

**AS AMENDED
CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M2022-R-16
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
October 3, 2022
5:30 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Saenz called the meeting to order at 5:33 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
Ruben Gutierrez Jr.	District V
Dr. Marte Martinez	District VI
Vanessa Perez	District VII 5:41 p.m.
Alyssa Cigarroa	District VIII 5:43 p.m.
Jose A. Valdez Jr.	City Secretary
Rosario Cabello	Interim City Manager
Rosario Cabello	Deputy City Manager
Miazul Ria	Assistant City Manager
Steve E. Landin	Assistant City Manager
Zone Nguyen	City Attorney

V. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of September 19, 2022

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Gutierrez

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion carries.

Citizen comments

Melissa R. Cigarroa along with Trisha Cortez Representing the Rio Grande Study Center, extended an invitation to all City Officials for all future events related to the River Conservation Project.

Rolando Lopez requested for the Mayor and City Council to honor and recognize Private Cantu and the countless Webb County residents that have serve the nation.

VI. RECOGNITION

1. Recognizing Police Sergeant Michael J. Raines as one of the three (3) City Employees of the Quarter for the 3rd Quarter of 2022 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 Police Sergeant Michael J. Raines as one of the three (3) City Employees of the Quarter for the 3rd Quarter of 2022.

Sergeant Michael J. Raines, expressed his gratitude on receiving the recognition.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

VIII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Motion to approve appointments 1-4.

Moved: Cm. Gutierrez

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Torres.

Motion carries.

1. Appointment by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III of Jose Eduardo Garcia to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
2. Appointment by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr. of Hector Garcia to the Third Party Funding Committee.
3. Appointment by Council Member Ruben Gutierrez of Earl Medina to the Drugs and Alcohol Committee.
4. Ratifying the Interim City Manager's appointment of Nick Benavides, KLB Volunteer - District 6, to the Keep Laredo Beautiful Board of Directors.

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Motion to open Public Hearings 1-6, as amended.

Moved: Cm. Gutierrez

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 7 Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Torres.

Motion Carries.

1. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Planned Unit Development for single family townhouses on approximately 1.598 acres, out of Porcion 33, Jose Dionisio Trevino, Original Grantee, Abstract Number 3084, Webb County Texas, said 1.598 acres being out of Tract I respectively, conveyed in deed to Mezquite Land Development, Incorporated, as recorded in Volume 5296, pages 137-144, Webb County Official Public Records, located south of State Highway 359 and east of Concord Hills Boulevard, from R-1A (Single-Family Reduced Area) to R-1A P.U.D.(Single-Family Reduced Area -Planned Unit Development).

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed planned unit development and staff supports the application.

Motion to close and introduce.

Moved: MPT Rodriguez

Second: Cm. Martinez

For: 7 Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Mayor Saenz, Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

2. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning an 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).

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

Motion to Table.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Martinez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Mayor Saenz, Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

3. 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).

While the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed zone change to a B-3 (Community Business District), the applicant has amended their application to a B-1 (Limited Business District). Staff does not support the application to a B-3 (Community Business District), but will support the application to a B-1 (Limited Business District).

Motion to proceed as requested by staff, as amended.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
NP: Mayor Saenz, Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

4. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance authorizing the Interim City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY 2023 Airport Construction Budget to accept and appropriate revenues and expenses by the amount of \$1,483,521.00 for Federal Aviation Administration Grant No. 3-48-0136-101-2022. This grant will be used for the reconstruction of Taxiway A at the Laredo International Airport. Local match is \$164,836.00. Total project cost is \$1,648,357.00; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

Motion to close and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Gutierrez
Second: Cm. Torres
For: 7 Against: 0
NP: Mayor Saenz, Cm. Gonzalez.

Abstain: 0

Motion Carries.

5. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending Chapter 23, Section 23-4 (Parks and Recreation) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo to incorporate a flag football league fee of \$200.00 per team; to incorporate a \$10.00 fee per player per year, or \$5.00 per year if they have a current membership card for any City of Laredo Recreational Facility, for all players participating in local leagues that have entered into temporary license agreements with the City of Laredo; and authorizing the Interim City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY22-23 Recreation Fund budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$45,000.00. Revenues are from funds generated by the team fees and players' fees and will be used for recreation equipment, maintenance, and operations for the fields; containing a savings clause; containing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

Motion to close and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Torres
Second: Cm. Gutierrez
For: 7 Against: 0
NP: Mayor Saenz, Cm. Gonzalez.

Abstain: 0

Motion Carries.

6. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, providing regulations for credit services organizations and credit access businesses in an effort to

reduce abusive and predatory lending practices. Establishing a registration program with a required registration fee of \$75.00 per year for credit services organizations and credit access businesses, imposing restrictions on extensions of consumer credit made by credit services organizations and credit access businesses, and imposing record keeping requirements on credit services organizations and credit access businesses. The maximum fine under this ordinance is not to exceed \$500.00; providing for a cumulative clause; providing a severability clause; providing for publication; and declaring an effective date.

Motion to Table.

Moved: MPT Rodriguez

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 7 Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Mayor Saenz, Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

X. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

City Council to Introduce items 7-12.

7. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a lease agreement between the Laredo International Airport and Carlos Bella and Ana Luisa Bella d/b/a Villa Laredo Restaurant for approximately 550 square feet on the second floor of the passenger terminal, located at 5210 Bob Bullock Loop. Said 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 \$750.00 and will be adjusted annually according to changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI); and providing for an effective date.
8. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to grant a non-exclusive franchise to Rush Disposal to use the present and future streets, avenues, alleys, roads, highways, sidewalks, easements and other public rights-of-way of the City of Laredo, Texas for purposes of constructing, maintaining and operating a commercial container refuse gathering and disposing service, setting forth terms and conditions to govern the franchise; providing a severability clause, a savings clause and an effective date.
9. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to grant a non-exclusive franchise to Laredo Dumpster Rentals to use the present and future streets, avenues, alleys, roads, highways, sidewalks, easements and other public rights-of-way of the City of Laredo, Texas for purposes of constructing, maintaining and operating a commercial container refuse gathering and disposing service, setting forth terms and conditions to govern the franchise; providing a severability clause, a savings clause and an effective date.

10. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to grant a non-exclusive franchise to Agape D/R Services to use the present and future streets, avenues, alleys, roads, highways, sidewalks, easements and other public rights-of-way of the City of Laredo, Texas for purposes of constructing, maintaining and operating a commercial container refuse gathering and disposing service, setting forth terms and conditions to govern the franchise; providing a severability clause, a savings clause and an effective date.
11. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to grant a non-exclusive franchise to IMC Recycling d/b/a Shark Box to use the present and future streets, avenues, alleys, roads, highways, sidewalks, easements and other public rights-of-way of the City of Laredo, Texas for purposes of constructing, maintaining and operating a commercial container refuse gathering and disposing service, setting forth terms and conditions to govern the franchise; providing a severability clause, a savings clause and an effective date.
12. Setting the speed zone limit from 60 mph to 55 mph on Loop 20, between approximately 520 feet after Monarch Dr. (Mile point 16.867) to approx. 770 feet prior to Eskimo Dr. (Mile Point 15.665/ 1.202 Mile) as defined in the Texas Department of Transportation Control Section Map 0086-14. (2) 55 mph speed limit signs will be installed between EastPoint Dr. and International Blvd., (1) 55 mph speed limit sign will be installed between Monarch Dr. and EastPoint Dr. and (1) 55 mph speed limit sign will be installed between Crepusculo Dr. and Eskimo Dr., to be in effect upon receipt of approved City ordinance.

XI. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to approve and wave final reading of Items 13-21.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Mayor Saenz, Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

13. **2022-0-160** 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).
14. **2022-0-161** 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).

15. **2022-0-162** 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).
16. **2022-0-163** 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.
17. **2022-0-164** 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 who 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.
18. **2022-0-165** 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.
19. **2022-0-166** 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.
20. **2022-0-167** Final reading of 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

21. **2022-0-168** 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 4 704 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.

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 22-52 with the exclusion of 33 and 51, and to table Item 48 as amended.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Martinez

For: 7 Against: 0

Abstain: Item 36 (Cm.Torres)

NP: Mayor Saenz, Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

AIRPORT: STAFF SOURCE GILBERTO SANCHEZ, INTERIM AIRPORT DIRECTOR

22. Consideration to award RFP contract FY22-082 Flight Tracking/Automatic Billing System-Airport to Vector Airport Systems, Herndon, VA for an annual amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 which includes percentage range (4% to 17%), charged at the point of billing all aircraft landing fees. This service contract includes auditing and billing all aircraft landing fees at the Laredo International Airport. The term of this contract shall be for a one (1) year period; contract is subject to future budget appropriations. Contract has an option to renew for an additional five (5) one (1) year periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding for this contract is available in the Airport Fund.

BRIDGE: STAFF SOURCE YVETTE LIMON, BRIDGE DIRECTOR

23. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to approve the purchase of audio & video equipment to upgrade the existing system from Ford Audio-Video Systems, LLC from Austin, Texas through the State of Texas DIR Cooperative Purchase Contract DIR-CPO-5054 in the amount of \$84,040.00. Funding is available in the Laredo Bridge System Fund.
24. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to approve the purchase of cellular signal boosters to optimize indoor cellular coverage for Bridge 1 Administration Building from GTS Technology Solutions, Inc., from Austin, Texas through the State of Texas DIR Cooperative Purchase Contract DIR-CPO-4751, DIR-CPO-4754 and the Interlocal Purchasing System Contract TIPS 200105 in the amount of \$57,403.34. Funding is available in the Laredo Bridge System Fund.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: STAFF SOURCE TINA MARTINEZ, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

25. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute ten (10) individual contracts with the following Hotel-Motel Tax Fund recipients totaling \$485,873.00 for FY 2022-2023. In person events only (virtual events are not valid).

Organization	Amount
Border Olympics, Inc	\$130,000.00
Laredo Center of the Arts	\$95,873.00
Laredo Chamber of Commerce	\$30,000.00
Laredo Cultural District	\$10,000.00
Laredo Heat Youth Soccer	\$30,000.00
Laredo Main Street	\$20,000.00
Princess Pocahontas	\$10,000.00
The Society of Martha Washington	\$25,000.00
WBCA	\$60,000.00
Webb Country Heritage Foundation	\$75,000.00
Total Budget	\$485,873.00

26. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute twenty-five (25) individual contracts with the following General Fund recipients totaling \$444,443.00 for FY 2022-2023.

Organization	Amount
Area Health Education Center	\$20,334.00
Bethany House of Laredo	\$25,000.00
Border Region Behavioral Health	\$5,481.00
Boys & Girls Clubs of Laredo	\$50,000.00
Casa De Misericordia	\$15,000.00
Catholic Charities-Diocese of Laredo	\$11,000.00
Children's Advocacy Center	\$27,000.00
Laredo Children's Museum/Imaginarium	\$10,000.00
Kidney Foundation of Laredo	\$10,000.00
Laredo Amateur Boxing Club, Inc.	\$7,500.00
Laredo Cancer Society	\$20,000.00
Laredo Crime Stoppers Inc.	\$25,000.00
Laredo Film Society	\$18,333.00
Laredo Main Street	\$25,000.00
Laredo Stroke Support	\$10,000.00
Laredo Tennis Association	\$18,333.00
Literacy Volunteers of Laredo	\$6,000.00
Mercy Ministries	\$21,000.00
Neighborhoods Laredo	\$10,000.00

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

27. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute payments to Laredo Trade and Travel Center, d/b/a Casa Laredo, for the Monterrey office's daily operations. Total budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 is \$178,000.00 and expenses will not exceed this amount. Funding is available in the Convention & Visitors Bureau Department Budget. ECONOMIC

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

28. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into a contract for economic development services with the Greater Laredo Development Foundation, doing business as the Laredo Economic Development Corporation (LEDC), in the amount of \$560,000.00 for FY22-23. Funding is available in the General and Bridge Funds. Council approved a five-year contract subject to annual budget appropriations. This is the first year of the five year agreement.

ENGINEERING: STAFF SOURCE RAMON E. CHAVEZ, CITY ENGINEER

29. Consideration for approval of the selection of consultants for RFQ FY22-ENG-36 General Civil Engineering Services for construction projects FY2023 - FY2026, and authorizing the Interim City Manager to negotiate professional service contracts for each respective project assigned on a rotation basis. Professional service contracts will be issued per project upon funding available for a two (2) year term, with one (1) option for a two (2) year renewal, for a total term of four (4) years beginning October 4, 2022, and ending September 30, 2026. Thirteen (13) firms responded to the Request for Qualifications on or before Thursday, September 1, 2022, at 4:00 P.M. The evaluation committee recommends the selection of the following consultants based on the final rankings below:

1. KCI Technologies, Inc., Laredo, Texas.
2. Ardurra Group, Inc., Laredo, Texas
3. Sherfey Engineering Company, L.L.C., Laredo, Texas
4. Crane Engineering, Laredo, Texas
5. Howland Engineering and Surveying Co., Laredo, Texas
6. S&B Infrastructure, Ltd., Laredo, Texas
7. Stanley Consultants, Inc., Austin, Texas
8. Parra & Co., LLC., Laredo, Texas
9. Scheibe Consulting, LLC., Austin, Texas
10. K Friese & Associates, Inc., Austin, Texas
11. Do-Rite Engineering, LLC., Laredo, Texas
12. Valdez Engineering, San Antonio, Texas
13. Ramos Engineering, PLLC., Laredo, Texas

Funding will not exceed \$50,000.00 per project, per vendor in the respective budget account unless authorized otherwise by City Council. There is no financial impact at this time.

Consultant work performance of services will be monitored in accordance with the established guidelines and any deficiencies may result in removal from the rotation list.

30. Consideration for approval of the selection of consultants for RFQ FY22-ENG-35 Construction Materials Quality Testing and Subsurface Exploration Services FY2023 - FY2026, and authorizing the Interim City Manager to negotiate professional service contracts for each respective project assigned on a rotation basis. Professional service agreements will be issued per project upon funding available for a two (2) year term, with one (1) option for a two (2) year renewal, for a total term of four (4) years beginning October 4, 2022, and ending September 30, 2026. Six (6) firms responded to the Request for Qualifications on or before Wednesday, August 31, 2022, at 4:00 P.M. The evaluation committee recommends the selection of the following consultants based on the final rankings below:

1. Terracon Consultants, Inc., Laredo, Texas
2. Howland Engineering & Surveying Company, Inc., Laredo, Texas
3. Carrillo & Associates, Inc., Laredo, Texas
4. Castle Engineering & Testing, LLC., Laredo, Texas
5. CMT-Tec, LLC., Laredo, Texas
6. Millennium Engineers Group, Inc., Laredo, Texas

Funding will not exceed \$50,000.00 per project, per vendor in the respective budget account unless authorized otherwise by City Council. There is no financial impact at this time.

Consultant work performance of services will be monitored in accordance with the established guidelines and any deficiencies may result in removal from the rotation list.

31. Consideration for approval of the selection of consultants for RFQ FY22-ENG-37 General Architectural Services for Existing Buildings, Facilities, Other Amenities and Proposed Construction Projects FY2023 - FY2026, and authorizing the Interim City Manager to negotiate professional service contracts for each respective project assigned on a rotation basis. Professional service contracts will be issued per project upon funding available for a two (2) year term, with one (1) option for a two (2) year renewal, for a total term of four (4) years beginning October 4, 2022, and ending September 30, 2026. Six (6) firms responded to the Request for Qualifications on or before Thursday, September 1, 2022, at 4:00 P.M. The evaluation committee recommends the selection of the following consultants based on the final rankings below:

1. Sepulveda Associates Architects, Inc., Laredo, Texas
2. ABLE City, LLC., Laredo, Texas
3. Slay Architecture, LLC., Laredo, Texas
4. Redline Architecture, LLC., Laredo, Texas
5. Cavazos & Associates Architects, PLLC., Laredo, Texas

Funding will not exceed \$50,000.00 per project, per vendor in the respective budget account unless authorized otherwise by City Council. There is no financial impact at this time.

Consultant work performance of services will be monitored in accordance with the established guidelines and any deficiencies may result in removal from the rotation list.

32. Consideration for approval of the selection of consultant for RFQ FY22-ENG-24 Professional On-Call Airport Architectural, Engineering, and Planning Consultant Services for the Laredo International Airport, Laredo, Texas and authorizing the Interim City Manager to negotiate a professional services contract. Six (6) firms responded to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) on or before July 7, 2022, at 4:00 P.M. The top three firms were shortlisted and made presentations before the selection committee on August 30, 2022, to demonstrate the specific qualifications, capabilities, and performance as it relates to the RFQ. The evaluation committee recommends the selection of RS&H, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, based on the rankings shown below. There is no financial impact.

1. RS&H, San Antonio, Texas
2. GARVER, Houston, Texas
3. KSA, McKinney, Texas

33. Consideration for approval of the selection of consultants for RFQ FY22-ENG-38 General American with Disabilities Act Compliance Services for Existing Buildings, Facilities, Other Amenities and Proposed Construction Projects FY2023 - FY2026, and authorizing the Interim City Manager to negotiate professional service contracts for each respective project assigned on a rotation basis. Professional service contracts will be issued per project upon funding available for a two (2) year term, with one (1) option for a two (2) year renewal, for a total term of four (4) years beginning October 4, 2022, and ending September 30, 2026. Two (2) firms responded to the Request for Qualifications on Thursday, September 1, 2022, at 4:00 P.M. and staff recommends the selection of the following top consultant.

1. Slay Architecture, LLC., Laredo, Texas

Funding will not exceed \$50,000.00 per project, per vendor in the respective budget account. There is no financial impact at this time. Consultant work performance/services will be monitored in accordance with the established guidelines, and any deficiencies may result in removal from the rotation list.

Motion to re-open RFQ.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Mayor Saenz, Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

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

34. Consideration to award a professional services contract to Canales, Garza, & Baum, PLLC, Certified Public Accountants, and authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into a contract for a period of two years in the amount not to exceed \$90,000.00 per year in order to provide audit services for fiscal years ending September 30, 2022, and September 30, 2023. The contract can be renewed for two additional one-year periods. Audit fees will be allocated to the professional services line item among the different funds to be audited.

FIRE: STAFF SOURCE GUILLERMO HEARD, FIRE CHIEF

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

Section	Description	Vendor	Location	Dollar Amt	Award
I	Fuel, Air, Oil Filters	Rush Truck Center	Laredo, TX	\$75,000.00	Primary Vendor
		Fleet-Pride	Laredo, TX	\$40,000.00	Secondary Vendor
II III IV V VI VII VIII IX X XI XII XIII XIV XV XVI XVII	Belts, Hoses, Cooling Brakes & Related Items Brakes/Misc. Parts Chassis & Steering Drive Train Electrical Auto Parts Exhaust Auto Parts Fuel & Emission Parts Heating & Air Condition Ignition Lamp Bulb, Flashers Shock & Struts Wiper Blades & Motors Service Lubricants Brakes/Emergency Vehicles Parts/Emergency Vehicles	Gonzalez Auto Parts	Laredo, TX	\$250,000.00	Primary Vendor
		Toro Auto Sales	Laredo, TX	\$40,000.00	Secondary Vendor
		O'Reilly Auto Parts	Laredo, TX	\$40,000.00	Secondary Vendor
	(Only Section X Heating Cooling)	Andy's Auto Air	Laredo, TX	\$25,000.00	Secondary Vendor

for the purchase of automotive parts for the Fleet Department. This contract establishes a percentage discount on parts utilized during city vehicle repairs. All parts will be purchased

on an as-needed basis. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This contract can be renewed for one (1) additional one (1) year extension period, upon the mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Fleet Management Budget.

37. Consideration to renew annual parts contract FY21-045 with the following vendors:

1. BTE Body Company, Irving, TX, in an amount up to \$120,000.00 (primary vendor-parts);
2. Fox Truck World, San Antonio, TX, in an amount up to \$60,000.00 (secondary vendor-parts);

for the purchase of Scorpion Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) parts for the City's automated side loader trucks. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This contract may be extended for one (1) additional one (1) year period upon mutual agreement of the parties. All services will be secured on an as-needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.

38. Consideration to renew annual service contract FY21-001 for the purpose of repairing the City's automated side loader trucks with the following vendors:

1. Gutierrez Machine Shop, Laredo, TX, in an amount up to \$150,000.00 (primary vendor);
2. Laredo Mechanical Industrial Services, Laredo, TX, in an amount up to \$130,000.00 (secondary vendor);

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 one (1) additional one (1) year period upon mutual agreement. All services will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.

39. Consideration to renew annual service contract FY21-009 for the repair and replacement of hydraulic cylinders for the City's heavy equipment fleet with the following vendors:

1. Laredo Mechanical, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$85,000.00 (primary vendor);
2. Gutierrez Machine Shop, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$25,000.00 (secondary vendor).

All repair 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 contract can be renewed for one (1) additional one (1) year period upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.

40. **2022-R-164** Ratifying the execution of a renewal contract from the Texas Department of State Health Services in the amount of \$174,344.00 with a match of \$21,631.00 for the City of Laredo Health Department, Tuberculosis Prevention & Control/Federal Program. The term of the contract is from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. Funding is available in the Health Department Budget.
41. **2022-R-165** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application to the Build Health Challenge 4.0 in the estimated amount of \$300,000.00 with no match for the City of Laredo Health Department, Juntos Program for the term period May 1, 2023, through April 30, 2026.
42. Consideration to authorize an extension of the lease of seven (7) vehicles from Enterprise Rent-A-Car in the total amount of \$99,928.24 for a twelve (12) month term for City of Laredo Health Department operations. Funding is available through the COVID-19 Health Disparities Grant, Public Health Workforce Grant, and COVID-19 Vaccination Capacity Grant.

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

43. Consideration to renew contract FY20-070 to Clark Hardware, Laredo, Texas in the estimated annual amount of \$300,000.00. This is a two-year contract, subject to future appropriations, for the purchase of assorted plumbing items including irrigation supplies. All items will be purchased on an as-needed basis throughout the year and for various city departments. This is the final two (2) year extension period. Funding is available in the respective departments' budgets.
44. Consideration for ratification and approval of a change order, an increase of \$31,809.72 to Kone Inc. for unexpected expenses for elevator repair in the Federal Courthouse. Current contract amount including change order is \$170,665.95. Funding is available in the 2013 PPFCO.

PLANNING & ZONING: STAFF SOURCE ORLANDO NAVARRO, PLANNING & ZONING DIRECTOR

45. **2022-R-168** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application on behalf of the Laredo Webb County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization in the amount of \$400,000.00 to the U.S. Department of Transportation Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program for the purpose of funding a downtown mobility and connectivity study in partnership with the Downtown TIRZ No. 1 and Laredo Main Street. Local match of 20% of eligible project costs is being provided by the Downtown TIRZ No. 1 in the amount of \$50,000.00 and other in-kind contributions by grant applicants.

PUBLIC WORKS: STAFF SOURCE JOHN ORFILA, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

46. Consideration to renew Contract FY20-081 to Al & Rob, Laredo, Texas for an annual amount of \$20,518.00 (total contract cumulative amount of \$61,554.00). This contract is for the purchase of employee uniforms for the Public Works department. All items are purchased on an as-needed basis. This is the last extension period of this contract and funding is available in the General Fund - Public Works.

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

47. Authorizing Interim City Manager to ratify purchase order 367359 with Core & Main, from San Antonio, Texas in the amount of \$260,032.16 through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program's contract pricing for the purchase of AMR water meters utilized by the Utilities Department. All meters meet NSF Standard 61 Certification and NSF 61 Annex F and G (lead requirements). Funding is available in the Waterworks Operations Fund.
48. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to approve change order No. 1, a decrease in the amount of (\$59.51) and an increase of 30 days to the contract time due to material supply delays. Accept the project as complete and request authorization to release retainage in the amount of \$78,605.78 to Insituform Technologies, LLC for the Rehabilitation of Interceptor from Canal St. to Zacate Wastewater Treatment Plant. The final contract is \$1,572,115.49, and the contractor period is 180 calendar days. Funding is available in the 2019 Sewer Revenue Bond.
49. Authorizing the Interim City Manager for the approval of change order No. 2 for the Eastern Chacon Creek Interceptor & Drainage Improvements. This change order is required to complete the project deducting and adding material originally specified for use. With this change order the contract amount with AZAR Services, LLC. will remain at \$4,016,387.20 only increase by 130 working days to the original contract with a total of 460 working days. Funds is available in the 2019 Sewer Revenue Bond.
50. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to approve change order No. 1, for a credit amount of (\$145,486.10), and an increase of 268 calendar days to the contract time due to material supply delays and COVID-19 pandemic. Final acceptance of the El Pico Water Treatment Reliability Improvement Project as complete and request authorization to release the retainage and to issue final payment of \$86,075.70 to J. S. Haren. The final contract amount is \$1,721,513.90 and the total contract period is 478 calendar days. Funding is available in the 2016 Water Revenue Fund.
51. Authorizing Interim City Manager to execute amendment No. 1 to LAN for a professional engineering services contract for construction administration and inspection services on the Zacate Design-Build Sewer Tunnel Project. Contract amendment No. 2 is in the amount of \$455,847.00 for basic services. The total contract sum including this amendment is \$1,055,847.00. Funding is available in the 2017 Sewer Revenue Bond.

Motion to approve as amended.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Mayor Saenz, Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

52. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to award a construction contract to the lowest responsive bidder, being ON Tanks, Inc., Wakefield, MA, in the amount of \$9,274,320.00 for the South Lyon Ground Storage Tank Demolition and Replacement Project. The contract time is four-hundred-twenty (420) working days. Funding is available in the Waterworks Fund - 2022 Water Revenue Bond.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XIII. STAFF REPORTS

53. 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.

Motion to approve the Auditor's report.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Mayor Saenz, Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

54. Discussion with possible action on the status of the downtown signage and welcome monuments projects, and any other matters incident thereto.

Ayleen Ramos Convention & Visitors Bureau Director, presented a status report on the downtown signage and welcome monuments projects.

Motion to table and bring back on the following Council meeting.

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cigarroa

For: 7

Against: 1 (MPT Rodriguez)

Abstain: 0

NP: Mayor Saenz, Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

55. Presentation with possible action from Strategic Government Resources (SGR) on the next steps for recruitment of a City Manager.

Dough Thomas representing SGR provided a brief presentation on the next steps for recruitment of a City Manager.

Cm. Torres expressed his concern with the online interviews and the virtual pre-recorded interviews, he believes that it does not provide the opportunity to demonstrate their abilities as if it was in person.

Cm. Dr. Martinez stated that the City of Laredo needs City Council stability

Motion to allow (SGR) to do proceed with their recommendation.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Martinez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez

Motion carries.

56. Presentation, with possible action, by Magellan Advisors on the Municipal Broadband Study, and any other matters incident thereto.

Scott Minki with Magellan Associates, provided a brief presentation on the Municipal Broadband Study.

Motion to have Developer include conduit in new developments, and to include Fiber as amended.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Martinez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Mayor Saenz.

Motion to isolate areas to create revenue generating model that will pay for itself in the course of the next 5-10 years.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, mayor Saenz.

Motion carries.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Motion to go into Executive Session for Items 57-59.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Mayor Saenz.

Motion Carries.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

57. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.072 related to the purchase of real property consisting of a 0.3211 acre tract located at Lot 5 Block 1, Crown Ridge Unit I required for the Springfield Extension Phase II project.

Motion to authorize Legal and Management to proceed accordingly.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Mayor Saenz.

Motion Carries.

58. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.072 related to the purchase of real property consisting of 4 properties known as ABC Plaza for La Plaza Theatre Project from Marcelino, LLC.

Motion to authorize Legal and Management to proceed accordingly.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Mayor Saenz.

Motion Carries.

59. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.072 to deliberate concerning real property and to consult with its attorneys on the active lease agreement including potential renewal with 2L4L Baseball, LLC, owner of the Tecolotes Dos Laredos professional baseball team, dated March 1, 2018, granting exclusive use of Uni-Trade Stadium from March through October of each year through October 31, 2023, for purposes of conducting spring training, games, practices and related baseball events, and return to open session for possible action.

Carlos Flores offered to provide assistance with any questions or concerns regarding the TECOS contract.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 2

Abstain: 0

Cm. Martinez

MPT Rodriguez

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Mayor Saenz.

Motion Carries.

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

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

60. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Vidal Rodriguez

1. Discussion with possible action to instruct 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 II Priority Funds will be used for this project.

-3800 Gia Street

Motion to approve.

Moved: MPT Rodriguez

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Mayor Saenz.

Motion Carries.

2. Discussion with possible action to build a swimming pool at Slaughter Park or renovate the Three Points Pool, and any other matters incident thereto.

J.J. Gomez Parks Director provided a brief explanation and recommendation on the possible action to build a swimming pool at Slaughter Park or renovate the Three Points Pool.

Motion to approve while using savings from District 2 funds.

Moved: MPT Rodriguez

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion Carries.

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

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

-400 Manor Road

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Gutierrez

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion Carries.

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

1. Discussion with possible action on low water pressure in North Laredo; and any other matters incident thereto.

Cm. Dr. Martinez requested for management to address the low water pressure issue that District 6 is currently dealing with.

Arturo Garcia Utilities Director, explained that there are several common causes affecting the low water pressure on District 6.

Assistant City Manager Riazul Mia, explained that the issues that the District is facing are due to the old infrastructure and the lack of staff.

MPT. Rodriguez requested clarification on the staff turnover.

Arturo Garcia stated that the issues will be addressed.

Cm. Dr. Martinez requested for management to implement a plan of action to address all water related issues within the City of Laredo.

Cm. Perez agreed that water should be the number one priority.

No action was taken.

D. Request by Council Member Vanessa J. Perez

1. Discussion with possible action on a Mines Road Traffic Town Hall Meeting to be held Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., at the Barbara Fasken Recreation Center, and any other matters incident thereto.

Cm. Perez extended an invitation to all constituents for a Mines Road Traffic Town Hall Meeting.

No action was taken.

2. Discussion with possible action to enhance the intersection of Wolf Creek Drive to emphasize a crosswalk, street name, and no truck signs; with the possibility of adding a height bar to restrict the entrance of 18-wheeler trucks into the community, and any other matters incident thereto.

Motion to approve while using District 7 priority funds, and to coordinate with Google to update Truck Route.

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion Carries.

3. Discussion with possible action to support the Yes, I Will Vote initiative sponsored by the Laredo Commission for Women, and any other matters incident thereto. (Co-sponsored by Council Member Alberto Torres and Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa)

Amber Avis Hinojosa representing the Laredo Commission for Women along with Sylvia Bruni representing the Yes, I Will Vote Coalition, requested support and provided a brief presentation on the Yes, I Will Vote Campaign.

Cm. Perez stated that the coalition is requesting assistance with the placing of poster boards in some of the bus stops around the City.

Cm. Torres included that in addition he would like add a coordinated campaign with the Public Information Office, to inform all City employees and create awareness on voting rights.

Cm. Dr. Martinez stated that he will provide \$500 from District 6 promotional money.

Motion to provide \$500 from every District’s promotional money to assist with the “Yes, I will Vote” Campaign.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP:

Motion carries.

E. Request by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa

1. Discussion with possible action to re-evaluate the terms of the easement agreement of the River Vega to include strategic conservation plans that target invasive trees, prohibit the mass clearing of lands and destruction of habitats and any other matters incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Vanessa Perez)

Noraida Negron Public Information Administrator read the following Public Comments into record.

Cinthia Vasquez spoke in favor of Item 60 E.1

Drew Lin

Lora Axe

Trisha Cortez representing the Rio Grande International Study Center, provided a brief presentation on the Riverbend Clearing – City Vega.

Dr. Amed Rubio representing the Rio Grande International Study Center at TAMIU, discussed several issues related to the Rio Grande corridor.

Cm. Cigarroa stated that they had tried to meet with Border Patrol in the past, to try to prevent the mass clearing.

Cm. Perez along with Cm. Martinez explained that they had both met with Border Patrol in past in different occasions to make sure that the clearing areas would be able to preserve the native trees.

Motion to re-evaluate the terms of the Contract with Border Patrol, and to include and consult with the environmentalist before it is brought back to Council for approval as amended.

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cigarroa

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion carries.

2. Discussion with possible action to evaluate and update current city ordinances and policies related to City Council events and event sponsorship requests, and any other matters incident thereto.

Cash Vasquez president of the Downtown Business Association, provided a brief presentation on the duties and mission statement of the Downtown Business Association. Mr. Vasquez also requested assistance and support to create a non-partisan events department within the City.

Rosario Cabello stated that the City needs to come up with a better system to manage events.

Cm. Dr. Martinez expressed his disagreement to do away with events, but he did agree that there should be some limitations.

Cm. Gutierrez stated that community events are extremely important to the community and its constituents.

Motion to instruct management to investigate best practices in other cities in regards to their events, and to bring back recommendations.

Moved: MPT Rodriguez

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 5

Against: 1 (MPT. Rodriguez)

Abstain: 0

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

Motion Carries.

- 3. Discussion with possible action to create a bulky waste collection center in District 8, and any other matters incident thereto.

John Porter Environmental Director, provided a brief presentation on the possible action to create a bulky waste collection center in District 8.

Cm. Martinez stated that he had tried to do the same in the past and he was told it was not feasible to do.

John Porter explained several services that the department of Solid Waste provides for no cost.

John Orfila Solid Waste Director, provided an explanation on all the services that the department provides.

No action was taken.

XVII. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Gutierrez

Second: Cm. Martinez

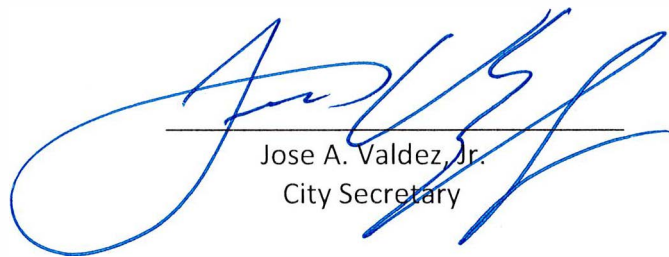
For: 5

Against:

Abstain: 0

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

Motion Carries.



Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary