

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M2022-S-02
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
June 6, 2022
5:30 P.M.**

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

I. STAFF REPORTS

1. Discussion with possible action and presentation by the Laredo Film Society and local filmmaker Isaac Garza on the project The Son Who Can't Play the Trumpet, and any other matters incident thereto.

Isaac Garza local filmmaker, gave a presentation on the project and proposal for "The Son Who Can't Play the Trumpet. He also gave a cost breakdown for the filming project.

Cm. Cigarroa stated that she hopes that the city can find the money for the project. Mayor Saenz asked management if there were any funds available.

Joel Vasquez with Laredo Convention & Visitors Bureau, stated that currently they only have \$10,000 available for the project if approved by management and City Council.

Motion to direct management to find the funding available as soon as possible through CVB and if it's not possible to bring back to Council to use travel money not used. Cm. Dr. Martinez will appropriate \$5,000 from travel money. Cm. Cigarroa will also appropriate \$5,000 from travel money. And to poll the rest of the Councilmembers to see if they want to contribute funds.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Cigarroa

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion Carries.

II. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Request by Mayor Pro Tempore Vidal Rodriguez

1. Discussion with possible action to create an emergency plan for water operating system and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-sponsored by Council Member Rudy Gonzalez, Jr., Council Member Ruben Gutierrez, and Council Member Mercurio Martinez, 111)**

MPT. Rodriguez expressed his concerns and why he placed the item on the agenda. Mr. Selman stated that the City of Laredo does not have another source of water.

Yvette Limon Bridge Director, stated that Columbia Bridge is authorized for hazardous materials. Ms. Limon added that World Trade Bridge has a containment bolt, as well as an offsite containment facility.

No action was taken.

B. Request by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action to recognize the Laredo Healthcare Community (doctors, nurses, hospitals, etc.) for their efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic by dedicating an area in the Health Department in their honor, and further recognizing Dr. Victor Trevino and Dr. Ricardo Cigarroa for their commitment and dedication to the Laredo community by placing portrait busts in the dedicated area; and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Ruben Gutierrez and Council Member Vanessa Perez)**

Cm. Torres expressed his gratitude for everything that they have done.

Motion to instruct staff through management to start commissioning these, to research funding and to work with Sandy R. Commission to work on the mural that will be put up at the Health Department.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Dr. Marte Martinez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NP: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Gutierrez, Cm. Cigarroa.

Motion Carries.

C. Request by Council Member Vanessa Perez

1. Discussion with possible action on helping to improve the quality of life within the City of Laredo for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their families to include: establishing an Autism and Special Needs Masterplan with the goal of building a more inclusive community where persons with disabilities are empowered and enabled to realize their potential and participate fully as integral and contributing members of society; hosting a series of town hall meetings, through the Blue Ribbon Committee, to listen to the

concerns of the autism community thereby creating the framework of a proactive strategic plan; and, initiating a Coalition for Access to Autism Services, through the Health Department, to be composed of key staff, parents, caregivers, educators, and stakeholders, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr., Council Member Ruben Gutierrez, and Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa).**

Veronica Orduño founder and Ms. Sylvia Vice President are with Families for Autism Support and Awareness expressed her concern with the lack of resources that our city has for the children and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

CM. Perez read her agenda item and expressed her concerns and desires to implement it.

Cm. Martinez stated that the city has to be more inclusive and have them participate more in programs and projects provided by the City of Laredo Parks & Recs department.

Martha Treviño spoke in favor of Supplemental Agenda item # C.1.

Richard Rosas representing Laredo Pony League, agreed that there has a lot more participation with Autistic kids coming to Laredo.

Health Director Dr. Chamberlain, explained several resources that the Health Department has for children and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Cm. Perez stated that the Health Department would be the ideal place to house the coalition.

Silvestre Rodriguez Jr. Assistant Fire Chief, gave an update regarding the Autism project that was started.

Claudio Treviño Chief of Police, stated that the project was created through the Police department to initiate a program to assist the Police Department, Fire Department and EMS responding to calls involving individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Gene Lindgren spoke in favor of Supplemental Agenda item # C.1.

Motion to establish an Autism and Special Needs Masterplan with the goal of building a more inclusive community where persons with disabilities are empowered and enabled to realize their potential and participate fully as integral and contributing members of society; hosting a series of town hall meetings, through the Blue Ribbon Committee, to listen to the concerns of the autism community thereby creating the framework of a proactive strategic plan; and, initiating a Coalition for Access to Autism Services, through the Health Department, to be composed of key staff, parents, caregivers, educators, and stakeholders, and any other matters incident thereto.

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Dr. Martinez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion Carries.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 10:43 p.m.

Moved: Cm. Dr. Martinez

Second: Cm. Perez

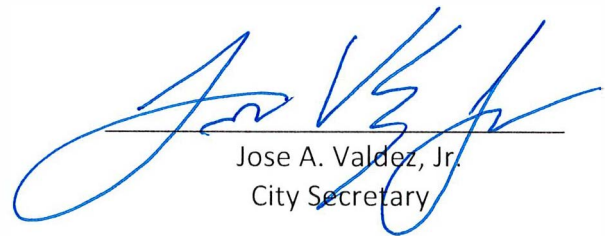
For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion Carries.



Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary