purchase of electrical wire for the Traffic Safety Department. This electrical wire is needed for the following Traffic Signal Projects: Killam Industrial/Sara Road, Del Mar Boulevard/Broadcrest Drive, Del Mar Boulevard/Rocio Drive, Ejido/Sierra, Ejido/Chacota, International/Simon Bolivar, Simon Bolivar/Bucky Houdmann, and Concord Hills/Los Presidentes. This will be a one time purchase. Funding is available in the 2021A Certificate of Obligation Bond.

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

45. Consideration to select and negotiate on a rotation basis with a consultant the engineering and design of water and sanitary sewer replacement projects as needed based on the eleven (11) consultants that submitted statements of qualifications. They include the following: Howland Engineering and Surveying; Parra & Company; Valdez Engineering; Binkley & Barfield; Premier Engineering & Surveying; Crane Engineering; TopSite Civil Group; KCI Technologies, Inc.; Porrás Nance Engineering; Ardurra; and Arredondo, Zepeda & Bruna, LLC. The best fit team for the project will be selected based on their qualifications and ability to perform the work and a contract will be negotiated for the developed scope of work. The firms are not listed in any particular order. There is no cost involved during the interview, review and selection of the Request of Qualifications.

Arturo Garcia Utilities Director explained and clarified the purpose and scope of the RFQ.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Gutierrez, Cm. Perez.

Motion Carries.

46. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to increase a contract to Hach Company, Loveland, Colorado in the amount of \$250,000.00. Hach Company is the authorized manufacturer and sole direct distributor for specialized equipment and supplies for sampling water quality parameters in the water and wastewater treatment plants and throughout the distribution system. This award will provide the continued purchase of Hach branded instrumentation and chemicals for the daily required TCEQ water sampling. This increase brings the total contract value to \$600,000 .00. Funding is available in the Waterworks System Fund.
47. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to add \$200,000 .00 to the Grace Water Services contract for a revised total amount of \$400,000.00 for automation interface, installation, calibration, preventative maintenance and equipment repairs for the chlorination control and monitoring equipment at Jefferson and El 15 Pico Water Treatment Plants and throughout the distribution system booster stations and tanks. Grace Water Services is the sole-source manufacturer's authorized local representative and service supplier for the newly acquired Chemtrac Chlorine Monitoring Systems, pH analyzers and for the newly acquired Liquid Ammonium Sulfate (LAS) pumps in the water treatment plants and booster stations. Funding is available in the Waterworks Operations Fund.
48. Consideration to award annual service contract FY22-053 to the sole bidder SERVPRO of North Laredo, LLC., Laredo, Texas, in an amount of up to \$50,000.00 for cleaning/restoration services due to sewer and water backups 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. The contract may be extended for three (3), additional one (1) year periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding for the additional extensions are subject to future budget appropriations. All services will be purchased on an as-needed basis. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Fund.
49. Consideration to renew annual heavy equipment rental contracts FY21-047 with the following vendors:
All equipment rentals 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 contract may be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year periods upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Fund.
50. Consideration to renew annual service contract FY21-070 with Mo-Vac Service Company, Laredo, TX in an amount up to \$65,000.00 to provide vacuum truck services for the Utilities Department. The vendor shall remove and transport domestic sewage, sewage sludge and/or sludge during the raining season. 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 extended two (2) additional one-year periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. All services will be purchased on an as needed basis and funding will be secured from the Sewer System Operating Budget.

51. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to award a contract to Alfa Laval Inc., Houston, Texas in the amount of \$824,931.00 for two (2) new belt filter presses used for sludge de-watering. Alfa Laval is the manufacturer of the belt filter presses used at the South Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant and was recommended by the design consultant, COM Smith, for replacement of two (2) original presses. Consultant, COM Smith, has directly pre-negotiated design plans, specification, scope and price with Alfa Laval, Inc. This is a Texas Water Development Board project and funding is available in the 2015B Sewer Revenue Bond.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XIII. STAFF REPORTS

52. 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 stated that all pending reports are being worked on. Ms. Martinez disclosed that they are currently working on the Building permit, Little league, and Committees reports that were previously requested.

MPT Rodriguez requested all reports to be completed by the next City Council meeting.

Motion to approve the Auditor's report.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Gutierrez

Motion Carries.

53. Project status presentation, discussion, and possible action on the Quiet Zone Implementation Project, intended to establish a "Quiet Zone" along the Kansas City Southern railroad line, and any other matters incident thereto.

Robert Albert and William Hitman consultants for the City gave a small presentation on the proposed "Quiet Zone" implementation project.

Cm. Torres asked if monies had been set aside for this project.

Mr. Selman recommends moving forward without closure and go forward with the full 4 and 5.

Motion to go with staff recommendations.

Moved: Cm. Martinez

Second: Cm. Cigarroa

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion Carries.

54. Discussion with possible action providing a status report on Capital Improvement Projects and its process for updating said projects, and any other matters incident thereto.

Ramon Chavez City Engineer presented an overview on the status of the Capital Improvement Plan 2021 CO Bond Projects.

MPT. Rodriguez stated that he wanted to see the status of all the Capital Improvement Projects that this council has approved throughout the years, that's what he wanted to see. He also asked the management poll council to setup a workshop for this item and to go back the last 5 years worth of Capital Improvement Projects.

No action was taken.

55. Discussion with possible action on status update of the residential fencing requirements, and any other matters incident thereto.

John Hickle Building Development Services Director gave an explanation in regards to residential fencing requirements.

Mr. Selman further explained the setback requirements.

Cm. Perez had a concern with citizens accurately placing their fences on the property line and felt that it would be better if the City of Laredo would survey and mark the property line for them at a minimal cost of \$50.

Mr. Hickle stated that staff could pull up the GIS information and show them exactly where their property lines are.

Mr. Selman mentioned that it would be too expensive and labor intensive to provide surveys.

Isabel Ramirez expressed her concern that most people do not know what GIS means and if Mr. Hickle could mention what it stands for. She also had concerns with the cost of hiring a surveyor; most people would not be able to afford it.

Mr. Hickle defined GIS as; Geotechnical Information Systems that provides a lot of information regarding properties.

MPT Rodriguez requested management to revisit the Item and find a way to address the issue that community members are facing in regards to residential fencing requirements.

No action was taken.

56. Status report, with possible action, on the selection of Healthcare Management Associates to provide professional consulting services to the City of Laredo and County of Webb for the recommendation of any and all viable solutions to address the specific challenges faced by our medically underserved community, including but not limited to, the recruitment and retention of healthcare workers, and any other matters incident thereto.

Richard Chamberlain Health Director introduced Health Management Associates as his selection to provide professional consulting services to the City of Laredo and Webb County.

Dr. Steven Palmer along with Ms. Ileana Gilmer representing Healthcare Management Associates gave a brief presentation on the RFP proposal for professional consulting services.

No action taken.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into executive session for Item #57 pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (1)(A) to consult with attorney on pending litigation and to include management and anyone else needed for the executive session. (To include Riazul Mia and Ramon Chavez)

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gutierrez.

Motion Carries.

57. Request for executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (1)(A) to consult with attorney on pending litigation in the matter of City of Laredo vs. Crown Enterprises, Inc., Cause No. 2015EDA000005-C3; pending in County Court of Law No. 2, Webb County, Texas; and return to open session for possible action.

The City Council returned from executive session around 7:28 pm and stated no action was taken. Mayor Saenz mentioned to management to proceed as was discussed or heard.

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. Gonzalez

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Martinez, Cm. Gutierrez, Cm. Perez, Cm. Cigarroa.

Motion Carries.

Motion to approve Items; 58, 59 and 60.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Martinez, Cm. Gutierrez, Cm. Perez.

Motion Carries.

- 58. 2022-RT-1 1 Authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$5,293,035.00 to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) FY2022 Section 5307 Urbanized Area Grant Program authorized under the new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, enacted as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Funding will be used for the purchase of seven (7) 35 foot heavy-duty CNG bus replacements, one (1) backup generator, nine (9) ADA screen monitors, and twenty-five (25) bus farebox replacements and equipment upgrade for the El Metro's Bus Operations. The required local match of \$838,830.00 for this grant will be funded with the Transit's Local Sales Tax. No financial impact at the moment.

- 59. 2022-RT-12 Authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$449,924.00 to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) FY2022 Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Grant Program authorized under the new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, enacted as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Funding will be used for the purchase of twenty-eight (28) bus farebox replacements and equipment upgrade for the El Metro's Bus Operations. The required local match of \$89,985.00 for this grant will be funded with the Transit's Local Sales Tax Fund.

- 60. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to waive bus fares for all El Metro bus services on June 19, 2022, for the 17th Annual National "Dump the Pump" Day. El Metro is teaming up with transportation agencies nationwide to celebrate the 17th Annual National " Dump the Pump" Day on Sunday, June 19, 2022, by offering free rides on all El Metro transit mobility services we offer such as fixed-route services and the El Lift Paratransit services. The day is

dedicated to raising community awareness whereas public transportation can save people money, promote walking ability, and reduce the harmful greenhouse gases emitted into our environment. El Metro Operations budget will be used for this event.

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. Gonzalez

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Martinez, Cm. Gutierrez, Cm. Perez.

Motion Carries.

61. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. **Request by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III**

1. Discussion with possible action to bring off the table Public Hearing item No. 5 from the February 22, 2022 agenda A-2022-R-03 to be placed on a future agenda as a public hearing, and any other matters incident thereto.

- Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 19 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 in 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 for the item to be brought off the table and be brought back for the June 6, 2022 City Council meeting or the one following that one.

Moved: Cm. Martinez

Second: MPT Rodriguez

For: 0 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gutierrez.

Cm. Martinez, asked for clarification on the course of action.

Keith Selman, stated that it is up to the owner or applicant to decide the course of action. He stated that he will instruct the legal department to research on the matter, therefore council can obtain a clear answer.

Cm. Torres inquired Cm. Perez if anyone had reached out to her on this matter since it is her district. Cm. Perez stated they had not.

MPT Rodriguez withdraws his second.

Cm. Mercurio withdraws his motion.

No action taken.

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

1. Discussion with possible action on reminding City Employees about Sections 276.001 and 276.004 of the Texas Elections Code which state that employees who have not voted in early voting are entitled to take paid time off for voting on Election Day, unless the employee has at least two consecutive hours to vote outside of the voter's working hours; and any matter incident thereto.

Cm. Gutierrez would like to invite and encourage all city employees to exercise their right to vote during the ongoing election.

No action taken.

C. Request by Council Member Vanessa J. Perez

1. Discussion with possible action on modifying the Veteran Affairs Committee by removing and/or adding a new veterans group to the already existing list of city recognized Veterans groups, and any other matters incident thereto.

Andres Jimenez Staff Liaison stated that during the last Veterans Affairs Committee meeting they decided to remove one group for lack of participation, and add a new group to the committee.

Ms. Isabel Ramirez and she is with the Black Widow LTX and the name was chosen because it sounded cool.

Motion to add the Black Widow LTX to the committee.

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion Carries.

Motion to remove the Laredo Veterans Coalition for lack of participation.

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion Carries.

D. Request by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa

1. Discussion with possible action requesting a presentation from staff on all regulations pertaining to junkyards, abandoned vehicles, automotive wrecking yards, mechanic shops, and related codes, hazards, and nuisances with the intent to modify our ordinances to enhance enforcement authority and efforts. **(Co-sponsored by Council Member Vanessa Perez)**

Tina Martinez Community Development Director stated that they would be working in conjunction with the Laredo Police department and code enforcement to address all issues. Cm. Martinez requested to modify the Ordinance in regards to political signs.

Mr. Selman stated that management will bring back a presentation for City Council that will address all issues and recommend any amendments to the Ordinance if they are necessary.

Motion to bring back a presentation from staff on all regulations regarding the item.

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gutierrez.

Motion Carries.

E. Request by Council Member Rudy Gonzalez, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action to dedicate Los Presidents Avenue to Panthers Avenue, from the George Washington Subdivision to the entrance of United South High School, north of Jaime Zapata Memorial Highway, and any other matters incident thereto.

Cm. Gonzalez directed staff and management to get together with community groups to discuss any future beautification matters.

Motion to approve item as stated.

Moved: Cm. Gonzalez

Second: Cm. Dr. Marte Martinez.

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gutierrez.

Motion Carries.

XVII.ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:58 pm.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

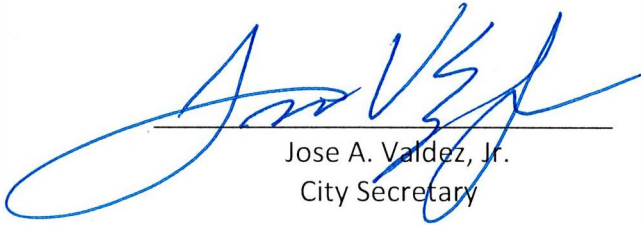
Second: Cm. Torres

For: 7 Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gutierrez.

Motion Carries.



Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary