

**CITY OF LAREDO  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
A-2020-R-15**

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**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1110 HOUSTON STREET  
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040  
September 21, 2020  
5:30 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pete Saenz called the meeting to order.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pete Saenz led in the pledge of allegiance.

**III. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Council Member Nelly Vielma led in a moment of silence.

**IV. ROLL CALL**

In attendance:

Pete Saenz	Mayor
Rudy Gonzalez, Jr.	District I
Vidal Rodriguez	District II
Mercurio "Merc" Martinez III	District III
Alberto Torres, Jr.	District IV, Mayor Pro Tempore
Norma "Nelly Vielma	District V
Dr. Marte Martinez	District VI
George Altgelt	District VII
Roberto Balli	District VIII
Jose A. Valdez, Jr.	City Secretary
Robert Eads	City Manager
Rosario Cabello	Deputy City Manager
Kristina L. Hale	Ass. City Manager & Acting City Attorney
Riazul Mia	Assistant City Manager

Dr. Marte Martinez joined at 5:32 p.m.

George Altgelt joined at 5:45 p.m.

## V. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of August 17, 2020.

Motion to approve the August 17, 2020 Minutes.

Moved: Cm. Rudy Gonzalez

Second: Cm Mercurio Martinez III

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Marte Martinez not present.

Cm. George Altgelt not present.

## CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Joe Baeza, Interim Public Information Officer, read public comments into record. Gary G. Jacobs for the record, the Golf Committee of the City of Laredo met today. Those present urge City to immediately contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to meet at the golf course to review the routing of a 30 ft. high fence they are going to build along City land gifted by our family to the city for the golf course and club house. The Border Patrol can achieve their reasonable "Enforcement" goals by having the USACOE build a concrete or sheet piling retaining wall along City golf and cemetery land. Please do not let them destroy views of the river from the golf land.
- Joe Garza for the record, in my capacity as a member of the City of Laredo Max Mandel Golf Course Committee, I would like to express deep concern regarding the plans for the Border Wall and its impact on the Course. I believe a retaining wall may be a viable alternative to a bollard fence in order to maintain the beauty of the course. Because the Corps of Engineers is about to award a contract for the construction of the wall within the next few days, it is imperative the COL officials communicate such an alternative to the Corps ASAP. Thank you.
- Ricardo Garza for the record, I am a Max Golf course committee member. We met today and I wish to request that the city council through its wisdom direct city manager and legal dept. To bring forth the army Corp of engineers and negotiate Permission to address the aesthetic and design issues being proposed for construction at the max golf course. Current design build project will forever change the landscape beauty and views on holes # 3 thru #9 and holes #15 and #16. Time is of the essence on this matter because contract for project will be awarded within weeks. We must act with urgency to this matter because once contract is issued we may not be able offer an amicable solution. Please enter these remarks to the city record.

Cm. Rudy Gonzalez Jr. and MPT. Alberto Torres were not present.

## **VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

1. Appointment by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez of Alfonso "Boyer" Ornelas to the Ethics Commission.

Motion to approve the nomination of Alfonso "Boyer" Ornelas, to Ethics Commission.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres

Second: Cm. Rudy Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. George Altgelt not present.

2. Appointment by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III of Liling Huang to the Animal Care Services Advisory Committee.

Motion to approve the nomination of Liling Huang, to the Animal Care Services Advisory Committee.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres

Second: Cm. Rudy Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. George Algelt not present.

3. Appointment by Mayor Pete Saenz of three Council Members to serve on the Audit & Accountability Committee, and appointment of one of these Council Members to serve as Committee Chairperson.

Motion to approve the nomination of Cm. Nelly Vielma (chair), Cm. Marte Martinez, Cm. Mercurio Martinez to the Audit & Accountability Committee.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres

Second: Cm. Rudy Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. George Altgelt not present.

## **VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Motion to open public hearing #1.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres

Second: Cm. Rudy Gonzalez



Cm. George Altgelt not present.  
Open public hearing #3

Moved: Cm. George Altgelt  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8            Against:0            Abstain: 0

3. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximate 20.2397 acres in Porcion 19, Joaquin Garcia, Original Abstract 47, located at South of Aquero Blvd., and West of Bernadette Ln., from AG (Agricultural District) to R-1B (Single Family High Density Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

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

ZC-52-2020  
District VII

Motion to close public hearing #3

Moved: Cm George Altgelt  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8            Against:0            Abstain: 0

Cm. Rudy Gonzalez was not present.

Open public hearing #4

Moved: Cm George Altgelt  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8            Against:0            Abstain: 0

4. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 5, Block 1A, Dellwood Commercial Subdivision, located at 9002 FM 1472 Rd., from B-3 (Community Commercial District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

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

ZC-53-2020  
District VII

Moved: Cm. George Altgelt  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8                      Against:0                      Abstain: 0

Cm. Rudy Gonzalez was not present.

## VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

5. Authorizing the City Manager to ratify the Scheduled Airline Operation Agreement and Terminal Building Lease with Transportes Aeromar, S.A. de C.V. for Exclusive Use Space and Joint Use Space located on 5210 Bob Bullock Loop at the Laredo International Airport to conduct commercial air transportation services. The term of the agreement is for three (3) years commencing on August 1, 2020 and ending on July 31, 2023. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, as an incentive for new air service, the City agrees to waive 100% percent of the AIRLINE's Landing Fee and FIS Fee obligation for the first twelve (12) consecutive months of AIRLINE flights to Laredo International Airport. Further, in months thirteen (13) through twenty-four (24) of AIRLINE flights to Laredo International Airport, AIRLINE's Landing Fee and FIS Fee obligation shall be reduced by 75 percent. Marketing campaign in the amount of \$150,000.00 will be provided by the Airport for establishing and advertising direct flight services. The Laredo Convention and Visitors Bureau and other CITY entities will also advertise the flight service, as part of their normal marketing responsibilities for the CITY.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council.

6. Authorizing the City Manager to ratify the submission of grant application to the Federal Aviation Administration in the estimated amount of \$10,485,466.00 for the Laredo International Airport and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents resulting from the award. The purpose of the grant is to provide funding for the rehabilitation of Cargo Apron Phase 14. No local match is required; 100% funded by FAA. Total project cost is approximately \$10,485,466.00.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council.

7. Authorizing the City Manager to ratify the submission of grant application to the Federal Aviation Administration in the estimated amount of \$5,393,884.00 for the Laredo International Airport and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents resulting from the award. The purpose of the grant is to provide funding for the rehabilitation of Cargo Apron Phase 15. The city's local match in the amount of \$599,321.00 is available in the Airport Construction Fund. Total project cost is approximately \$5,993,205.00.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council.

8. Authorizing the City Manager to amend lease and restaurant concession agreement between the City of Laredo, as LESSOR, and Carlos Bella D/B/A Villa Laredo Restaurant, LESSEE, approved by Ordinance No. 2017-O-062 dated May 1, 2017, by amending the lease to reduce the leased premises from approximately 1,116 square feet constituting of suite number 101 on the first floor of the airport passenger terminal to approximately 550 square feet of the second floor level of the passenger terminal building located at 5210 Bob Bullock Loop at the Laredo International Airport; amending the lease to require an investment minimum amount of \$5,000.00 by Lessee to improve the leased bar area; waiving Villa Laredo's outstanding rent agreement and late fees balance as of September 2020 of \$27,927.23. Lease term shall end on May 31, 2022. The monthly rent shall be \$320.00 and will be adjusted annually according to changes in enplaned revenue passengers. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged and in effect. Providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council.

9. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the supplemental lease agreement between City of Laredo (Lessor) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Customs and Border Protection (Lessee). This is for the leased premises located on 2519 Jefferson Street. The lessor hereby leases the following at the Laredo Water Treatment Plant Remote Video Surveillance Site.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council.

#### IX. **FIRST AND FINAL READING**

10. **2020-O-118** Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute a grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) CARES - Cycle 1 Grant Program in the amount of \$50,000.00 and to amend the FY2019-2020 General Fund Library Budget by appropriating said funds. The purpose of the grant is to fund expansion of digital access to areas of Texas where such access is lacking, including the purchase of internet enabled devices and provisions for technical support services in response to the disruption of schooling and other community services during the COVID-19 emergency. Project is made possible by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to TSLAC under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act. There is no local match requirement in the grant.

Motion to approve

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Rudy Gonzalez

For: 7                      Against:0                      Abstain: 0

Cm. George Altgelt not present

11. **2020-O-119** Adopting the Amended COVID-19 Emergency Ordinance of the City of Laredo in accordance with Section 2.11 of the City Charter by: removing the adult curfew for non-essential activity; authorizing the temporary waiver of food inspection fees from the Health Department for any bar that has recently applied with the Texas Alcoholic and Beverage Commission to qualify as a restaurant under the emergency amendments to Rule 33.5; establishing a pilot program for the outdoor expansion of restaurants on sidewalks, streets, and public parks; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

Motion to approve

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Rudy Gonzalez  
For: 7            Against:0    Abstain: 0

Cm. George Altgelt not present

12. **2020-O-120** Authorizing the issuance of City of Laredo, Texas Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, new series 2020 in the estimated amount of \$60,500,000.00 and City of Laredo, Texas Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Taxable New Series 2020, in the estimated amount of \$43,090,000.00 approving an official statement, authorizing the execution of a purchase contract, making provisions for the security thereof; delegating to certain city officials the authority to approve all final terms of the bonds; authorizing amendment to the city's budget to appropriate such proceeds for purposes authorized herein; and ordaining other matters relating to the subject.

Motion to proceed

Moved: Cm. Rudy Gonzalez  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 7            Against:0            Abstain: 0

MPT. Alberto Torres was not present.

## **X. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

13. **2020-O-112** Ordinance adopting the proposed annual budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 by appropriating the proposed revenues, expenditures and balances reported therein for the year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021, consistent with the financial plan described in said annual budget (see Exhibit "A") and motions approved by City Council at public workshop on August 11-13, 2020



(see Exhibit "B") and the Holiday Schedule for fiscal year 2020-2021 (see Exhibit "C") and authorizing the City Manager to implement said annual budget.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-O-112.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez  
For: 7            Against:0     Abstain: 0

Cm. Rudy Gonzalez    was not present.

- 14. **2020-O-113** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, providing for the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.634000 per \$100 value. This tax rate will have a Maintenance and Operation Rate of \$0.491536 per \$100 value and an Interest and Sinking Fund Rate of \$0.142464 per \$100 value for the levy and the collection of General and Special Ad Valorem taxes for the City of Laredo for Tax Year 2020 and Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-O-113.

Moved: Cm. Marte Martinez  
Second: Vidal Rodriguez  
For:     5     Against: 3     Abstain: 0  
Cm. Rudy Gonzalez     MPT Alberto Torres  
Cm. Vidal Rodriguez     Cm. Nelly Vielma  
Cm. Mercurio Martinez III     Cm. George Altgelt  
Cm. Marte Martinez  
Cm. Roberto Balli  
Mayor Pete Saenz

- 15. **2020-O-114** Ratifying the execution of a contract from the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), amending the FY 2019-2020 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$4,075,612.00, with a cash match of \$2,037,806.00 and amending the FY 2019-2020 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Position Listing by adding two (2) Caseworker, R34 positions for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Community Mental Health Grant Program for the term period from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2022.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-O-114.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8            Against:0     Abstain: 0

16. **2020-O-115** Authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a contract from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), amending the Health Department Fund FY 2020-2021 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$125,000.00 and amending the FY 2020-2021 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Position Listing by adding one (1) Health Educator Supervisor, R38 position and one (1) Health Educator I, R29 position for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Diabetes Prevention and Control Program for the term period from November 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-O-115.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8            Against:0    Abstain: 0

17. **2020-O-116** An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to appropriate funds in the amount of \$4,778.00 by increasing revenues and expenditures for the FY2020 El Metro Budget. Funding is provided through the excess amount from Reimburse and Miscellaneous (Damaged Insurance Reimbursements).

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-O-116.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8            Against:0    Abstain: 0

18. **2020-O-117** Authorizing the City Manager to appropriate funds in the amount of \$19,034.00 by increasing revenues and expenditures for the FY2020 Transit Budget. Funding is provided through the excess amount from "Land/Telecommunications Rental"

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-O-117.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8            Against:0    Abstain: 0

## **XI. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **AIRPORT: STAFF SOURCE JEFFREY J. MILLER, AIRPORT DIRECTOR**

19. Consideration to award contract FY20-076 to Laredo Paint & Decorating Inc., Laredo, TX, in the annual amount of \$68,750.00 (per fiscal year) for the purchase of runway & taxiway paint and glass beads to keep these areas fully compliant with FAA federal airfield safety requirements under CFR Part 139. The term of this

contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. The contract may be extended for three (3) additional one (1) year periods upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Airport Operations Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres

Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III

For: 8            Against:0    Abstain: 0

20. Consideration for approval to award a professional service contract to Wunderlich Malec Systems Inc., Eden Prairie, MN, for an amount not to exceed \$165,615.80, using Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative pricing under contract HGAC SE05-18, for configuration and installation of replacement server, wireless access point radios equipment, and programming of hardware/software for the Laredo International Airport. The new system will replace the existing 6 year old system that is costly to maintain, out of warranty, and parts for repairs or service is not recommended. New equipment will enhance safety and security at passenger terminal, access control, vehicle gates, and pedestrian gates. Funding is available in the Airport Operations Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres

Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III

For: 8            Against:0    Abstain: 0

21. Consideration to approve contract to Advanced Local Media, New York, NY in the amount of \$69,250.00 for marketing campaign services for the Laredo International Airport. As per contract with Airlines, including now Aeromar, Airport needs to do digital and social media marketing services to promote flights. Funds are available in the International Airport Funds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres

Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III

For: 8            Against:0            Abstain: 0

**ENGINEERING: STAFF SOURCE RAMON E. CHAVEZ, CITY ENGINEER**

22. **2020-R-131** Authorizing the City Manager to amend an agreement (ROW CSJ#0086-14-083) with the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) to contribute Right of Way funds (Fixed Amount) for the segment from East Corridor

Rd (Airport) to 0.36 Mile South of University Blvd, from 0.36 miles South of University Blvd to 0.51 South of Shiloh Dr. and from 0.51 miles South of Shiloh Dr. to International Blvd. in the amount of \$4,276,280.26 due until March 1, 2021 or after the environmental clearance. In addition, the segment from Business US 59 to 0.4 Mile North of E. Corridor Rd (Airport) in the amount of \$1,383,092.48 due until April 1, 2022 or after the environmental clearance. The total amount of \$5,659,372.74, being the City's participation for acquisition of Right of Way (R.O.W.) along Loop 20 for a highway widening project. There will be no additional funds requested since TXDOT was able to maintain the 2017 economically disadvantaged rate of 2.9%. The funding for this agreement is subject to submission and approval of the Texas Infrastructure Bank loan application.

Motion to approve.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8                  Against:0                  Abstain: 0

23. Consideration for approval to award a construction contract FY20-ENG-009 to the lowest responsible responsive bidder Mage 4 Group, Ltd., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$186,300.00 for the Jose & Alicia Garza Park Basketball Metal Shade Project to include 70' X 110' x 32' structure with translucent white laminated fabric roof, lighting, chain link fence and wire mesh with a construction contract time of ninety (90) working days; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related contract documents contingent upon receipt and approval of insurance and bond documents. After a notice to proceed is issued, estimated completion date for the project is scheduled for December 2020. Funding is available in the 2017 and 2018 CO Bond.

Motion to approve.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8                  Against:0                  Abstain: 0

24. Consideration for approval of the CDBG De Llano Park Improvements as complete, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$59,350.00 to Mage 4 Group, Ltd., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$378,400.00. Funding is available in the Community Development Fund and 2019 CO Bond – Project Number D51812.

Motion to approve.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III

For: 8            Against:0    Abstain: 0

25. Consideration for approval of the CDBG Freddie Benavides Park Improvements as complete, approval of change order no. 1, a decrease of \$1,100.00 for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$7,693.00 to ALC Construction Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$76,930.00. Funding is available in the 2016 CDBG Grant Year – Project No. D21806 and 2018 CDBG Grant Year – Project No. D21806.

Motion to approve.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8            Against:0    Abstain: 0

26. Consideration for approval of the CDBG Sidewalks District VIII (14 Blocks) as complete, approval of a zero amount change order no. 1, for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$30,848.00 to Artillery, LLC., Edinburg, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$140,423.00. Funding is available in the 2016 CDBG Grant Year – Project No. D81810, 2018 CDBG Grant Year – Project No. D81810 and 2019 CDBG Grant Year – Project No. D81810.

Motion to approve.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8            Against:0            Abstain: 0

27. Consideration for approval to award a construction contract to the responsive bidder Zertuche Construction, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$575,504.00 (Base Bid not including Deduct Alternates) for the Community Development Municipal Housing/Office Finish-Out with a construction contract time of one hundred (100) working days; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related contract documents contingent upon receipt and approval of insurance and bond documents. After a notice to proceed is issued, estimated completion date for the project is scheduled for February 2021. Funding is available in the Municipal Housing Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8            Against:0    Abstain: 0

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

28. **2020-R-145** Expressing official intent to reimburse the Solid Waste Fund up to \$12.5 million with tax-exempt obligation proceeds cost associated with purchasing land located in the City for municipal landfill facilities.

Motion to approve.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8            Against:0            Abstain: 0

29. Consideration to renew annual service contract number FY18-092 with LED Electric and Lighting Contractor, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$450,000.00 for electrical repair services to include, but not limited to: minor, repairs, maintenance of various electrical systems, and/or equipment devices for various City Departments. 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 is the second of four extension periods. There was no price increase during the last extension period. All services will be purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in respective departmental budgets.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Nelly Vielma  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8            Against:0            Abstain: 0

30. Consideration to award an annual service contract FY20-088 for Emergency Disinfecting Services (COVID related) for the City of Laredo as follows.

Primary Vendor	Annual Amount
The Saludy Company LLC, Laredo, TX	\$30,000.00

Secondary Vendors	Annual Amount
Spaulding Decon, Austin , TX	\$20,000.00
G&G Sanitizing LLC., Laredo, TX	\$20,000.00
Image Carpet Cleaning, Laredo, TX	\$20,000.00
Mendoza Maintenance Group, Laredo, TX.	\$20,000.00

Total Contract Amount	\$110,000.00
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Emergency/Urgent disinfecting services will be on an as needed basis. The City reserves the right to rotate vendors based on response time and/or availability. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year, subject to future appropriations, with the option to renew two (2) additional one (1) year periods upon mutual agreement of parties. Funding is available in the Laredo Cares COVID related account.

Motion to approve.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8            Against:0    Abstain: 0

**FLEET MANAGEMENT: STAFF SOURCE RONALD MILLER, FLEET DIRECTOR**

31. Consideration to renew the existing annual contract FY18-091 with RDO Equipment, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$150,000.00 for repairs to the City's John Deere heavy equipment. All repairs will be secured on an as needed basis. There is a proposed price increase during this renewal period due to an increase in their labor rates. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year and contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This is the second of three extension periods. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8            Against:0    Abstain: 0

**HEALTH: STAFF SOURCE RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, INTERIM HEALTH DIRECTOR**

32. **2020-R-138** Ratifying the submission of a continuation grant application in the estimated amount of \$130,512.00 to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) through the South Texas Development Council (STDC) to continue the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) State Services Program for HIV prevention and education for the term period from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant. No grant match required.

Motion to approve.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres

Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8            Against:0    Abstain: 0

33. **2020-R-139** Authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a contract from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) through the South Texas Development Council (STDC), in the amount of \$132,743.00 with no match for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department's Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Project (HOPWA) to assist with housing and utilities for the term period from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021. No grant match required.

Motion to approve.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8            Against:0    Abstain: 0

34. **2020-R-140** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to continue the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) Program for the term period of September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant. The amount of the award will be determined by DFPS.

Motion to approve.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8            Against:0    Abstain: 0

35. **2020-R-141** Ratifying the execution of a contract with the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) in the amount of \$138,377.00 with program income in the amount of \$26,615.00 and no match for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Primary and Acute Health Care Services to provide preventive health patient care for low income and uninsured persons for the term period from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021. No grant match required.

Motion to approve.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8            Against:0    Abstain: 0

36. **2020-R-142** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$54,001.00 with no match to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to continue the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD)



Healthy Texas Women program for the term period of September 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant. No grant match required.

Motion to approve.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8            Against:0            Abstain: 0

37. **2020-R-143** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$106,875.00 with no match to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to continue the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Women's Health Preventive Health Services and Family Planning program for the term period from September 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant. No grant match required.

Motion to approve.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8            Against:0            Abstain: 0

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

38. Authorizing the City Manager to approve the purchase of an upgrade to the City's VoIP telephone system from Computer Solutions through Cisco DIR-TSO-4167 contract for \$70,254.00. Funding is available in the I.S.T. I-Net Division budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8            Against:0            Abstain: 0

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

39. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Kraftsman Playground, Inc., Spring, Texas for the purchase and installation of exercise equipment at the Garcia-Vela Little League Park located at 200 North Arkansas, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$82,752.01. This purchase is utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative

Purchasing Program. Funding is available in the District 3 Priority Funds - 2018 and 2019 CO Bond.

Motion to approve.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8            Against:0            Abstain: 0

**POLICE: STAFF SOURCE CLAUDIO TREVINO, CHIEF OF POLICE**

40. **2020-R-136** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$24,999.75 from the Texas Department of Transportation for the enforcement of Vehicle Occupant Protection during the "Click It or Ticket" (CIOT) Campaign. The City of Laredo will match \$7,749.92 for a total project amount of \$32,749.67. The traditional CIOT mobilization enforcement period has been rescheduled to Thanksgiving, November 16-29, 2020 due to COVID-19. This grant is to pay overtime salaries and fringe benefits for officers to conduct intense occupant protection enforcement in order to increase occupant restraint use in all passenger vehicles and trucks. Funding will be available in the Special Police Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8            Against:0            Abstain: 0

41. **2020-R-137** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$49,999.50 to the Texas Department of Transportation to fund the STEP Impaired Driving Mobilization (IDM) program. The City of Laredo will match \$15,499.85 for a total project amount of \$65,499.35. This grant is to pay overtime salaries to officers in order to increase enforcement to arrest individuals driving while intoxicated (DWI) and driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol by minors. Funding will be available in the Special Police Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8            Against:0            Abstain: 0

**PUBLIC WORKS: STAFF SOURCE JOHN ORFILA, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

42. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one (1) HV607 CONV CAB SBFA, SRA from Santex Truck Center, San Antonio, Texas in the total amount of \$185,143.00

for the Public Works Department. This is a replacement diesel engine asphalt (oil) distributor unit that will be used for paving projects citywide. The purchase of this truck shall be made utilizing the HGACBUY Cooperative Purchasing Program. Funding is available in General Fund - Public Works Street Construction Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8                  Against:0                  Abstain: 0

**SOLID WASTE: STAFF SOURCE OSCAR R. HINOJOSA, ACTING SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR**

43. Consideration to award contract FY20-083 to sole bidder UTW Tire Collection Services, Donna, TX in the annual amount of \$150,000.00 for processing, recycling, beneficial use, or disposal of used tires collected by the City of Laredo Landfill. This service is to comply with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regulations and guidelines to properly dispose of tires by certified transporters. The term of this contract is for two (2) years with options to renew two (2) additional two (2) year terms upon mutual agreement; contract is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8                  Against:0                  Abstain: 0

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

44. Authorizing the City Manager to award a professional services contract in the amount of \$98,700.00 to JBS Water, Inc. of Houston, Texas for the Comprehensive Water Distribution & Meter Management Audit. Funding is available in the Waterworks Operations Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8                  Against:0                  Abstain: 0

45. Authorizing the City Manager for approval of a sole source purchase from Core and Main, LP, San Antonio, Texas for maintenance of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) / Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) billing software in the amount of \$97,809.10 for the necessary upgrade to the Neptune 360 software as the current software will no longer be supported on January 1, 2021. Funding is available in the Water Works Fund-Utilities Billing Division.

Motion to approve.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8            Against:0    Abstain: 0

46. Authorizing the City Manager for the approval of Change Order #2 resulting in a credit in the amount of \$7,450.80 to the City, acceptance of work, release of retainage of \$45,318.87 for the installation of a 36-inch gravity sewer line for the San Francisco project. This change order is to account for discrepancies in the contract value with the quantities and unit rates. With this change order the new contract amount with Southern Trenchless Solution is \$906,377.30, with no addition of contract time to the contract. Funding is available in the 2015 Sewer Revenue Bond.

Motion to approve.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8            Against:0    Abstain: 0

47. Authorizing the City Manager to accept the Relocation of the 12-inch Water Line at Killam Industrial Park Boulevard Project as complete and release of retainage amounting to \$11,715.13 to Southern Trenchless Solutions, of Weslaco, Texas. Funding is available in the 2019 Water Revenue Bond.

Motion to approve.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8            Against:0    Abstain: 0

48. Authorizing the City Manager to approve Change Order #2 - a credit in the amount of (\$58,148.00) to the contract for a final contract sum of \$5,876,756.00. Accepting the project as complete, and releasing retainage and final payment in the amount of \$293,837.80 to Landmark Structures I, L.P, Fort Worth, Texas for the 2.5 MG San Isidro Subdivision Elevated Storage Tank Project. There is no change to contract

time. Closing final acceptance is subject to TWDB approval. Funding is available in the 2015 TWDB Water Revenue Bond.

Motion to approve.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8            Against:0    Abstain: 0

## **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

### **XII. STAFF REPORTS**

49. Discussion with possible action on the appointment of the Director for the City of Laredo Local Health Department in accordance with Section 121.033 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, and any other matter incident thereto.

City Manager Robert Eads recommended appointing Richard A. Chamberlain as the new City of Laredo Health Department Director.

Motion to approve.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8            Against: 0    Abstain: 0

Cm. Rudy Gonzalez was not present.

50. Introduction of the City of Laredo's new Communication Administrator.

City Manager Introduced Noraida Negron as the new City of Laredo Communication administrator, no action taken.

51. 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.

Motion to approve.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8            Against:0    Abstain: 0

52. Status update on current COVID-19 information as presented by Local Health Authority and Health Director; and any other matters incident thereto.
53. Discussion with possible action to establish an Employee of the Quarter Program for City of Laredo employees; and any other matters incident thereto.

Motion to Establish an Employee of the Quarter Program for City of Laredo employees. Employee has to be nominated by another employee along with a letter of recommendation from the Department supervisor. As a reward the employee will obtain a paid day off and the employee of the year will receive a gift card valued between \$200- \$500.

Moved: Cm. Rudy Gonzalez.

Second Cm. George Altgelt.

For: 7                                  Against: 0                          Abstain: 0

Cm. Mercurio Martinez and Cm. Norma Nelly Vielma were not present.

54. Presentation of the Plan of Finance by Noe Hinojosa of Estrada-Hinojosa & Company, Inc., as it relates to various proposed bond issuances including a Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue & Refunding Bonds and Sports and Community Revenue Bonds, with possible action.

Motion to create a trust escrow account and transfer 10.9 million for the diffusion of the outstanding Bonds of the Sports Venue Tax and have Mr. Hinojosa comeback and present a financing plan for the outstanding encumbered projects for the Sports Venue Tax, and have bond council bring back a resolution for City Council consideration and approval.

Moved: Cm. Nelly Vielma

Second Cm. George Altgelt

For: 8                                  Against:0                          Abstain: 0

**XIII. 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.

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

55. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a contract with REEDER Distributors for the purchase of two (2) bus lifts for the El Metro Maintenance Department for a total amount of \$82,485.00. Procurement was accomplished through the Texas Buyboard – Automotive Parts, Fluids, Maintenance and Equipment Proposal #551-17. Funding is available through the FTA CARES Act grant number TX-2020-5307.

Motion to approve.

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
For: 8                      Against: 0      Abstain: 0

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

### **56. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

#### **A. Request by Mayor Pete Saenz**

1. Discussion with possible action on whether the City should recommend by Resolution or otherwise to Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to remove, all or some, of the current bridge crossing restrictions for non-essentials, or consider any other conditions or any other matters related thereto.

Motion to create a Resolution for Federal authorities regarding long lines and exposure by essential workers attending those lines. To encourage the opening of additional lines to prevent said exposure. To include video showing congested Bridge lines and the negative effects to downtown Business.

Moved: Cm. Mercurio Martinez III  
Second Cm. Mayor Pete Saenz  
For: 6                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Cm. Rudy Gonzalez    and Cm. George Altgelt were not present.

2. Discussion with possible action on the status of the 2020 Census count and the plan to take any additional steps to maximize the count until September 30, 2020; and any other matters incident thereto.

#### **B. Request by Council Member Dr. Marte A. Martinez**

1. Discussion with possible action on improving the planning process for the City's Capital Improvement Plans; and any other matters incident thereto.

**C. Request by Council Member George Altgelt**

1. Discussion with possible action to conduct an inquiry, as per the charter, regarding the use of federal and city funds by the Laredo Fire Fighters Union, alias "La Union", and or the Fire PAC, to the advantage of certain elected officials, the legalities or illegalities thereof, the self-reporting requirements of the City to both federal and state officials; and any other matters incident thereto.

Motion to direct Management and the City Attorney to research on the way City and Federal funds have been utilized by the Fire PAC while participating in food drives, and whether or not it's legal for the Fire PAC can deliver food for certain councilmembers and any other matters incident there to. To include all agencies that were fund through CARE's funds. To also include how the association leave hours are used by the Fire PAC. To have the results of the leave that Chief Heard is looking into be submitted in the Friday package to the City Council.

Moved: Cm. George Altgelt

Second Cm. Cm. Nelly Vielma

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Mercurio Martinez

Cm. Vidal Rodriguez

MPT Alberto Torres

Cm. Nelly Vielma

Cm. Marte Martinez

Cm. George Altgelt

Cm. Roberto Balli

Cm. Rudy Gonzalez was not present.

2. Discussion and possible action to direct city staff to draft an ordinance consistent with the Cities of Dallas, Houston, Austin and San Antonio to provide officer discretion to cite and release Citizens for certain non-violent victimless misdemeanors and any other matters incident thereto.

Motion to create an Ordinance consistent with other Texas cities that will leave it to the officer's discretion on all non-violent, victim less, misdemeanor offenses to cite and release. In addition, to create a rubric for funds to go towards a detox center as well as the ability to handover the case to the District Attorney's office for repeat offenders or any other reason an officer chooses. If given a citation, the offender must go through substance abuse training depending on an evaluation. To also include Municipal Court to be part of the dialog.

Moved: Cm. George Altgelt

Second Cm. Vidal Rodriguez

For: 5

Against: 1

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vidal Rodriguez Cm. Roberto Balli





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 II Priority Funds will be used for this project.

- Speed Hump on Thurman Street
- Speed Hump on Pine Street
- Speed Hump on Leon Street

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Vidal Rodriguez

Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Discussion with possible action to create general templates in order to assist the general public regarding the approval and issuance of building permits for small projects not attached to a residence or home provided the floor area is not greater than 120 square feet; and any other matters incident thereto.

Motion to approve an issuance of building permits for projects attached or not attached to a residence or home provided the floor area not to exceed 500 square feet.

Moved: Cm. Vidal Rodriguez

Second Cm. Rudy Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 1

Abstain: 0

Cm. Rudy Gonzalez

Cm. Nelly Vielma

Cm. Vidal Rodriguez

Cm. Mercurio Martinez III

MPT Alberto Torres

Cm. Marte Martinez

Cm. George Altgelt

Cm. Roberto Balli

3. Discussion with possible action to immediately have council members voluntarily do a drug test monthly and post on the City's website to show transparency and professionalism to our community; and any other matters incident thereto.

Motion to create an Ordinance that would allow voluntary random drug testing (hair follicle or urine) to all Elected Officials while including a disclosure form with an option to opt in or out. Form and results will be published on the City of Laredo web page for transparency.



and submit their applications for any remaining funds. Remaining funds will be used for small Business loans (50%), and for Work force training with CDL drivers and to obtain endorsements (50%).

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez

For: 8                                      Against:0                                      Abstain: 0

3. Discussion with possible action on the sale through sealed bidding or public auction of all vacant property in District 4 that were acquired by the City through the Noise Compatibility Program, and any other matter incident thereto.

Motion to start a pilot program to create a list of properties for sale within the 43 properties (vacant lots) under the noise abatement area

Moved: MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez

For: 6                                      Against: 0                                      Abstain: 0

Cm. Rudy Gonzalez was not present.

#### **H. Request by Council Member Nelly Vielma**

1. Discussion with possible action to provide a financial analysis, study in the Sports Venue Tax defeasance plan allocating the encumbered project amounts and different projected thresholds for pending projects such as the Sports Complex, Water Park, and maintenance fees; and any other matters incident thereto.

Motion to create a trust escrow account and transfer 10.9 million for the diffusion of the outstanding Bonds of the Sports Venue Tax and have Mr. Hinojosa comeback and present a financing plan for the outstanding encumbered projects for the Sports Venue Tax, and have bond council bring back a resolution for City Council consideration and approval.

Moved: Cm. Nelly Vielma  
Second Cm. George Altgelt

For: 8                                      Against:0                                      Abstain: 0

2. Discussion with possible action to initiate an impact fees study in order to take into account future annexations and financial strains on our utilities and services; and other matters incident thereto.
3. 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. Total estimated project cost is \$2,500.00.

- Speed Hump on Illinois Street

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Vidal Rodriguez  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III

For: 8                      Against:0                      Abstain: 0

## **XVI. ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Cm. MPT Alberto Torres  
Second Cm. Mercurio Martinez III

For: 8                      Against:0                      Abstain: 0