

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M2022-R-15
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
September 19, 2022**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Saenz called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 for any particular intention.

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	Arrived (5:33 p.m.)
Ruben Gutierrez Jr.	District V	
Dr. Marte Martinez	District VI	
Vanessa Perez	District VII	Arrived (5:42 p.m.)
Alyssa Cigarroa	District VIII	
Jose A. Valdez Jr.	City Secretary	
Rosario Cabello	Interim City Manager	
Rosario Cabello	Deputy City Manager	
Riazul Mia	Assistant City Manager	
Steve E. Landin	Assistant City Manager	
Doanh "Zone" T. Nguyen	City Attorney	

V. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of August 15, 2022, September 6, 2022, and September 12, 2022.

Motion to Approve.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Torres, Cm. Perez.

Motion carries.

Citizen comments

Valentin Ruiz representing the Clean Air Laredo Coalition, expressed his frustration with the City of Laredo Leadership and management.

VI. RECOGNITION

1. Recognizing three (3) outstanding City of Laredo employees to be named as the City's Employees of the Quarter for the 3rd Quarter of 2022, Joanne M. White (Planning Department-whose work is mostly conducted indoors), Julio C. Garcia, (Utilities Department-whose work is mostly conducted outdoors), and Michael J. Raines, (Police Department subject to Collective Bargaining) in accordance with Ordinance No. 2021-0-014 which establishes the City of Laredo Employee of the Quarter Program.

Mayor Saenz along with the members of City Council recognized City of Laredo employees Joanne White, and Julio C. Garcia as the City's Employees of the Quarter for the 3rd Quarter of 2022.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Motion to open Public Hearing 1 - 9

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP:

Motion carries.

1. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 7, Block 1019, Western Division, located at 4002 San Eduardo Avenue, from R-2 (Multifamily Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District).

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

Mario Gamez spoke in favor of the zone change.

Juan Gamez spoke in favor of the zone change.

Motion to close and Introduce.

Moved: Cm. Cigarroa

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Mayor Saenz, Cm. Martinez, Cm. Perez

Motion carries.

2. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 39.67 acres, 1.98 acres out of the remaining portion of 26.61 acre tract, conveyed to MRMD Development Company, Limited Liability Company, Volume 4612, pages 402-407, Webb County Official Public Records and 13.54 acres out of a 13.58 acre tract, conveyed to MRMD Development Company, Limited Liability Company, Volume 4225, page 242, Webb County Official Public, also being out of Portion 34, Jose A. Diaz, Original Grantee, Abstract 762, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas and 24.15 acres out of 478.22 acres, Tract 4, conveyed to Cuatro Vientos South, Limited, recorded in Volume 4225, pages 242-256, Webb County Official Public Records, situated in Portion 34, Abstract 762, Webb County, Texas, located east of Cuatro Vientos Road and south of Concord Hills Boulevard, from AG (Agricultural District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area 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. Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Mayor Saenz, Cm. Martinez, Cm. Perez

Motion carries.

3. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 7, Block 2031, Eastern Division, located at 3220 Santa Barbara, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited 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. Gutierrez

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7 Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Mayor Saenz, Cm. Perez

Motion carries.

4. 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 the east part of Lots 5 and 7, Block 167, Western Division, and 1,249.92 square feet, out of the Main Avenue right-of-way, adjacent to Lots 5 and 7, Block 167, Western Division, as per deed recorded in Volume 5323, pages 741-747, Webb County Official Public Records, located at 1020 Main Avenue.

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. Gutierrez

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 7 Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Mayor Saenz, Cm. Perez

Motion carries.

5. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 19.84 acre tract of land out of a 53.40 acre tract of land out of a tract of land conveyed to L91 BC Properties, Limited Liability Company, a Florida Limited Liability Company, as described in deed recorded in Volume 4430, pages 282-289, Official Public Records, Webb County, Texas, and containing 53.40 acre of land, and being situated in Porcion 28, E. Martinez, Abstract 241, Webb County, Texas, located south of East Saunders Street and west of Bob Bullock Loop, from R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) to R-1 B (Single-Family High Density District).

Cm. Torres had several questions for staff and then made a motion to table both public hearing numbers 5 and 6 and requested a meeting with staff and the developer.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 8
NP: Mayor Saenz

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carries.

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

6. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 1.69 acre tract of land out of a 53.40 acre tract of land out of a tract of land conveyed to L91 BC Properties, Limited Liability Company, a Florida Limited Liability Company, as described in deed recorded in Volume 4430, pages 282-289, Official Public Records, Webb County, Texas, and containing 53.40 acre of land, and being situated in Porcion 28, E. Martinez, Abstract 241, Webb County, Texas, located south of East Saunders Street and west of Bob Bullock Loop, from R-1A (Single-Family Reduced Area District) to B-3 (Community Business District).

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

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Mayor Saenz

Motion carries.

7. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance authorizing the Interim City Manager to accept a grant, approve a program, and appropriate funds from The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio in the amount up to \$108,781.00 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 \$108,781.00.

Motion to close and Introduce.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Mayor Saenz

Motion carries.

8. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance authorizing the Interim City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY21-22 Airport Construction Budget to accept and appropriate revenues and expenses by the amount of \$7,478,252.00 for Federal Aviation Administration Grant No. 3-48-0136-100-2022. This grant will be used for the construction of Taxiways H1 & H2 at the Laredo International Airport. Local match is \$830,917.00 is available un Airport Construction fund. Total project cost is \$8,309,169.00; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

Motion to close and Introduce.

Moved: Cm. Gutierrez

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Mayor Saenz

Motion carries.

9. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance authorizing the Interim City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY21-22 Airport Construction Budget to accept and appropriate revenues and expenses by the amount of \$7,500,000.00 for Federal Aviation Administration Grant No. 3-48-0136-102-2022. This grant will be used for the rehabilitation of the Passenger Terminal at the Laredo International Airport. Local match is \$833,334.00. Total project cost is \$8,333,334.00; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date. Funding is available in Airport Construction fund.

Motion to close and Introduce.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Mayor Saenz

Motion carries.

IX. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

10. Introductory Ordinance amending Article VI [Investment Policy] of Chapter 2 [Administration] of the Code of Ordinances in order to:
1. Update Investment Officers Titles
 2. Adjust/ Update the current broker/ Dealer List
11. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a lease agreement between the Laredo International Airport and Webb County Head Start for approximately 1.0128 acres of land

located at 4704 Naranjo Street. Said tract of land is legally described as Block 33, Laredo Airport Subdivision Plat, recorded in Volume 5, page 1 of the Webb County Plat Records. Lease term is for five (5) years and with one option to renew for an additional five (5) year option until September 30, 2032. Initial monthly rent shall be \$2,707.21 a month and will be adjusted annually according to changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI); and providing for an effective date.

Council to Introduce Items 10 -11.

X. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to approve and wave final reading of items 12- 15.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Mayor Saenz

Motion carries.

12. **2022-0-155** Adopting the proposed annual budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 by appropriating the proposed revenues, expenditures and balances reported therein for the year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023, consistent with the financial plan described in said annual budget (see Exhibit "A") and motions approved by City Council at the public workshop on August 10, 2022 (see Exhibit "B") and the Holiday Schedule for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (see Exhibit "C") and authorizing the Interim City Manager to implement said annual budget. (As amended)

13. **2022-0-156** Amending Chapter 14, Garbage, Trash and Refuse, Article II, Rates for Garbage and Refuse Collection and Landfill Operations, Section 14-9, Rates, of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances by changing Section (A) to increase the garbage collection fee from eighteen dollars (\$18.00) to twenty dollars (\$20.00) per month plus an additional one dollar (\$1.00) increase per year for the subsequent three fiscal years. Additional trash bin fee from seven dollars (\$7.00) to eight dollars (\$8.00) per month plus an additional one dollar (\$1.00) increase per year for the subsequent four fiscal years. Changing Section (E) Commercial Establishments (Other) increasing all tiers as follows: tier one from thirty-five \$35.00 to thirty-six fifty \$36.50 per month plus an additional \$1.50 increase per year for the subsequent four fiscal years, tier two from \$45.00 to \$47.08 per month plus an additional \$2.08 per year for the subsequent four fiscal years. Tier three from \$80.00 to \$83.58 per month plus an additional \$3.58 increase per year for the subsequent four fiscal years. Tier four from \$110.00 to \$114.28 per month plus an additional \$4.28 increase per year for the subsequent four fiscal years. Commercial Establishments (Downtown Central Business District) increasing all tiers as follows: tier one from \$70.00 to \$72.50 per month plus an

