

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M2022-R-19
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
November 28, 2022
5:45 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Saenz called the meeting to order at 5:46 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
Vidal Rodriguez	Mayor Pro Tempore
Melissa Cigarroa	District III
Alberto Torres Jr.	District IV
Ruben Gutierrez Jr.	District V
Dr. Marte Martinez	District VI
Vanessa Perez	District VII
Alyssa Cigarroa	District VIII
Jose A. Valdez Jr.	City Secretary
Rosario Cabello	Interim City Manager
Rosario Cabello	Deputy City Manager
Riazul Mia Assistant	City Manager

Motion to excuse Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Dr. Martinez.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain:0

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

Motion Carries.

V. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of November 16, 2022.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Gutierrez

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

Citizen comments

VI. RECOGNITION

1. To present a Key to the City honoring Randy Howe, Director of Field Operations for CBP Laredo Field Office, in recognition for his exemplary service and dedication to the community and the Nation.

Mayor Saenz presented the key to the City to Randy Howe, Director of Field Operations for CBP Laredo Field Office, in recognition for his exemplary service and dedication to the community and the Nation.

2. Recognizing Dr. Richard Chamberlain, Health Director, for being selected as a presenter in a select group of medical health providers in a White House Summit on COVID-19 Evidence Based Health Equity Programs held on November 16th, 2022.

Mayor Saenz along with City Council recognized Dr. Richard Chamberlain, Health Director, for being selected as a presenter in a select group of medical health providers in a White House Summit on COVID-19 Evidence Based Health Equity Programs held on November 16th, 2022.

Rosario Cabello mentioned that management is really proud of Dr. Chamberlain.

3. Recognizing the Public Access Channel/Public Information Office for their Honorable Mention awards on their first submissions to the Texas Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors.

Mayor Saenz along with City Council recognized the Public Access Channel/Public Information Office for their Honorable Mention awards on their first submissions to the Texas Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors.

Noraida Negrón explained the awards that the City received, from the submissions to the Texas Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors.

4. Recognizing Visit Laredo for winning the SILVER Adrian Award for excellence in travel marketing from the HSMAI (Hospitality Sales & Marketing Association). The HSMAI Adrian Awards have honored excellence in travel marketing for 65 years and celebrate the best in advertising, digital, PR/communications, and integrated campaigns.

Mayor Saenz along with City Council, recognized Visit Laredo for winning the SILVER Adrian Award for excellence in travel marketing from the HSMAI.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Staff report on the status of the ongoing Community Health Needs Assessment Awareness survey with partnership from Texas Health Institute about the health needs in our community.

Dr. Richard Chamberlain Health Director, provided a staff report on the status of the ongoing Community Health Needs Assessment Awareness survey.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Motion to approve appointments 1-2.

Moved: Cm. Gutierrez

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

1. Appointment by Council Member Vanessa Perez of Sandra Cavazos Ayala to the Laredo Commission for Women.
2. Ratifying the Interim City Manager's appointment of the Keep Laredo Beautiful Board of Directors:
 1. Armando Velasco - District 6
 2. Diane G. Gomez - District 7

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Motion to open public hearings 2- 14.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

1. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by amending Ordinance 2016-0-139, which authorized a Conditional Use Permit for an amusement redemption machine establishment on Lot 1, Block 1, Anil Associates, Limited Liability Company, Phase I, located at 9110 McPherson Road in order to remove Anil Gupta and Yam Ping Li and replace with Anil Gupta and Jorge Vicencio Barcenas as the parties to whom the permit is issued.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **denial** of the proposed zone change and staff **supports** the name change of the tenant.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

2. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning an approximately 15,832.3 square feet of land conveyed by deed to Rene A. Nava, recorded in Volume 5125, page 194, Official Public Records, Webb County, Texas, situated in Porcion 10, Original Grantee, Tomas Sanchez, Abstract 280, located west of Coal Mine Road and south of FM 1472 Road, from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing 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. Torres

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Dr. Martinez.

Motion Carries.

3. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 3, New Vision Subdivision, Phase 11, located at 2405 Grisell Drive, from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District).

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

Homero Vasquez stated that Planning and Zoning denied the application based on the plans that were submitted. Mr. Vasquez mentioned that they have not seen or heard of any changes, and he is requesting that the application be taken back to Planning and Zoning for review if any changes were made.

Orlando Navarro Planning and Zoning Director, stated that the application was denied due to traffic issues. Mr. Navarro also mentioned several reasons on why staff supports the application.

Motion to close and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Gutierrez

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 5 Against: Cm. Perez, Cm. A. Cigarroa Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion fails for the lack of proper vote.

4. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning an approximately 0.96 acre tract of land out of a tract of land conveyed by deed to Santa Fe Webb, Limited Liability Company, recorded in Volume 3137, pages 660-668, Official Public Records, Webb County, Texas, situated in Porcion 33, Jose Dionisio Villarreal, Abstract 3084, Webb County, Texas, located north of Avenida Los Presidentes and west of Concord Hills Boulevard, from R-1 (Single-Family 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.

Motion to close and introduce.

Moved: Cm. M. Cigarroa

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

5. **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 mini-storage/warehouse on Lot 3 and 6, Block 1, Avery Retail Subdivision, located at 6710 Springfield Avenue and 104 Mann Road.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **approval** of the proposed Special Use Permit and staff **supports** the application.

Cm. Perez mentioned that there were some issues with the schematics on the layout of the aesthetics. Cm. Perez asked if it was going to be brought back to Council for final approval.

Orlando Navarro stated that it could be brought back, if requested by Council.

Cm. Perez stated that she is ok with the item.

Motion to close and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

6. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for a bar on Lot 3, Block 1, Del Mar North Filing Number One, located at 7718 McPherson Road, Building E-1, Suite 1 and 2 (3,388 square feet).

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

Rene Rangel Jr, spoke in favor of item 6.

Motion to close and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Gutierrez

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

7. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 16, Block 2, Laredo Town Center, Phase 2, located at 5401 Bob Bullock Loop, from M-1 (Light Manufacturing 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. Gutierrez

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

8. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning an approximately 3.21 acre tract of land in the Porcion 32, Antonio Trevino Survey, Abstract 296, Webb County, Texas, same being a portion of an 5.00 acre tract of land described and recorded in Volume 4813, page 393, Official Public Records of Webb County, Texas, located north of State Highway 359 and east of Delphina Avenue, from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing 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. M. Cigarroa

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

9. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for an urgent care clinic (outpatient) on Lot 26B, Block 1, San Isidro Northeast Subdivision, Phase 4, located at 10901 International Boulevard, Suite 101 (6000 square feet).

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

Motion to close and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

10. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** on amending Chapter 28, Article IX Public Right-of-Way Management, Sections 28-164 through 28-239; it is desirable to clarify existing regulations that will provide greater control over the City of Laredo public right-of-way; clarification of regulations for work in City of Laredo public right of way to prevent / minimize damages, to ensure overall optimal conditions of the City of Laredo public right of way; to update penalty fees from minimum \$500.00 and maximum \$2,000.00 to minimum \$500.00 and maximum \$5,000.00 therefore to deter work without permit; restricting the transfer of issued permits from right of way utility user to other right of way utility user; raising the liability insurance amount from \$1,000,000.00 to \$2,000,000.00 to ensure a safer work environment and potential damages; to raise excavation bond from \$10,000.00 to \$25,000.00 to update cost of street repairs to ensure that damages be covered by an excavation bond; mandating pre-inspection, post-inspection and final inspection processes to monitor construction on the City of Laredo public right of way; re-defined "right of way user" to "right of way utility user", categorize right of way users based on excavation depth; update overtime hourly inspections fees cost from \$40.00 to \$150.00 Monday through Friday and fee cost from \$75.00 to \$250.00 Saturdays and Sundays to help maintain the safe condition of the City of Laredo public right of way; updating any typos and replacing language of director with building development services department director; providing that this Ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; providing for publication; and declaring an effective date.

Cm. Dr. Martinez asked if the fees were going to be utilized towards line breaks.

Mayor Sanz confirmed it.

Cm. Perez explained to the public that the fees were raised to increase the consequences of line breaks.

Motion to close and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

11. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** authorizing the Interim City Manager to accept and enter into a contract with the Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), establishing the Detoxification Center Fund, appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$2,203,700.00 of which \$2,000,000.00 is from SAMHSA and a match of \$203,700.00 from municipal court fees for the City of Laredo/Webb Detoxification Center for the term period from September 20, 2022, through September 29, 2023.

Motion to close and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

12. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** authorizing the Interim City Manager to accept and enter into a contract with the National Association of County & City Health Officials, amending the FY22-23 Health Department budget by appropriating and increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$75,000.00 with no match, and amending the FY22-23 Full-Time Equivalent Position Listing by creating one (1) Program Promotion Specialist, R32, position for the City of Laredo Health Department for the term period from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

Motion to close and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Gutierrez

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

13. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending Chapter 2, Article 1 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas to amend Subsection (E) under Section 2-3 "Fees for City Services" to establish a convenience fee of \$3.50 per transaction for utility payments processed using an online or voice response systems. Repealing the 3% credit card fee for utility payments processed using an online or voice response systems. No fees will be applied to face-to-face payments.

Cm. Dr. Martinez requested clarification on what the repealing 3% would do to the City's budget.

Cm. Torres explained that they were replacing it with the \$3.50.

Jose Castillo interim Finance Director, stated that the change will change it from a percentage to a set fee that will break even.

Cm. Torres mentioned that breaking even is a misconception since the rate payer is still going to pay \$3.50, and the City will transfer those funds to the third-party company that is billing. Therefore, the City will not make a penny.

Cm. Torres stated that the fee is unfair to the citizens that pay a low water bill, and now have to pay the same fee as for citizens that pay a higher bill.

Cm. Dr. Martinez agreed that the flat fee is unfair, and does not understand why the change has to be made.

Rosario Cabello stated that the option to pay face to face is always there, free of charge.

Cm. Dr. Martinez stated that the reason is not a valid argument.

Jose Castillo explained that the reason for the change is due to changes being made to the processing systems. Mr. Castillo added that by debit and credit card regulation the fee has to be a flat fee as opposed to a percentage fee.

Cm. Perez stated that the fat fee is excessive, and unfair to someone that has a bill lower than \$100.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

14. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** authorizing Interim City Manager to amend the annexation ordinance fees of 2018-0-145, 2018-0-146, 2018-0-147, 2018-0-148, 2018-0-149, 2018-0-150, 2018-0-151, 2018-0-152, 2018-0-153, 2018-0-154, 2018-0-155, 2018-0-156, 2018-0-157, 2018-0-158, 2018-0-159, 2018-0-160, 2018-0-161, 2018-0-162 and 2018-0-163 for the operation and maintenance of public water and wastewater services section 4a and 4b by deleting the proposed increase cost of living index from 2020; implementing the new annexation fee for operation and maintenance of public water services for residential lots under 10,000 sq. ft. in the amount of \$1,019.00/lot and over 10,000 sq. ft. in the amount of \$1,530.00/lot; for commercial/industrial lots under one acre in the amount of \$1,020.00/lot and over one acre in the amount of \$1,530.00/acre; implementing the new annexation fee for operation and maintenance of public wastewater services for

residential lots under 10,000 sq. ft. in the amount of \$1,736.04/lot and over 10,000 sq ft in the amount of \$2,040.00/lot; for commercial/industrial lots under five acres in the amount of \$1,266.84/acre and \$1,530.00/acre for more than 5 acres. The purpose of this change is to standardize the annexation ordinances for 2018, 2019.

Cm. Dr. Martinez requested clarification on why annexation fees are being increased.

Arturo Garcia Utilities Director stated that the Ordinance that is being presented was previously presented but never went to the second reading, therefore it is being reintroduced.

Assistant City Manager Riazul Mia, stated that once the impact fee Ordinance is approved all the above-mentioned Ordinances will be deleted.

Motion to close and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Gutierrez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

X. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

City Council to introduce introductory Ordinances 15, 16, 17.

15. An ordinance of the City of Laredo authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a lease agreement with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, as an entity of the United States of America for a 5,688 square foot tract of land located along the 1000 Santa Isabel Avenue. Approximately 2,988 square feet of FIS land (the premises) and 2,700 square feet for parking adjacent to the Rail Vehicle and Cargo Inspection System. The lease agreement is on a yearly basis with the option to renew up to 4 years with no rental fee. Providing for an effective date.
16. An ordinance authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all necessary documents to purchase the "Surface Only" for properties 1013 Farragut, 1003 Farragut, 1002 Hidalgo and 1008 Hidalgo Street known as ABC Plaza for the total amount of \$900,000.00. Properties are for the Plaza Theater Project; and providing an effective date. Funding is available in the Capital Improvements Fund.
17. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all necessary documents to donate the property located at 3015 Santa Maria Ave., Laredo, Texas to Habitat for Humanity of Laredo with the condition that the new construction will meet all building codes including a grading

plan to be prepared and submitted to the City, the plans shall provide a minimum finished floor elevation (FFE) eighteen inches (18") above the existing top of curb elevation and address any flooding issues to the property. The purpose of this donation is for Habitat for Humanity of Laredo to construct an affordable single-family home to benefit a low-moderate income household. Estimated value of \$65,000.00.

XI. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to approve final reading of Ordinances 18, 19, and wave final reading.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

18. 2022-0-203 Amending Ordinance #2006-0-102, which established the laundromat service fees of \$1.00 for each washer and dryer cycle use on all laundromat facilities available within the Airport Noise Compatibility Program multi-family units. This amendment will establish a new rate of \$1.50 for each washer cycle and \$1.25 for each dryer cycle. The amendment will also establish this new rate to any other laundromat facility that Municipal Housing currently manages or is to manage hereafter.
19. 2022-0-204 An Ordinance authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into a lease agreement with Laredo Center for the Arts, Inc. for the property located at 500 San Agustin. The initial term of the lease shall be for a period of ten years, with two options to extend for five years each at the mutual consent of the parties. In lieu of rent, Laredo Center for the Arts will be required to make major renovations to the building. Laredo Center for the Arts shall be required to sublease a portion of the premises to the Webb County Heritage Foundation for a period of two years; providing an effective date and providing for severability.

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

BRIDGE: STAFF SOURCE YVETTE LIMON, BRIDGE DIRECTOR

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 20-55 with the exclusion of 23, 25, 31,20, 41, 45, as amended.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

20. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to award contract to TransCore, Houston, Texas for an amount not to exceed \$862,225.00 to incorporate the Weigh-in-Motion (WIM), Front Vehicle Enforcement System (VES), and the Automatic Vehicle Identification (AVI) information to capture, identify, and process overweight vehicles traveling into the United States through the Laredo World Trade Bridge U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) FAST Lanes Relocation Project. Funding is available in the Laredo Bridge System Construction Fund.

Cm. Perez mentioned that she is, glad to see the item on the agenda. Cm. Perez requested clarification on the timeline to be completed.

Yvette Limon Bridge Director stated that as soon as the item gets approved they will get the P.O. issued, and she will request the timeline from the company.

Cm. Perez asked if they didn't considered timelines while awarding the bid.

Yvette Limon mentioned that in order to make it work with the Southbound motion, they are using the same company since they already have the servers and equipment.

Cm. Perez mentioned that she was concerned with the time they took to start with the project, and hopes that the project will be completed within the projected time.

Motion to approve, and to bring back during next Council meeting along with the staff report.

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. A. Cigarroa.

Motion Carries.

BUILDING: STAFF SOURCE JOHN HICKLE, BUILDING DIRECTOR

21. **2022-R-187** Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and Cindy Qiu for a proposed project located at 3710 North India Avenue, Lot 3, 4, 5, 6 Block 1837 Eastern Division that consists of commercial shell, in accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ). This agreement will be for a ten (10) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$1,100,000.00, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$6,270.00 and estimated total fee waivers of \$4,485.00. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: STAFF SOURCE TINA MARTINEZ, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

22. Ratification of the submission of the Texas Historical Commission 2022 Undertold Marker Application and authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all necessary documents with the collaboration of the Webb County Historical Commission. This application constitutes a request for the Texas Historical Commission to consider approval of an Official Texas Historical Marker for the Laredo Street Car to be placed at the 100 block of Market St.

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

23. **2022-R-199** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas approving a Chapter 380 Agreement between the City of Laredo and Lineage Logistics, L.C., pursuant to an economic development incentive under Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code and authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all relevant documents, and any other matters incident thereto; providing for severability; providing for an effective date; and providing for publication. The eight (8) year agreement obligates Lineage Logistics, LC. to invest an aggregate estimated amount of at least \$78,800,000.00 in an estimated 247,844 square feet of combined cold storage facility, office and dock area, and create at least eighty (80) new full-time permanent jobs with minimum pay starting at \$19.00/hour plus benefits generating a total of approximately \$4,000,000.00 in annual payroll. Rebates will be based on performance.

Cm. Dr, Martinez expressed that he felt extremely proud of the City's Economic Development department, for doing a tremendous job at continuing to improve the quality of income and jobs for the citizens of Laredo.

Mayor Saenz agreed with Cm. Dr. Martinez.

Cm. Dr. Martinez asked the representative of Lineage Logistics, how his experience with doing business with Laredo was. Cm. Martinez asked if he found it smooth, or if he encountered hurtles, and if there are things that need to be improved.

The representative stated that everything went great while working together with Miriam Castillo.

Cm. Dr. Martinez thanked Lineage Logistics for investing with the City of Laredo.

Cm. Perez inquired on the proposed location for the storage facility.

Miriam Castillo stated that the proposed location will be on highway 35 by the Port Grande area.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

ENGINEERING: STAFF SOURCE RAMON E. CHAVEZ, CITY ENGINEER

24. Consideration to reject the sole response received for RFQ FY22-ENG-41 General Structural Engineering Consultant Services for Existing Buildings, Facilities, Structures, Other Amenities and Proposed Construction Projects FY2023 - FY2026, and authorization to initiate a new solicitation of the Request for Qualifications. One (1) firm responded to the Request for Qualifications on or before Thursday, September 29, 2022, at 4:00 P.M. There is no financial impact for action taken on this motion. One (1) electronic submission through Cit-E-Bid responding to the Request for Qualifications was received at the City Secretary's office on or before Thursday, September 29, 2022, at 4:00 P.M. The sole response received was publicly opened, read and taken under advisement on Friday, September 30, 2022, at 9:00 A.M. The sole response submission received was as follows: Amtech Solutions Inc., McAllen, Tx.

25. Consideration to award construction contract FY22-ENG-33 to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder Leyendecker Construction of Texas, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$8,627,500.00 for the Uni-Trade Stadium Enhancements, which consist of general modernization of the Uni-Trade Stadium facility's finishes - flooring, walls, ceilings, involving professional moving and storage services, selective demolition, including replacement of facility room and parking lot lighting, selective plumbing fixtures, mechanical equipment maintenance, selective identification - signage, field wall and railing wall pads, roof repairs to PVC single membrane and tile roof, replacement of selective food service equipment, sump pumps, batter's eye wall platform, building specialties, bollards safety barriers, turnstiles, lockers, canopies, playground entrance, painted graphics, playground safety netting, roof access hatch, and audio vision wall mounted monitor - data cabling, new audio vision scoreboards. The construction contract time of 210 calendar days; and authorizing the Interim 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.

Three (3) electronic bids and one (1) manual bid were received at the City Secretary's office, on Thursday, October 6, 2022, at 4:00 P.M. The four (4) bids were publicly opened, read, and taken under advisement on Friday, October 7, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. The four (4) bids and bid bonds received were reviewed by Sepulveda Associates Architects, Inc. as follows:

Contractor (s)	Total Base Bid	Total Base Bid plus Bid Alternates
DIGITAL RESOURCES, INC., Southlake, TX	Incomplete	Incomplete
ANC Sports Enterprises, LLC., Purchase, NY	Incomplete	Incomplete

Conference Technologies, Inc., Maryland Heights, MO	Incomplete	Incomplete
Leyendecker Construction of Texas, Inc., Laredo, TX	\$7,599,200.00	\$8,627,500.00

Attached letter of recommendation from Sepulveda Associates Architects, Inc.

Motion to include staff report item 58, in conjunction with item 25.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

Robert Sepulveda representing Sepulveda architects, provided a brief presentation regarding the bid process for project FY23-ENG-33, Uni-Trade Stadium Enhancements, which consist of general modernization of the Uni-Trade Stadium facility's finishes - flooring, walls, ceilings, involving professional moving and storage services, selective demolition, including replacement of facility room and parking lot lighting, selective plumbing fixtures, mechanical equipment maintenance, selective identification - signage, field wall and railing wall pads, roof repairs to PVC single membrane and tile roof, replacement of selective food service equipment, sump pumps, batter's eye wall platform, building specialties, bollards safety barriers, turnstiles, lockers, canopies, playground entrance, painted graphics, playground safety netting, roof access hatch, and audio vision wall mounted monitor - data cabling, new audio vision scoreboards.

Cm. Torres requested clarification on why the screens are being replaced.

Robert Sepulveda, stated that the screens are being replaced due to having previous issues with finding parts needed for repairs.

Cm. Torres instructed management to find places where the old equipment that will be replaced can be utilized, instead of having it stored somewhere.

Cm. Perez inquired on the proposed landscaping.

Robert Sepulveda stated that the proposed landscaping is minimal landscaping, with native trees and Bermuda seeds.

Cm. Perez mentioned that she does not see any problem with the way that it currently is. Cm. Perez inquired on the cost of the netting as well.

Cm. Campos Rodriguez inquired if they had considered putting any shades for the kids.

Robert Sepulveda stated that it had been review and discussed, but the cost of it was pretty high therefore it was decided to not proceed with it at the moment.

Cm. Torres stated that he will always support these types of improvements, although is troublesome to see the field in those conditions. Cm. Torres expressed the importance on investing in a good management company.

Cm. Perez mentioned that she saw a lot of items that are not necessary, she inquired if there was any way that they can pick and chose what they think is necessary or important to replace.

Cm. Dr. Martinez stated that he was not in favor of the item. Cm. Dr. Martinez requested for the project to be put back on bid, to allow for other companies to bid on single and separate projects as opposed to a one big project that only one company can take care of.

Cm. Gutierrez stated that it is a fact that the City of Laredo dropped the ball with Uni-trade stadium.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. M. Cigarroa

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: Cm. Dr. Martinez, Cm. A. Cigarroa

Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

26. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to negotiate an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Laredo and the Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority (WC-CL RMA) for the Concord Hills Project from Los Presidentes Avenue to the Wormser Road/Lomas del Sur Boulevard Extension. The WC-CL RMA approved resolution No. 22-25 on September 21, 2022, supporting the allocation of \$1,000,000.00 to fund the development of the Concord Hills Project. Funding for Concord Hills project is available in the 2022 CO Bond.
27. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to negotiate a first amendment to an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Laredo and the Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority (WC-CL RMA) for the Springfield Road Project. The WC-CL RMA approved resolution No. 22-26 on September 21, 2022 supporting the allocation of \$1,000,000.00 to

fund the development of the Springfield Road Project. Funding for the Springfiel project is available in the 2022 CO Bond.

28. Consideration for approval to award a professional services contract to Cavazos Architects, Laredo, Texas, in the amount not to exceed \$119,190.00 to provide basic services including schematic development, design development, construction documents, construction procurement, construction administration and supplemental services including surveying and civil engineering for the City of Laredo Fire Station No. 10 Fleet Annex Building to be located at 11015 McPherson Road. Contract time is for the duration of the project. Funding is available in the 2021A CO Bond.
29. Consideration for approval to award a professional services contract to RS&H, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$616,024.50 for design, preparation of plans and specifications and bidding services for the FY23-ENG-11 Laredo International Airport to construct Taxiways T3 and T5, and the decommission and demolition of a portion of existing Taxiway C. Design work is to be done on a fast track basis. Funding is available in the Airport Construction Fund. Local funds will be used for this work. Services for this project are ninety percent (90%) eligible for reimbursement by Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grant.

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

30. Consideration to renew contract FY22-018 for the Chacon Creek Hike & Bike Trail Maintenance to Nick Benavides, Laredo, TX for an annual amount of \$56,988.00 per year. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year and this is the first and last extension period. Funding for this contract is available in the Environmental Services Department Budget.
31. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into an amendment of the temporary right-of-entry and license agreement for vegetation control between the City of Laredo and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Department of Homeland Security for the Laredo Roads Project. The amendment will require that all trees to be cleared be marked by U.S. CBP for review by the City or its designee.

Motion to include that all amendments meet State and Federal regulations.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. M. Cigarroa

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: Against: 0

Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. M. Cigarroa

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

32. Consideration to renew contract FY22-009 to sole bidder Gutierrez Machine and Welding Shop, Laredo, Texas in the amount of \$100,000.00 for providing welding repair and fabrication services for the Solid Waste Services Department. Services include, but are not limited to, repairs to equipment or items brought to the shop that require welding or fabrication. The term of this renewal shall be for one (1) year beginning the date of its execution and may be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year periods upon mutual agreement of the parties with no price increase. All services will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Services Department Fund.
33. Consideration to award construction contract to the lowest bidder Landmarc Environmental Systems, Naperville, IL in the amount of \$2,730,989.00 for the construction of a landfill Gas Collection and Control System (GCCS) at the City of Laredo Municipal Landfill located at 6912 Hwy. 359 with a construction contract time of one hundred sixty-eight (168) calendar days; and authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all related contract documents contingent upon receipt and approval of insurance and bond documents. Funding is available in the 2022 Solid Waste C.O. bond.
34. Consideration to authorize the purchase of four (4) new vehicles in the total amount of \$189,110.00 to Silsbee Ford, Silsbee, TX using the cooperative contract pricing Goodbuy 22-22-8F000 Vehicles. The Solid Waste department will be purchasing two 2023 F250 Crew Cab, one 2023 F150 Ext. Cab, and one 2023 F150 Crew Cab. These vehicles are replacement units which have already reached its useful life. Funding is available in the Solid Waste-Capital Outlay Funds.

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

35. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to award contract FY23-012 for the rental of water dispensers and purchase of water for emergencies only (as needed basis) in the estimated annual amount of \$50,000.00:
 - Royal Contractor, Laredo, Texas
 - 4L Distributors, Laredo, Texas

The term of this contract is for a period of (2) two years subject to future appropriations; contract may be extended for one (1) additional (2) two-year periods upon mutual agreement of parties. Funding is available in the respective departments.

FLEET MANAGEMENT: STAFF SOURCE RONALD MILLER, FLEET DIRECTOR

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

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

37. Consideration to renew contract FY22-002 for the purchase of recapped tires for the city's fleet vehicles with Southern Tire Mart, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$250,000.00. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This contract may be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year periods upon mutual agreement of the parties. There was a price increase of 13% during the last extension period due to an increase in costs of raw materials and logistics. All recapped tires will be purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Fund.
38. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a contract with JF Petroleum Group, Edinburg, Texas, for the purchase and installation of one (1) 1,000 gallon DEF tank for the Fleet Department in the amount of \$87,658.98. DEF (Diesel Exhaust Fluid) is an additive used to clean diesel exhaust systems. The City's fleet has over 500 units that require DEF fluid to be compliant with the Emission Reduction Act. At this time, there is no available pump at the main fuel station to add this fluid. This purchase is utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program; contract pricing, contract 673-22. Funding is available in the Fleet Department Fund.

HEAL TH: STAFF SOURCE RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, HEAL TH DIRECTOR

39. Ratifying the execution of a continuation contract with provider Ricardo Castillon, M.D. for physician services for the City of Laredo Health Department Healthy Texas Women Program in the total amount of \$56,000.00 for the term of September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023. The contract may be renewed for another year, contingent on funding availability. Funding is available through the Health Department Budget.

Motion to approve, with the correction of September1, 2021 as amended.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 7 Against: Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

40. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to ratify the execution of a contract with Televero Health, Inc. for telemedicine psychiatric services with Televero's telehealth platform for the City of Laredo Health Department. The contract will be in the amount of \$60,000.00 for mental health services for the term of October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023. Funding is available through the Health Department Budget - Community Mental Health Grant and continuation of this contract is contingent on availability of funds.

HUMAN RESOURCES: STAFF SOURCE LINDA TENIENTE, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

41. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into a mutual agreement between the City of Laredo and Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) for the purpose of providing academic programs to the City of Laredo employees through the Certified Public Management Program (CPM) not to exceed \$72,975.00, subject to funding appropriations within the participating departments. Term of this agreement will be from January 20, 2023, through November 3, 2026, for a term of three years; agreement is subject to future budget appropriations and will include two (2) one-year renewal for an additional two years.

Motion to bring back a contractual component to include 5-year count.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 7 Against:0 Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

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

42. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a contract between City of Laredo and Motorola Solutions Inc., in the amount of \$ 1,297,859.00 for the addition of a new 10 Channel RF Site to the City of Laredo's P25 800 MHz Trunked Radio Communication System, as attached hereto. The contract provides a new 10 channels P25 Radio Site, communications shelter, back-up generator, and installation of equipment at the San Isidro Water tank which includes one-year warranty. Funding is available in 2022 C.O.
43. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to renew service contract with AT&T for IP Flexible Reach voice services currently providing phone lines at various city locations including City Hall, City Hall Annex and Telecommunication Center Facilities. This is a 60-month service contract, which includes domestic long distance calling, under state purchasing program

DIR-TELE-CTSA-002 payable in monthly payments of \$2,631.32 and is subject to future appropriations. Funding is available in the various department's operational budgets.

MUNICIPAL COURT: STAFF SOURCE ANA CABALLERO-RODRIGUEZ, MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK

44. Amending Resolution #2021 -R-043, which authorized the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$50,000.00 to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Public Safety Office ("Granting Agency") to fund a Juvenile Case Manager for Municipal Court, and designated Robert A. Eads, City Manager for the City of Laredo, as the Grantee's Authorized Official; by amending such section to designate the current, Interim City Manager, Rosario C. Cabello, as the Grantee's Authorized Official, and providing an effective date.

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

45. Consideration to award contract FY23-004 for the purchase of pool chemicals for the City's swimming pools/splash parks to the vendor, Mayfield Pool Supply dba Texas Pool Supply, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$234,941.58. All pool chemicals 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 has three extension periods. Funding is available in the General Fund - Parks & Recreation Budget.

**Motion to allow staff to develop a new bidding process.
Motion to bid month to month, and re-bid and evaluate.**

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 6

Against: Cm. M. Cigarroa

Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

POLICE: STAFF SOURCE CLAUDIO TREVINO, CHIEF OF POLICE

46. **2022-R-196** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to ratify the acceptance of the General Victim Assistance Program Grant funding in the amount of \$67,809.56 from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division. The General Victim Assistance Program Grant supports the FY 2022-2023 Victim Service Program under the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). The performance period is October 01, 2022 through September 30, 2023. This grant will fund the salary of the Crime Victims Service Coordinator position, supplies affiliated with the grant program, and training. No local match is required. Grant funding is available in the Special Police Fund.
47. **2022-R-200** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to ratify acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$35,815.92 from the Office of the Governor (OOG), Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Department for the funding of FY22-23 Justice Assistance Grant Laredo Police

Department Mental Health/Crisis Intervention Unit for the period of October 01, 2022 through September 30, 2023. This funding will be utilized for overtime and training for the LPD Mental Health/Crisis Intervention Unit. No local match is required. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund OOG Mental Health Unit Grant.