additional \$2.50 increase per year for the subsequent four fiscal years, tier two from \$90.00 to \$93.25 per month plus an additional \$3.25 increase per year for the subsequent four fiscal years, tier three from \$160.00 to \$165.75 per month plus an additional \$5.75 increase per year for the subsequent four fiscal years. Tier four from \$220.00 to \$227.75 per month plus an additional \$7.75 for the subsequent four fiscal years. Increasing Landfill Tipping Fees all tiers as follows: tier one from \$31.50 to \$36.50 per ton plus an additional \$5.00 increase per year for the subsequent four fiscal years, tier two from \$66.50 to \$71.50 per ton plus an additional \$5.00 increase per year for the subsequent four fiscal years, tier three from \$201.50 to \$206.50 per ton plus an additional \$5.00 increase per year for the subsequent four fiscal years; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing for a savings clause; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date.

14. **2022-0-157** Amending the provisions of the return to work policies and procedures for all city employees including civil service employees pursuant to their collective bargaining agreement and civil service rules by amending Ordinance 1998-0-003, Chapter II, Administration, Sec. 2-50.6 (B) Length of Modified Duty from sixty (60) days to one hundred eighty (180) days and authorizing the Interim City Manager to implement the policies and procedures identified herein pursuant to the City of Laredo's Code of Ordinances and providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing for a savings clause and severability clause and providing for publication and effective date.
15. **2022-0-158** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo Texas, amending Chapter 19, Article VIII, Section 19-365, of the Code of Ordinances by adding five parking spots identified for bill pay use to both the north and south side parking lot of City Hall, each spot shall allow for 30-minute use; providing that this Ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date.
16. **2022-0-159** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, providing for the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.570000 per \$100 value. This tax rate will have a Maintenance and Operation Rate of \$0.449396 per \$100 value and an Interest and Sinking Fund Rate of \$0.120604 per \$100 value for the levy and the collection of General and Special Ad Valorem taxes for the City of Laredo for Tax Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP:

All in Favor.

Motion carries.

XI. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 17- 43.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP:

Motion carries.

AIRPORT: STAFF SOURCE GILBERTO SANCHEZ, INTERIM AIRPORT DIRECTOR

17. Consideration to authorize the one-time purchase of new airfield signage from Standard Signs, Inc., Macedonia, OH, in the amount of \$65,063.54. Standard Signs, Inc. is the direct, sole manufacturer of the FAA-approved Lumacurve brand airfield signs and replacement parts; this one-time purchase of new signs is to replace old crouse-hinds signs on the airfield and upgrade kits (installation is not included). Funding is available in the International Airport Fund.

18. Consideration to authorize a professional service contract with GRA, Incorporated, Alexandria, VA in the amount not to exceed \$70,000.00. The purpose is to provide consulting services in support of air service development at the Laredo International Airport. The contract is a one (1) year term commencing on October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023. Funding is available under the Airport Operation Funds.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: STAFF SOURCE TINA MARTINEZ, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

19. Consideration for approval of the CDBG FY21-22 Roberto De Llano Park Improvements- Installation of Metal Shade Structure as complete, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$18,450.00 to Midas Contractor, LLC., Laredo, Texas. The final construction contract amount is \$184,500.00. Funding is available in the 2019, 2020, and 2021 CDBG Grants.

20. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into multiple contracts and award 2022 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program funds made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the total amounts of:
 1. \$202,437.00 to Bethany House of Laredo, Inc., for shelter operations, provision of essential services, street outreach services, homelessness prevention assistance, rapid re-housing assistance, and homeless management information system.
 2. \$40,000.00 to Casa de Misericordia (CASA) for the operations of their shelter.
 3. \$24,063.00 to Holding Institute for shelter operations, provision of essential services, and homeless management information system.Funding is available in the 2022 ESG Grant Year.

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

- 21. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a services contract between the City of Laredo and Laredo Main Street in an amount not to exceed \$70,000 for a physical inventory and phone survey relating to structures in the downtown business improvement district. The term of the agreement shall be for one (1) year.

ENGINEERING: STAFF SOURCE RAMON E. CHAVEZ, CITY ENGINEER

- 22. Consideration for approval of the Independence Hills Park Basketball Shade Project FY21-ENG-013 as complete, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$40,717.60 to ALC Construction, Laredo, Texas. The final construction contract amount is \$407,176.00 and a total of one hundred twenty (120) working days. Funding is available in the 2021A C.O. Bond.
- 23. Consideration to award construction contract FY22-ENG-25 for the Sames Auto Arena Roof Replacement to the lowest responsible responsive bidder Abba Construction, LLC., including the total base bid plus contingency allowance in the amount not to exceed \$3,013,999.00 consisting of the replacement of polyisocyanurate insulation on rooftop surfaces, repair and adjustment of scuppers, drains, mechanical equipment, antenna equipment, other miscellaneous rooftop items, five (5) year full system contractor warranty, twenty (20) year No Dollar Limit (NOL) full system manufacturer's warranty, project located at 6415 Sinatra Parkway; with a construction contract time of two hundred seventy (270) calendar days, and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related contract documents contingent upon receipt and approval of insurance and bond documents. Funding is available in the Sports Venue Fund-Renewal & Replacement Fund. (Contingent upon approval of Resolution 2022-R-162.)

One (1) electronic bid through Cit-E-Bid and two (2) manual bids were received at the City Secretary's on Thursday, July 28, 2022, at 4:00 P.M. The three (3) bids were publicly opened, read and taken under advisement on Friday, July 29, 2022, at 11 :00 A.M. as follows: Bidder Base Bid Contingency Total Base Bid Alternate #1 Original (Lump Sum) (Lump Sum) plus (annual roof Bid Bond Contingence maintenance (submitted) agreement)

Bidder	Base Bid (Lump Sum)	Contingency (Lump Sum)	Total Base Bid plus Contingence	Alternate #1 (annual roof maintenance agreement)	Original Bid Bond (submitted)
Melo Roofing Construction and Renovation	\$543,750.00	\$550,000.00	\$1,093,750.00	\$32,000.00	No

Abba Construction, LLC	\$2,293,999.00	\$720,000.00	\$3,013,999.00	\$29,000.00	Yes
Summit Building & Design	\$4,070,879.00	\$720,000.00	\$4,790,879.00	\$3,995.00	Yes

Attached recommendation letter from Terracon Consultants, Inc. for the City of Laredo to award contract for this project.

24. Consideration for approval to reject the two (2) bids received for FY22-ENG-39 City of Laredo Animal Care Facility Phase IV Kennels "E" and New Medical Facility consisting of constructing a new pet adoption center, new medical building and new kennel building. There is no financial impact. One (1) manual bid, and one (1) electronic bid through Cit-E-Bid were received at the City Secretary's Office at 4:00 P.M. on Wednesday, August 31, 2022 and publicly opened, read, and taken under advisement on Thursday, September 1, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. as follows

Contractor	Total Base Bid
ALC Construction Co., Inc, Laredo, Tx.	\$1,466,000.00
Midas Contractors, LLC, Laredo, Tx.	\$1,930,000.00

Attached is the recommendation letter from JHS Architect to reject all bids.

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

25. **2022-R-162** Expressing official intent to reimburse \$3,015,000.00 with tax-exempt obligation proceeds costs associated with roof improvements to the Sames Auto Arena.
26. **2022-R-163** Resolution directing publication of the notice of intention to issue City of Laredo, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificate of Obligation, in one or more series, in the maximum amount of \$50,000,000.00 for the purpose of:
- (1.) Planning, constructing, improving and repairing City Streets, Sidewalks and Drainage Improvements, together with Right-of-ways Acquisition, Traffic and Street Signalization, Landscaping and Lighting Improvements;
 - (2.) Acquiring, constructing, improving and equipping public safety facilities;
 - (3.) Acquiring, constructing, improving and equipping municipal parks;
 - (4.) Renovating, improving and equipping existing buildings and facilities;
 - (5.) Acquiring municipal equipment and municipal vehicles for various City Departments, including the Parks and Recreation Departments, Public Safety Departments, Public Works Department, Transit Department, Traffic Department and Animal Care Services Department;

- (6.) Improving and equipping telecommunications, wireless communications, information technology systems, applications, hardware, software and cybersecurity, and
- (7.) Paying legal, fiscal and engineering fees in connection with such projects.

FIRE: STAFF SOURCE GUILLERMO HEARD, FIRE CHIEF

- 27. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to award contract FY22-087 to Linde Gas & Equipment, Danbury, CT., as the primary vendor and Tims South Texas, Laredo, TX., as the secondary vendor for an annual amount not to exceed \$60,000.00. This contract is for the rental of cylinders and the purchase of welding gases and medical oxygen used by various City departments. The term of this contract is a period of two (2) years subject to future appropriations; contract may be extended for one (1) additional two (2) year periods upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the respective departmental budgets.
- 28. Consideration to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Border Region Behavioral Health Center Community Health Workers addressing Substance Use Disorders Creating Alternatives, Resilience and Empowerment, or CARE Program and the City of Laredo Fire Department for the purpose of coordinating mutual services to individuals who reside in Texas; whether youth or adults, males or females that are living with substance abuse disorders, to increase linkage and retention in substance use, mental health, and medical services.
- 29. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to ratify a purchase with Caldwell Country Chevy/Siddons-Martin Emergency Group Denton, TX in the amount of \$129,868.00 for the acquisition of two (2) marked emergency units for the Opioid Response Team. Funding for this purchase is available from the Special Fire Grants-Fire TX Targeted Opiate Response-Capital Outlay expense account.
- 30. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to ratify a purchase with ZOLL Medical Corporation, New York, NY in the amount of \$52,698.59 for the acquisition of EKG devices and AutoPulse for the Opioid Response Team. Funding for this purchase is available from Special Fire Grants-Fire TX Targeted Opiate Response expense account.
- 31. Consideration to approve a purchase from Delta Fire & Safety TX, Port Neches, TX in the amount not to exceed \$132,162.27 for the purchase of tactical safety gear and accessories that includes, but is not limited to protection armor for neck, back, chest, groin and portable stretchers. This gear will be used by emergency response medics. Funding is available in the General Fund Fire Department.

FLEET MANAGEMENT: STAFF SOURCE RONALD MILLER, FLEET DIRECTOR

- 32. Consideration to award contract FY22-088 to the sole bidder Industrial Disposal Supply, San Antonio, Texas, in an amount up to \$125,000.00 for the purchase of Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) parts/service for the City's street sweepers. All parts will be secured on an as-needed basis. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year

beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This contract can be renewed three (3) additional one (1) year extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.

33. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to approve the purchase of three (3) 2022 Ford F-150 Extended Cab vehicles from Silsbee Ford for the total amount of \$101,462.22. This purchase will be made utilizing the Buy Board Cooperative Purchasing Program, GOODBUY 22-22-SF000 Vehicles. Funding is available in the Public Access - PEG Fund account and General Fund-Animal Control Department.

HEALTH: STAFF SOURCE RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, HEALTH DIRECTOR

34. **2022-R-158** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to accept additional funding in the amount of \$95,000.00 from the Prevention and Early Intervention Division of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services for the City of Laredo Health Department Nurse Family Partnership Innovation program for a total amount of \$695,000.00 with no match for the term period from September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023.
35. **2022-R-159** Ratifying the execution of an amendment from the Health and Human Services Commission in the amount of \$340,208.00 with no match for the City of Laredo Health Department, Healthy Texas Women program for the term period from September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023.
36. **2022-R-160** Ratifying the execution of an amendment from the Health and Human Services Commission, in the amount of \$88,376.00 with no match for the City of Laredo Health Department, Women's Health Preventive Health Services and Family Planning program for the term period from September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023.
37. Ratifying the execution of an Agreement with the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston on behalf of its Department of UT Health School of Public Health in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the City of Laredo Health Department UT-Health GET-Public Health Informatics and Workforce Training Program for the term period from April 1, 2022, to March 30, 2023. Funds will be used for supplies to assist participants.

HUMAN RESOURCES: STAFF SOURCE LINDA TENIENTE, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

38. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to approve a contract agreement with Governmentjobs.com, Inc. (dba "NEOGOV") for the eForm product in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 with an annual recurring subscription in the amount of \$34,872.00. This product will be utilized to transition the current City's employee personnel files and Human Resources documents from paper to an electronic filing system and workflow. Funding is available in the Risk Management Fund.

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

39. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into a Temporary License Agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of Laredo, a non-profit entity, for the use of city-owned athletic fields for flag football youth recreation programs. The term of the agreement being September 21, 2022 through November 4, 2022; no fee will be charged by the City to the association in view of the public benefit in allowing the association to use the City's facilities for a flag football program for the benefit of the youth of Laredo.

POLICE: STAFF SOURCE CLAUDIO TREVINO, CHIEF OF POLICE

40. **2022-R-161** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to renew a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Laredo Police Department (LPD) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) - Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) for the purpose of reimbursement of overtime expenses and other law enforcement expenses related to joint operations.

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

41. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to award a contract in the amount of \$79,360.00 to Castle Engineering & Testing, LLC, for the Construction Material Testing at the Manadas Wastewater Treatment Plant project. Funds are available in 2020A Sewer Bond.
42. Authorizing Interim City Manager to issue a purchase order to TrueLook, Inc. in the amount of \$67,851.00. These cameras are needed to monitor the construction of the Manadas Wastewater Treatment Plant. This purchase order includes 4 cameras, maintenance and support for 3 years which is the anticipated duration of the project. Funding is available in the Sewer Construction Fund.
43. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to award a contract to Barcom Technology Solutions, in the amount of \$168,988.17 for the purchase of network communication routers for both the water and wastewater facilities of the Utilities Department through the State of Texas, Department of Information Resources (DIR) cooperative purchase contracts, DIR-TSO-4167. Funding is available in the Water and Sewer Construction Funds.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XII. STAFF REPORTS

44. 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. The following are the ongoing audits/review: Vehicle Repair Process Audit, and Evaluation of City Policies.

Internal Auditor submitted for approval, the Solid Waste department review.

Motion to accept as recommended.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP:

Motion carries.

45. Presentation with possible action by Fire Chief/EMC, Guillermo Heard, and Utilities Director, Arturo Garcia, on the drought condition affecting Laredo; and any other matters incident thereto.

Fire Chief Guillermo Heard along with Utilities Director Arturo Garcia, gave a brief report on the drought condition affecting Laredo.

No action was taken.

46. Discussion with possible action on the status of the Sister Cities Agreements and Donations process to prioritize communities within a 75-mile radius of Laredo. Vehicles and equipment to be considered for donation must have been sent to auction and not sold. Vehicles and equipment must be determined to have zero value and must not be in use by any City department, and any other matters incident thereto.

Joel Vazquez Conventions and Visitor's bureau Assistant Director, gave a brief status on the Sister Cities agreements and donations.

Motion to approve without the 75- mile radius.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP:

Motion carries.

47. Discussion with possible action regarding the monitoring of credit service businesses AKA payday loan lenders in an effort to reduce abusive and predatory lending.

Javier Charles with the City Attorney's Office, gave a brief background explanation regarding the possible action to start the monitoring of credit service businesses AKA payday loan lenders in an effort to reduce abusive and predatory lending.

Gertrude Julie Rodriguez, spoke against the credit service businesses AKA payday loan lenders.

Motion to bring back an Ordinance for next City Council meeting.

Moved: MPT Rodriguez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion carries.

48. Presentation of the Plan of Finance by Noe Hinojosa of Estrada-Hinojosa & Company, Inc., as it relates to various proposed bond issuances, with possible action.

Noe Hinojosa with Estrada- Hinojosa & Company, gave a presentation related to various proposed bond issuances.

Motion to approve the plan of finance.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Martinez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion carries.

49. Presentation with possible action by Police Chief, Claudio Trevino, on the adoption of an emergency plan that will be implemented when there is an outage or occurrence at our trade bridges, and any other matters incident thereto.

Laredo Police Department Police Chief Claudio Treviño, gave a brief presentation on the adoption of an emergency plan that will be implemented when there is an outage or occurrence at the City's trade bridges.

Cm. Martinez made a recommendation, to create a traffic diversion plan to utilize reserved officers to assist with the traffic issue that the City is facing with the Trade bridges.

Cm. Perez expressed that Cm. Martinez recommendation it is a great idea. Cm. Perez also recommended for the City to look into other sources as well as to increase the port police by one or two officers.

No action was taken.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into Executive Session for items 50-51.

Moved: Mayor Saenz

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion carries.

50. Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code Section 551.071 and the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.05 to consult with attorneys concerning legal issues regarding the contemplated litigation by Ms. Kristina K. Laurel Hale, and return to open session for possible action if necessary.

Roxana Perez Stevens Special Council Attorney for the City of Laredo, gave a brief presentation on the recommended settlement motion.

Motion to approve and proceed.

Moved: Cm. Gutierrez

Second: MPT Rodriguez

For: 7

Against: Cm. Cigarroa

Abstain: 0

NP:

Motion carries.

51. Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 and the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.05 to consult with attorneys concerning legal issues regarding collective bargaining matters and the Collective Bargaining Negotiations between the City of Laredo, Texas and the Laredo Fire Fighters Association, Local 872, and return to open session for possible action if necessary.

No action was taken.

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

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

52. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Request by Council Member Rudy Gonzalez, J r.

1. 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 1 Priority Funds will be used for this project.

- 4500 Sepulveda Ln

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

NP:

Motion carries.

B. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Vidal Rodriguez

1. Discussion with possible action to upgrade the electrical system at the ME Benavides Baseball Complex to include remodeling of the concession stand, and any other matters incident thereto. District 2 priority funds will be used for this project.

Motion to approve.

Moved: MPT. Rodriguez

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

NP:

Motion carries.

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

1. Discussion with possible action regarding developing a Private Public freight/cargo airport utilizing the 1500 acres located at mile marker 13 for future development and any matters incident thereto.

Motion to bring the process of the Master Planning and include this project in the CIP and update the thrall affair plan, also to check if any private investors would like to invest as amended.

Moved: Cm. Gutierrez

Second: MPT Rodriguez

For: 7 Against: Cm. Cigarroa Abstain: 0

NP:

Motion carries.

D. Request by Council Member Vanessa J. Perez

1. Discussion with possible action on a Transportation Reinvestment Zone (TRZ) for Mines Rd. developments that will support the infrastructure needs of the area, and any other matters incident thereto.

Motion to create the TRZ for the west side of IH 35.

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Mayor Saenz

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion carries.

2. Discussion with possible action on the visit by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), with a presentation by Earth Justice, and to participate in an air monitoring initiative, testing specifically for ethylene oxide, and any other matters incident thereto.

Melissa Cigarroa representing the Clean Air Laredo Coalition was glad to attend the EPA meeting and wanted support from city council for air monitoring.

Cm. Gutierrez and CM. Martinez explained why he could not attend the meeting. Ms. Rosario Cabello Interim City Manager stated for the record that at least 12 staff members were present for the EPA meeting.

Raul Garcia legislative director from Healthy Communities at Earth justice, gave a brief presentation regarding the monitoring initiative testing specifically for ethylene oxide.

Trisha Cortez expressed her concern on the importance of the air monitoring initiative testing for ethylene oxide.

Motion to make up the difference of the total amount the other 4 entities provide for the monitoring, as amended.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Martinez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP:

Motion carries.

E. Request by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa

1. Discussion with possible action on the authority to sign a resolution on behalf of the City Council to recognize the importance of pollinator habitat both restored and maintained on public and private lands. **(Co-sponsored by Council Member Mercurio Martinez)**

Motion to approve

Moved: Cm. Cigarroa

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion carries.

XVI. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 9:56 p.m.

Moved: Cm. Gutierrez

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

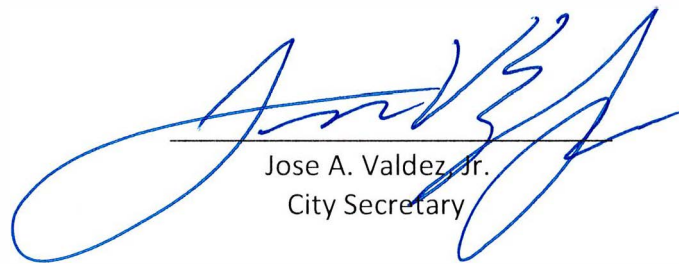
For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion carries.



Jose A. Valdez Jr.
City Secretary