48. **2022-R-202** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to renew a memorandum of understanding between the City of Laredo Police Department (LPD) and Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) for the purpose of working collaboratively in research and providing education and expertise in policing and police work, with no cost to the City of Laredo.
49. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one hundred and sixty-eight (168) ballistic vests for the Police Department in the amount of \$157,846.08 from GT Distributors, Inc. through the Buyboard Cooperative Purchasing Program's contract pricing. Approximately 43 vests will be purchased with funding awarded through the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant and the remaining 125 vests will be funded by the Police Trust Fund. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund and the Police Trust Fund.
50. Consideration to authorize the purchase of police vehicles requested by the Laredo Police Department to the following vendors:
 1. Silsbee Ford, Silsbee Texas in the amount of \$2,054,512.44 for the purchase of thirty-six (36) patrol units; and
 2. Lake Country Chevrolet, Jasper, Texas in the amount of \$196,923.00 for the purchase of four (4) patrol units; and
 3. Silsbee Ford, Silsbee Texas in the amount of \$439,576.00 for the purchase of eight (8) unmarked police vehicles with emergency equipment for Watch Commanders.The purchase of these vehicles shall be made utilizing the Good buy Contract Pricing Program. Funding is available in the 2022 Certificate of Obligation Bond.
51. Consideration to authorize a purchase contract with Motorola Inc., through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments (H-GAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program, in the amount of \$224,980.00 for the purchase of forty (40) mobile radios for the new police department patrol units. Funding is available in the 2022 Certificate of Obligation Bond.
52. Consideration to authorize a purchase contract with RZ Communications, the only authorized dealer for the acquisition of forty (40) Zebra Mobile Printers, Stalker Radars, and related equipment including installation for the Police Department new patrol vehicles for a total amount of \$238,398.20. Funding is available in the 2022 Certificate of Obligation Bond.

PUBLIC WORKS: STAFF SOURCE JOHN ORFILA, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

53. Consideration to authorize purchases utilizing various Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract Pricing: HGACBuy, Sourcewell, TIPS & BuyBoard offered by vendors: Tymco, Waco,

TX; Santex Truck Center, San Antonio, TX; Nueces Power Equipment, Corpus Christi, TX; and Freightliner, Austin, TX; for the heavy-duty equipment listed below in the total amount of \$1,451,273.59 for the Public Works Department. Funding is available in the 2022 CO Bonds and Environmental Services Fund.

Vendor	Description	Amount	Coop Contract No.
Tymco	2 Model 600 Regenerative Air Sweeper B53	\$688,660.00	HGACbuy #SW04-20
Santex	2 HV607 Conv. Cab SBFA, SRA Dump Trucks	\$267,924.00	HGACbuy #HT06-20
Nueces	1 2022 Case Model CX17C Mini Excavator/1 Backhoe Loader	\$146,001.63	Sourcewell #032119
Bergkamp (FreightLiner)	1 Potpatcher FP5 / 1 2024 Model Freight liner MS-106	\$245,834.00	TIPS # 200-206
Nueces	Case Back Hoe with attachments	\$102,853.96	Sourcewell #032119
Total		\$1,451,273.59	

TAX: STAFF SOURCE DORA MALDONADO, TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

54. Approving adjustments to the tax roll for the month of October 2022. The amounts adjusted represent a decrease of \$4,357.41 for prior year taxes and a decrease of \$38,442.55 for current year taxes. The aggregate adjustment represents a decrease of \$42,799.96. These adjustments are determined by value changes reported by the Webb County Appraisal District.

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

55. Consideration to award contract FY23-009 to the low bidder PATMO Services LLC., Laredo, Texas in an annual amount of up to \$600,000.00. The vendor will provide electrical services necessary for installation and maintenance including materials, machinery, equipment, labor, and all other services necessary for the maintenance of street lights (not maintained by AEP) and traffic signal lights throughout the City of Laredo. The term of this contract shall be for a period of two (2) years beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This contract may be extended for three additional one (1) year periods. Funding is available in the General Fund - Traffic Safety Department Budget.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XIII. STAFF REPORTS

56. 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: Asset Management Review, Credit Card Review and Unannounced Cash & Inventory Control Audit for November.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 5 Against:0 Abstain:0

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

Motion Carries.

57. Status report with possible action by the Utilities Department on the water, including but not limited to quality, infrastructure, level status, improvements, and any other matters incident thereto.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Mayor Saenz

For: 6 Against:0 Abstain:0

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

Motion Carries.

58. Presentation by Sepulveda Associates Architects with possible action regarding facilities assessment report of Uni-Trade Stadium which opened to the public in 2012, and any other matters incident thereto.

Please refer to item 25.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 regarding a potential lease offer by 2L4L Baseball, LLC, owner of the Tecolotes Dos Laredos professional baseball team, for purposes of conducting spring training, games, practices and related baseball events, and return to open session for possible action.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For:5 Against:0 Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Campos-Rodriguez, Cm. Dr. Martinez.

Motion Carries.

60. 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 regarding lease issues and possible litigation with STX Laredo Management of Uni-Trade Stadium, and return to open session for possible action.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 5 Against:0 Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Campos-Rodriguez, Cm. Dr. Martinez

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

61. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Request by Mayor Pete Saenz

1. Discussion with possible action naming the Laredo International Airport after Congressman Henry Cuellar. (Co-sponsored by Council Member Ruben Gutierrez Jr.)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Saenz

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 5 Against:0 Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Campos-Rodriguez, Cm. Dr. Martinez.

Motion Carries.

2. Discussion with possible action of full implementation of the Transportation Reinvestment Zone (TRZ) to the extent provided by law, covering that 2 mile corridor of south Loop 20, from U.S. 59 to South U.S. 83, and to the south 4-5 Bridge location, including establishing the rate (percentage) of participation as deemed reasonably appropriate by City

Management, and any other matters related thereto. (Co-sponsored by Council Member Rudy Gonzalez)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Saenz

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 5 Against:0 Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Campos- Rodriguez, Cm. Dr. Martinez.

Motion Carries.

3. Discussion with possible action to install banners and other decorative materials on the Laredo International Bridges commemorating the 200 Anniversary of Diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Mexico, including installing a metal plaque on the U.S. side on any City building; along with any other matters related thereto.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 5 Against:0 Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Campos-Rodriguez, Cm. Dr. Martinez.

Motion Carries.

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

1. Presentation by the Rio Grande International Study Center's Climate Cohort with possible action to empower the creation of a Laredo Climate Task Force to research, recommend, and help implement climate initiatives grounded in Chapter 6 (Sustainability) of the Viva Laredo Comprehensive Master Plan. The task force will be comprised of Climate Cohort students, community members, and subject matter experts; and any other matters incident thereto.

C. Request by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa

1. Discussion and possible action by the City of Laredo Legal Department to review the current maintenance & easement contracts with the Department of Homeland Security regarding on-going vegetation removal and maintenance at the Riverbend site and other river frontage property owned by the City of Laredo and any other matters incident thereto. This action follows a previous meeting held with OHS Environmental HQ staff, Laredo Sector Border Patrol staff, RGISC personnel over the on-going vegetation removal at the Riverbend site.

Motion to create a task force.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 7 Against:0 Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

D. Request by Council Member Rudy Gonzalez, Jr.

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 I Priority Funds will be used for this project.
 - 3300 Cuatro Vientos Dr
 - 3700 Cancun

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 5 Against:0 Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Campos-Rodriguez, Cm. Dr. Martinez.

Motion Carries.

E. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Vidal Rodriguez

1. Discussion with possible action to rescind the donation to Rio Bravo and redirect the donation to the City of El Censo of a working Solid Waste truck; and any matter incident thereto.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 7 Against:0 Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

2. Discussion with possible action to redirect all remaining funding from Los Presidentes Arterial in the 2019 C.O. to street and sidewalk improvements in District II upon completion and acceptance of the project, and any matter incident thereto.

Motion to approve, and if there is anything left it stays in District 2.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 7 Against:0 Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez.

Motion Carries.

F. Request by Council Member Melissa Cigarroa

1. Presentation and discussion by the Rio Grande International Study Center to collaborate jointly with the City of Laredo and Webb County for the submission of a grant application to the National Park Service for its "Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership" program for the purposes of a project referred to as Project Uno - a conservation park project located in the Zacate Creek watershed; with possible action to work with grant staff to maximize grant match through in-kind services and possible cash match assistance; and any other matters incident thereto.

Motion to explore with the City's grant writer's or identify and return.

Moved: Cm. M. Cigarroa

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 5 Against:0 Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Campos-Rodriguez, Cm. Dr. Martinez.

Motion Carries.

G. Request by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.

1. Discussion and possible action to recognize Dan Firova for his contributions as Coach of the Houston Astros and achieving the title of 2022 World Series Champion; and any other matters incident thereto. (Co-sponsored Ruben Gutierrez)

Cm. Torres along with Mayor Saenz and City Council, recognized Dan Firova for his contributions as Coach of the Houston Astros and achieving the title of 2022 World Series Champion

Dan Firova expressed his gratitude on receiving the recognition.

Cm. Gutierrez thanked Mr. Firova, for the tremendous job that he does towards the community.

Motion to name a field at the Sports Complex after Mr. Dan Firova.

Moved: Cm. Gutierrez

Second: Cm. Torres -

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, MPT Rodriguez.

Motion Carries.

2. Discussion with possible action to implement public signage at properties going through zone change requests; and any other matters incident thereto.

Motion to explore the radius.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 5 Against:0 Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Campos-Rodriguez, Cm. Dr. Martinez.

Motion Carries.

XVII. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 10:34 p.m.

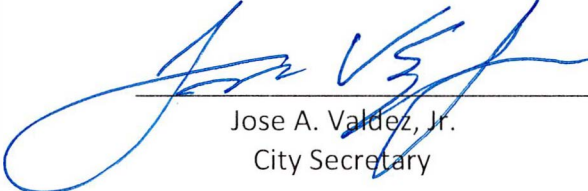
Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gutierrez

For: 5 Against:0 Abstain:0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Campos-Rodriguez, Cm. Dr. Martinez.

Motion Carries.



Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary