

**CITY OF LAREDO
RECOGNITION AND COMMUNICATION NOTICE
M2019-R-10
CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBERS 1110
HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
June 17, 2019
5:00 P.M.**

The Mayor Pro-Tempore presented the following:

1. Recognizing Victor Trevino Jr. for competing in the Mountains 2 Beach Marathon in Ventura, California on May 26, 2019 with a time of 3:11.32 and for qualifying to compete in the 2020 Boston Marathon.

Victor Treviño, Jr., noted his honor in being the first person to represent Laredo at the Boston Marathon. He added that Laredo deserves this recognition as it is where he trains. Sports transcends the community. He noted the support from his family and training partners that have made his hard work achievable.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Balli presented Mr. Treviño with a certificate of recognition for his accomplishment.

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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5:30 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-Tempore Roberto Balli called the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-Tempore Roberto Balli led in the pledge of allegiance.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Pro-Tempore Roberto Balli led in moment of silence.

IV. ROLL CALL

In attendance:

Rudy Gonzalez, Jr.	District I
Vidal Rodriguez	District II
Mercurio "Merc" Martinez, III	District III
Alberto Torres, Jr.	District IV
Norma "Nelly" Vielma	District V
Dr. Marte Martinez	District VI
Roberto Balli	District VIII, Mayor Pro-Tempore
Jose A. Valdez, Jr.	City Secretary
Rosario Cabello	Co-Interim City Manager
Robert Eads	Co-Interim City Manager
Kristina L. Hale	City Attorney

Motion to excuse the absence of Mayor Pete Saenz and Cm. George Altgelt.

Moved: Cm. Mercurio Martinez

Second: Dr. Marte Martinez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

V. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of May 20, 2019 and June 3, 2019

Motion to approve the May 20, 2019 and June 3, 2019 minutes.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Mercurio Martinez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Citizen comments

Ricardo Quijano noted his disappointment with Council, who took an oath to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States. He noted that his oath is to protect and defend the United States against all enemies, both foreign and domestic. Mr. Quijano voiced his opinion that some Council Members are a domestic enemy with regards to the Ethics Commission and how Council has shut down the democratic process in the Commission. Council chose the members of the Ethics Commission, which is a joke as now the Commission can investigate and fine citizens with frivolous accusations. He accused Council of taking pictures of other entities' records and "double dipping" among districts and asked what checks and balances are in place for Council. He agreed with previous sentiments that the Ethics Commission has "no teeth." He voiced his opinion that the law firm assisting the Ethics Commission should be discontinued as the organization always sides with the City, who pays them for their services. He proposed that ethics complaints be sent to the Attorney General rather than the City's Ethics Commission, just as a letter was

sent to the Attorney General for an open record request. Mr. Quijano stated that he spoke with the FBI, who were very interested in Mayor Pro-Tempore Balli.

Armando Cisneros voiced his opinion that the Ethics Commission is a disgrace; it was created by the voters to uphold the integrity of City government and not to excuse any abuse. Council appoints the Ethics Commission Members, so in his opinion, they are a reflection of Council. It was on Council's behalf that the Ethics Commission acted cowardly, in Mr. Cisneros's opinion. He stated that the Commission chose to intimidate and harass taxpaying citizens who were courageous enough to speak out in the first place. He asked that Council reappoint the Ethics Commission with members who are more open-minded. He noted that his words may not be acted upon, but even the eloquence of Dr. Martin Luther King would fall on deaf ears before people who do not want to change. Council makes and breaks its own rules and treats those who disagree with them like fools; he added that Council disregards the consent of the governed.

VI. VETERAN RECOGNITION

1. Honoring Veteran of the Month Jose Gilberto Garcia as a member of the U.S. Army and recognizing his distinguished service to our country.

Arturo Garcia, Community Development Director, reported that Jose Gilberto Garcia served three overseas combat tours consisting of Desert Storm, Desert Shield, Mogadishu-Somalia theater of operations, and Bosnia-Herzegovina. His awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Saudi Arabian Medal for the Liberation of Kuwait, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, United National Medal, and numerous recognitions and military decorations. Mr. A. Garcia displayed a video presentation highlighting Mr. Garcia's military career.

Jose Gilberto Garcia recognized his family for their support. He thanked the City for the recognition of his service.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Balli presented Mr. Garcia with a certification of recognition for his military service.

VII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

None.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Motion to open public hearing #1.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Dr. Marte Martinez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending Chapter 19, Motor Vehicle and Traffic, Article VIII, Stopping, Standing or Parking, of the Laredo Code of Ordinances Section 19-355, by adding time limits to subsection (b); Sec. 19-360 subsection (a) (1) by revising boundaries; subsection (a) (3) by revising length of time, subsection (a) (4) by excluding boundaries, and adding subsection (5); subsection (b) by revising hours of operations, providing for publication and effective date.

There was no public input.

Motion to close public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IX. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

2. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, establishing rental rates and tenant policies at the Fernando A. Salinas Elderly Rental Housing projects located at 1803 and 1806 Juarez Avenue; providing for rents to be in compliance and charged at HOME rent limits; occupancy to be limited to persons aged 62 years or older with incomes at or below 60% of the area median income as set annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and leasing of the units on a first come first serve basis.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

3. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Ordinance No. 2015-O-131 which provides for the rental rate structure of the Downtown Elderly Duplexes located at 1901 Farragut Street. This amendment increases the monthly rental fee amounts effective October 1, 2019 and establishing the following rates: \$425.00 for a one bedroom unit and \$500.00 for a two bedroom unit. It is necessary to increase the existing monthly rates in order to cover for additional operational costs associated with maintenance, repairs, and improvements for current duplexes; providing security deposits for new tenants on or after October 1, 2019 will be established at the same rate as the rental amount; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

X. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive the final reading of Ordinances 2019-O-090, 2019-O-091, 2019-O-092, 2019-O-093, 2019-O-094, 2019-O-095, 2019-O-096, 2019-O-097, and 2019-O-098.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

4. 2019-O-090 Amending the City of Laredo's Capital Grant Fund FY2019 Budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$1,101,600.00. Revenue will be from the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Grant in the amount of \$816,000.00 and local match of \$285,600.00 for shared use path within the right of way along Plum Street, connecting K Tarver Elementary and Nixon High School located in District 4, and along Mier Street & Loring Avenue connecting Lamar Middle School and St. Augustine High School located in District 3. Acknowledging the availability of fund to pay all up-front costs, since the Transportations Alternative (TA) Program is a cost reimbursement program as outlined in the MPO Transportation Alternatives Program Guidance and Application Packet for 2019 authorized under the (FAST) Act.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-O-090.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

5. 2019-O-091 An ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo by annexing additional territory of 26.61 acres, more or less, located north of Wormser Rd. and east of Loop 20/Cuatro Vientos Rd., providing for effective date of the ordinance, authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to execute a contract adopting a service plan for annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of AG (Agriculture District). Staff recommends approval. (As Amended)

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-O-091.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. 2019-O-092 An ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo by annexing additional territory of 328.98 acres, more or less, located south of Wormser Rd. and east of Loop

20/Cuatro Vientos Rd., providing for effective date of the ordinance, authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to execute a contract adopting a service plan for annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of AG (Agriculture District). Staff recommends approval. (As Amended)

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-O-092.

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

7. 2019-O-093 An ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo by annexing additional territory of 6.26 acres, more or less, located north of FM 1472 and west of Copper Mine Rd., providing for effective date of the ordinance, authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to execute a contract adopting a service plan for annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District). Staff recommends approval. (As Amended)

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-O-093.

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

8. 2019-O-094 An ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo by annexing additional territory of 76.22 acres, more or less, located north of FM 1472 and west of FM 3338/Las Tiendas Rd., providing for effective date of the ordinance, authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to execute a contract adopting a service plan for annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District). Staff recommends approval. (As Amended)

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-O-094.

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

9. 2019-O-095 An ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo by annexing additional territory of 24.43 acres, more or less, located east of Max Mandel Golf Course and west of FM 1472, providing for effective date of the ordinance, authorizing

the Co-Interim City Managers to execute a contract adopting a service plan for annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of R-1 (Single Family Residential District). Staff recommends approval. (As Amended)

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-O-095.

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

10. 2019-O-096 An ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo by annexing additional territory of 1.5 acres, more or less, located north of FM 1472 and east of Lampazos Loop, providing for effective date of the ordinance, authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to execute a contract adopting a service plan for annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District). Staff recommends approval. (As Amended)

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-O-096.

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

11. 2019-O-097 An ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo by annexing additional territory of 8.87 acres, more or less, located north of Anahuac Dr. and east of Pinto Valle Dr., providing for effective date of the ordinance, authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to execute a contract adopting a service plan for annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District). Staff recommends approval. (As Amended)

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-O-097.

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

12. 2019-O-098 Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to accept a loan amount increase, on the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) LoanSTAR loan Amendment No.1, in the amount of \$1,480,535.00 (One million four hundred eighty thousand five hundred thirty-five dollars) instead of \$1,033,558.00 (One million

thirty three thousand five hundred fifty-eight dollars), and amending the City of Laredo's FY 2018-2019 Waterworks budget by appropriating the said revenue to the appropriate expenditure accounts. Funds received from lender pursuant to this agreement to be used for VFD'S and power factor correction implementation at Jefferson Water Treatment Plant as projects identified in attachment of the agreement.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-O-098.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XI. CONSENT AGENDA

13. BRIDGE: STAFF SOURCE YVETTE LIMON, BRIDGE DIRECTOR

- a. 2019-R-092 Ratifying the execution of a Revocable License for Non-Federal use of Real Property (License No. GS-07B-99318) between the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) and the City of Laredo to allow the City of Laredo to install improvements accepted by GSA in a fully executed Donation Acceptance Agreement (DAA) between the City of Laredo, Texas and GSA which is to facilitate the construction of a temporary roadway being built to decrease traffic congestion at the World Trade Bridge Laredo Port of Entry in Laredo, Texas. Executed DAA is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "E".

Motion to adopt Resolution R-092.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

14. BUDGET: STAFF COURSE GILBERTO SANCHEZ, BUDGET DIRECTOR

- a. Consideration to award contract number FY19-068 to Ascending Technologies, Laredo, Texas for the purchase, installation for Public Wi-Fi for Same Auto Arena for an amount not to exceed \$347,881.79. This contract will include the purchase, installation, conversion facilitation, testing and training for Public Wi-Fi for guest's application to include but not be limited to: Access for up to 10,000 guests to access Public Wi-Fi. Funding is available in the Sports Venue – Sales and Community Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

15. CITY ATTORNEY: STAFF SOURCE KRISTINA L. HALE, CITY ATTORNEY

- a. 2019-R-094 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, TX expressing its strong opposition to the addition of a citizenship question in the Census 2020 questionnaire.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-R-094.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

16. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: STAFF SOURCE ARTURO GARCIA, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

- a. 2019-R-093 Accepting the conveyance of:

Lot 1C Sec II Mall del Norte (13.0615 acres);
Lots 2A & 8 Sec I Mall del Norte (32.656 Acres);
Lots 2B Sec I Mall del Norte (3.6013 Acres);
Lot 6 Sec I Mall del Norte (0.4889 Acres)
Lot 1D Sec II Mall del Norte (0.3143 Acres);
Lot 1 Sec I Mall del Norte (9.58 Acres);
Lot 4 Sec I Mall del Norte (0.0873 Acres);

Also known as Mall Del Norte, 5300 San Dario, for a utility and utility access easement, being more fully described in Exhibit "A"; and providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-R-093.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- b. Consideration to rescind the selection of W.D. Schock Company Inc. of Nashville, Tennessee as the Sound Insulation Consulting Firm in support of the Laredo International Airport's Noise Compatibility Program for Phases 13 and 14 due to the inability to reach an agreement for services and to re-solicit request for qualifications from other qualified consulting firms.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

17. ENVIRONMENTAL: STAFF SOURCE JOHN PORTER, ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTOR

- a. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to sign Amendment 2, for the additional engineering services contract with Crane Engineering-Laredo, Texas in the amount of \$51,344.88. The total contract amount with this amendment is \$497,168.14 for the Eastern Chacon Creek 18" – 36" Interceptor from Vaquillas Lift Station to India and Gates. Amendment #2 proposes to perform an H&H study on existing conditions in East Chacon Creek, prepare plans, specifications, and cost estimates for channel improvements, as well as develop a regional stormwater masterplan from Summers Pond to Loop 20. Funding is available in the 2016 Environmental CO.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

18. FIRE: STAFF COURSE STEVE LANDIN, FIRE CHIEF

- a. Consideration to authorize the purchase of Self Contained Breathing Apparatuses, (SCBA) for the Fire Department from HEAT Fire Equipment, Von Ormy, Tx. through contract pricing (FY18-074) in the total amount of \$301,569.28. Funding is available in the Departments FY 18-19 operational budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

19. FLEET MANAGEMENT: STAFF SOURCE RONALD MILLER, ACTING FLEET DIRECTOR

- a. Consideration to authorize a lease purchase contract of seventy-five (75) 2019 Precedent Electric Golf Cars from Club Car LLC, Evans, Georgia in the total amount \$392,302.56 for the Max Mandel Golf Course. This

contract is to replace current golf car models that have high usage and wear and tear. The purchase of this equipment shall be made utilizing a US Communities lease purchase contract subject to future appropriations. The lease purchase shall be 48 months. The estimated monthly payment shall be \$8,172.97. Funding is available in the Max Mandel Golf Course Fund.

Robert Eads, Co-Interim City Manager, informed Council that staff will build in the additional, nominal fee (\$1.00-\$2.00 per round) so that the players are picking up the fees for improved vehicles. The current vehicles are not working well and in need of replacement. The new vehicles will be a significant upgrade and can be managed through a laptop. The experience will be better for staff and golfers.

Dennis Gutierrez, Max A. Mandel Municipal Golf Course General Manager, reported that the upgrades will allow staff to manage golfers who attempt to leave before paying or drive the golf carts in prohibited areas. Geofencing technology will help keep golf carts out of prohibited and can be managed through a computer in the office. The upgraded vehicles also have better batteries, which warrants replacement of all current vehicles.

Ronald Miller, Acting Fleet Director, stated that the current vehicles' batteries wear out quickly and need frequent charges. The new models have batteries that are able to adapt to the charges they receive.

Mr. Eads informed Council that the Max Mandel Municipal Golf Course Advisory Committee did not secure a quorum during their first meeting, but the vehicles were mentioned to the members, who seemed agreeable to the idea despite not being able to vote on the matter.

Mr. Gutierrez stated that the fee will help sustain the maintenance of the vehicles.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

20. TAX: STAFF SOURCE DORA MALDONADO, TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

- a. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts adjusted for the month of May 2019 represent a decrease of \$35,888.10. These adjustments are determined by the Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XII. STAFF REPORTS

- 21. 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: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 22. Discussion with possible action to consider a second request for an extension of Injury Leave with pay in accordance with 143.073(b) of the Texas Local Government Code for Patrol Officer Heriberto Rodriguez Jr. Human Resources and Police Department recommend extension. Total number of days out as of May 18, 2019 pay period: 276 days.

Motion to approve as recommended by staff.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 23. Update of State Bill 852 affecting Local Government Code. Staff to present new procedures for building and inspection fees.

Victor Linares, Acting Building Director, reminded Council that HB 852 affects residential fees only in the areas of foundation, framing, insulation, and final review. He reported staff's proposed fees for remodels as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Block Fence	\$40	\$76	\$36
Reroof	\$50	\$84	\$34
Porches/Palapas/Swimming Pools	\$50-\$200	\$104	-\$96
Storage Rooms	\$50-\$200	\$104	-\$96
Remodel (0-1,000 SF)	\$50	\$104	\$54
Remodel (1,001-2,000 SF)	\$125	\$118	-\$7
Remodel (2,001-3,000 SF)	\$200	\$131	-\$69

Mr. Linares proposed the following fees for new construction, noting that the calculation is based on \$0.27 per square foot (SF):

<u>Description</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
New (1,000 SF)	\$450	\$270	(\$180)
New (2,000 SF)	\$720	\$540	(\$180)
New (3,000 SF)	\$960	\$810	(\$150)
New (4,000 SF)	\$1,200	\$1,080	(\$120)
New (5,000 SF)	\$1,440	\$1,350	(\$90)
New (6,000 SF)	\$1,665	\$1,620	(\$45)
New (7,000 SF)	\$1,821	\$1,890	\$69
New (8,000 SF)	\$1,939	\$2,160	\$221

Mr. Linares estimated a loss of revenues for single family detached buildings due to the bill in the amount of \$161,400 annually or \$13,450 monthly. Current permits will be invoiced during the 60 days prior to ordinance implementation.

Rosario Cabello, Co-Interim City Manager, emphasized staff's recommendation to approve the ordinance that will come forward regarding this issue.

Dr. Marte Martinez noted that at the last Council meeting, Council wanted staff to actually quantify the actual work that went into the permit review process. He noted that staff should be sure that \$0.27 per square foot would adequately cover the manpower in the permitting process.

Mr. Linares noted that staff will likely recommend an increase of the fee every year. Mrs. Cabello estimated that staff would recommend a 1% increase on an annual basis in response to inflation.

Dr. Martinez voiced his disagreement with increasing the rate every year and instead find the right rate to start.

Robert Eads, Co-Interim City Manager, informed Council that staff chose purposefully to place their rate in the middle of other municipalities. He added that the low rates for Reroofing and Block Fencing were never enough to cover administrative efforts for the permits.

Cm. Vielma encouraged staff to be sure to process permits and execute services in a timely manner so as not to leave the customer with a higher fee but no improvement upon services.

Dr. Martinez noted his concern that the City of Laredo's proposed rate is \$0.07 higher than the rate in the Valley, noting that Laredo is directly competing against the rest of South Texas, and having higher building costs is not good for Laredo's business.

Mr. Linares countered that most new construction permits applicants will

see a decrease in the fees that they will pay moving forward.

Motion to approve the creation of an ordinance and direct staff to bring the ordinance back to Council with language allowing for increases to the rate due to inflation.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Mercurio Martinez

For: 6

Against: 1

Abstain: 0

MPT Balli

Cm. Vielma

Cm. Gonzalez

Cm. Rodriguez

Cm. Mercurio Martinez

Cm. Torres

Dr. Marte Martinez

24. Status of workshop held on June 12, 2019 between the Planning & Zoning Committee and the Technical Review Board together with City Staff in reference to the Setback Ordinance.

Kirby Snideman, Planning Director, reported that the meeting on June 12, 2019, was just a workshop; there was not an action item on the agenda for a vote. The board and committee members were inclined to wait because staff and the members have just begun to review the Code.

Cm. Torres voiced his opinion that the City has already prolonged this issue after hearing about it numerous times; another presentation without a recommendation is redundant. He noted that if the matter is still at the committee level, it is pointless to hear a staff report now.

Dr. Marte Martinez noted that he has not been hearing about this issue and would like to hear the presentation. Cm. Mercurio Martinez agreed.

Cm. Rodriguez stated that this issue has been prolonged for over a year and questioned why the committee has not taken action on it to-date. He asked if Council could take action at this point due to the citizens who are trying to get permits to renovate or construct their homes.

Kristina L. Hale, City Attorney, clarified that the wording of this agenda item does not allow Council to take any action. The Land Development Code requires the Planning & Zoning Commission to make a recommendation before Council takes any action. If the Commission were withholding its recommendation for any reason that is not considered reasonable, then Council could override that requirement. However, she implied that the Commission has only withheld action due to waiting for information that will be made available to them presently.

Robert Eads, Co-Interim City Manager, explained that the Planning & Zoning Commission requested data information from public input. This information has not yet been provided to the Commission. Able City is working with staff to make that information available to the Commission as soon as possible.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Balli agreed with Cm. Torres and Cm. Rodriguez's sentiments that it is pointless to hear a presentation when the matter is far from a recommendation.

Motion to table.

Moved: MPT Balli

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 5	Against: 2	Abstain: 0
MPT Balli	Cm. Mercurio Martinez	
Cm. Gonzalez	Dr. Marte Martinez	
Cm. Rodriguez		
Cm. Torres		
Cm. Vielma		

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into executive session to discuss this item.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Dr. Marte Martinez

For: 7	Against: 0	Abstain: 0
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- 25. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(2) to consult with City Attorney in connection to the ongoing contract with 2L4L Baseball, LLC, and to return to open session for possible action.

Following executive session, Mayor Saenz reported that no action was taken.

No further discussion or action taken.

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

Motion to recess as the Laredo City Council and convene as the Laredo Mass Transit Board.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 5	Against: 0	Abstain: 0
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Cm. Mercurio Martinez and Cm. Vielma were not present.

26. 2019-RT-06 Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to accept and execute the Federal Transit Administration Grant No. TX-2019-056-00 Section 5307 Urbanized Area Grant Program authorized under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) act transportation bill. Funding will be for operating assistance and preventative maintenance to the El Metro Bus Operations. The required local match for this grant will be funded with the transit's local sales tax.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-RT-06.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

27. 2019-RT-07 Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute the Federal Transit Administration grant award no. TX-2019-057-00 in the amount of \$401,862 for fiscal year 2019 Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Grant Program authorized under the new Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. The Laredo Transit Management Inc. (El Metro) and the City of Laredo will replace one (1) Heavy-Duty bus that has met the Useful Life Benchmark (ULB). The Transit's 15% local match is available in the Transit Sales Tax Fund .

Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-RT-07.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

28. 2019-RT-09 Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to execute Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) no. CSJ-0922-33-181 with the Texas Department of Transportation in the amount of \$200,000 including an estimated local participation in the amount of \$76,000 including overruns for the city improvement of ADA Bus Stops and Bicycle Plazas Project. The required local match is funded from the Transit local sales tax.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-RT-08.

Moved: Cm. Torres
Second: Cm. Gonzalez
For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

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

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

Motion to adjourn as the Laredo Mass Transit Board and reconvene as the Laredo City Council.

Moved: Cm. Torres
Second: Cm. Gonzalez
For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

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

GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Roberto Balli

1. Status report on the Kansas City Southern Railroad Quiet Zone Study with possible action; and any matters incident thereto.

Robert Eads, Co-Interim City Manager, reported a project already on-board that is funded to a great degree. At this time, there is little to no planning for this study as more engineering work needs to be done. He recommended that staff continue the process that has been followed to-date, secure a consultant as directed by Council, and submit this application to the property authorities. He asked Council for direction to distribute a Request for Qualifications for a firm to help the City complete this project.

Mayor Pro-Tempore reminded Council that the Kansas City Southern Railroad goes through Moctezuma and into Chacon; the quiet zone is an area in which trains may not blow their horns under federal regulations. The prospective firm will do the design work in which a section of road that is rarely used will be closed, electric arms that will come down for an oncoming train, medians on the street, and other measures that would allow the train to keep moving without having to use its horn.

Motion to direct staff to go out for a Request for Qualifications for a consulting firm to assist the City with the Kansas City Southern Railroad Quiet Zone Study.

Moved: MPT Balli
Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

B. Request by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez

1. Discussion with possible action to instruct the Co-Interim City Managers to authorize staff to install speed humps under the Special Provision of the Speed Hump Installation Policy, and to authorize the use of asphalt type speed humps, instead of a speed cushion, 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.

a. 2800 South Malinche

b. 2900 Cortez

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Rodriguez

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

C. Request by Council Member Mercurio Martinez

1. Discussion with possible action to direct staff to reach out to the Army Corps of Engineers to assist with Veteran cemetery headstone realignment; and any other matters incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pete Saenz and Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.)

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Dr. Marte Martinez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

After discussion on other topics, this item was taken from the table.

Cm. Mercurio Martinez explained that the traffic light at Meadow Avenue by the City Cemetery shows pedestrians the veterans' section. The headstones at Arlington National Cemetery are perfectly aligned in all directions, like soldiers standing at attention. However, the veterans' headstones are in disarray in the City Cemetery, and he noted his desire to make them uniform. He initiated a motion to that effect.

Cm. Torres noted that the Parks & Leisure Services Department has been successfully carrying out Council's directives regarding the City Cemetery. While there has been little funding for this beautification, he has been very satisfied with their work. He clarified that he wanted to expedite the installation of the headstones for the families of deceased veterans.

Motion to improve the veterans' section of the City Cemetery via a realignment of the headstones.

Moved: Cm. Mercurio Martinez

Second: MPT Balli

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Gonzalez and Cm. Rodriguez were not present.

D. Request by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action to re-evaluate Ordinance 2018-O-050, specifically Section 2-157 (Automatic Forfeiture); and any other matters incident thereto.

Cm. Torres reported that, upon meeting with the City Secretary and City Attorney, he identified certain issues with the ordinance that were brought to his attention by several of his committee appointees. One of the issues is the actual reappointment of those that are removed from their committee due to absences. There are some Council Members who have reappointed those individuals to the same board or another board, which defeats the purpose of having a policy. If someone is removed due to excessive absences, then that individual should not be reappointed for a certain period or term or at all.

Kristina L. Hale, City Attorney, noted that the amount of time to prevent an individual from being reappointed is a policy decision, but to her knowledge it has only occurred once since the ordinance was implemented.

Jose A. Valdez, Jr., City Secretary, explained that being reappointed in the event of a removal is stipulated in the Policy & Procedures Handbook. Cm. Torres voiced his understanding that the ordinance would supersede the Policy & Procedures Handbook, to which Mr. Valdez agreed.

Cm. Torres stated that if Council gives guidance to staff to amend the ordinance, then that gives the City a path to amending the Policy & Procedures Handbook. Mr. Valdez agreed but clarified that this language is not in the ordinance.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Balli noted that this situation came up with one of his appointees, who had two absences. Then a special-called meeting was

called to which this appointee could not attend. The appointee received a third absence and forfeited their seat on the committee. He voiced his opinion that the issue of regular and special-called meetings should be addressed regarding absences. Like with Council meetings, absences during special-called meetings should not be counted against the committee member.

Cm. Torres agreed that the ordinance Council adopted is stricter than what is applied to Council Members. He voiced his opinion that the ordinance mirror Councils' policies and initiated a motion to this effect.

Cm. Rodriguez asked if absences will be counted against a member if there is no quorum established at a meeting. Mrs. Hale confirmed that if a meeting does not secure a quorum, then those members who are not present are marked as "absent." This is why the ordinance requires committees to establish a regular meeting date.

Cm. Rodriguez recalled having an appointee who was removed from her committee due to absences and asked him to reappoint her. He had decided to give her a second chance and reappointed her; he asked if the ordinance amendment would go into effect retroactively or moving forward.

Cm. Torres clarified that ordinances cannot be enforced retroactively, so the amendment would apply moving forward. Mr. Valdez reminded Council that the current ordinance does not apply to any committee, board, or commission that was created by Charter or pre-existing ordinance.

Cm. Mercurio Martinez voiced his concern with the proposed six absence allowance as opposed to three. He stated that while Council is given six absences before forfeiting their offices, Council meets twice a month. However, the committees, boards, and commissions only meet regularly once a month. He cautioned Council to consider four absences as more appropriate than six. He also noted that prohibiting an appointee from reappointment for four years as tied to Council terms is problematic if an appointee forfeits their position two years into a Council Member's term. That means that a new Council Member may come onto Council with an appointee still prohibited from being appointed. He suggested that the ordinance ament have some language that better addresses the period of time before someone can be reappointed.

Dr. Martinez stated that if Council is trying to dissuade people from missing their meetings, then Council must ensure that the City is properly notifying their appointees of meetings. He reported some appointees telling him that they have not been receiving emails. There are breakdowns in communication that may be contributing to missed meetings. He also noted that a four-year ban will further dissuade citizens from serving on committees and suggested instead a one-year time period before reappointing members. He agreed with Cm. Mercurio Martinez that six absence allowance seems

excessive, especially if the committee does not meet often.

Mr. Valdez clarified that if a meeting is called to order and there is no quorum, the members present do not have their attendance counted as absences. Only members who were actually absent from that meeting would have an absence on their record. Dr. Martinez noted that sometimes the meeting is cancelled ahead of time because the liaison is aware of a lack of quorum. Mr. Valdez countered that this is not supposed to happen. He confirmed that staff can meet with committee liaisons to reiterate the correct procedures.

Dr. Martinez recalled that three committees were created by Charter and asked how the proposed ordinance amendment would apply to them. Mr. Valdez clarified that the ordinance supersedes the Policy & Procedures Handbook, which was approved by motion rather than ordinance.

Mrs. Hale confirmed that the creation of those three committees does not address absenteeism, therefore the ordinance would apply to all committees and boards.

Cm. Vielma agreed with four absences rather than six, but she voiced her concern over committee members who are appointed by one Council Member and then trying to get reappointed to the same committee by another Council Member when the first official terms out or is replaced. Through this action, the committee member may stay on a committee for 10-16 years. She noted that Laredo has a plethora of citizens who want to participate and suggested that Council implement a term restriction for committee members on the same board and other boards.

Cm. Torres recalled discussion regarding committee members who extend their time in a selected committee through the means described by Cm. Vielma. He voiced his hesitation to incorporate language that would prohibit an individual who served honorably from serving on another committee by another Council Member. Each Council Member is responsible for their actions and who they appoint. Serving on a committee can make an individual very knowledgeable in certain fields, and there is no substitution for experienced committee members.

Cm. Martinez noted that when he joined Council he reviewed his predecessor's appointees and decided who seemed knowledgeable about their committee's subject matter and chose to reappoint several of them because they were an asset to their committee. However, he also appointed some of them to other committees in the belief that they were an asset in a different field.

Motion to amend Ordinance 2018-O-050 from three absences to four, not including special-called meeting absences do not count against the

committee members' absences and add language that any committee member who is removed or forfeits their office/appointment due to absences be barred from reappointment to another committee, board, or commission for a period of time concurrent to the appointing Council Member's term, as amended.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Rodriguez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Gonzalez was not present.

2. Discussion with possible action to develop a beautification plan for Clark Blvd., Saunders St. and Corpus Christi St., and any other matters incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Mercurio Martinez)

Cm. Torres noted that Clark Boulevard is one of the easiest locations for a beautification plan. He noted his hope that staff will address beautification projects between Springfield and Arkansas focusing on the corridor that divides east- and west-bound traffic. He suggested removing the stones that are currently in the median and incorporating xeriscaping. He voiced his understanding that Clark Boulevard becomes the property of TxDOT east of Arkansas. There are some discussions of the Fine Arts & Culture Commission redoing the parrot mural on Clark. He asked for a proposal with several options from staff and added that the three-phase project will be funded by District III and IV Priority Funds.

John Orfila, Public Works Director, reported that about 12 years ago, the City put in colored, stamped concrete along the medians. He informed Council that utility lines run under the medians along Clark, along with some water breaks. He confirmed that the Department will coordinate with Parks to see what can be done.

Robert Eads, Co-Interim City Manager, clarified that for the City to access bond dollars, this project would have to be a capital improvement; the City must meet a certain threshold or else the funding relies strictly on the City's maintenance budget. Cm. Torres clarified that staff can bring back a proposal for Council to consider, and funding can be discussed at that time.

Cm. Mercurio Martinez stated that many of his constituents think that District III borders Clark Boulevard. Cm. Torres also requested an update from AEP on the LED lights because the situation looks worse than it did with the incandescent yellow lights. Half of Clark Boulevard has LED lighting while the other half has yellow lighting.

Mr. Eads explained that staff has used Council directive from the last budget cycle to make LED improvements. AEP has informed the City that there is

still not a tariff established for LEDs, so it runs under a continual pilot project. However, the situation is past that point, so AEP needs an established tariff for the installation and retrofitting of LED lights. The tariff should be established in September 2019. He reported that AEP offered a retrofit of about a dozen lights per district with LEDs, worth about \$1.2 million. AEP and TxDOT agreed that the City could retrofit LEDs for the highway systems; staff will bring a proposal to Council to dedicate a significant portion of that \$1.2 million to retrofit the highway system with LEDs now.

Motion to direct staff to bring a proposal with several options back to Council regarding a beautification plan for Clark Boulevard from Springfield to Arkansas, including removing stones and adding xeriscaping in the medians and for staff to provide potential funding sources and an update from AEP regarding LED installation and retrofitting.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Dr. Marte Martinez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Gonzalez was not present.

Cm. Torres noted that Saunders Street is a bigger challenge for a beautification project and suggested that staff incorporate some medians in the same vein as Clark Boulevard. He noted that the project should occur between San Francisco Creek east towards Arkansas. He noted that if Cm. Vielma wanted to share the cost from Arkansas to Loop 20, then the project could be expanded as such.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Balli noted that there have been a lot of improvements along the creek that a particular Council Member has shouldered although the work improved two districts. He noted that if Cm. Torres wanted to pursue this project, he should be willing to cover the extra two blocks to I-35.

Motion to direct staff to bring a proposal with several options and funding sources back to Council regarding a beautification plan for Saunders Street from I-35 to Loop 20.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Dr. Marte Martinez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Gonzalez and Cm. Rodriguez were not present.

Cm. Mercurio Martinez reported that work is being done to the Old Mercy Hospital building on Corpus Christi Street; it has received all of the approvals to become a foreign trade zone. Once the building's improvements begin, the City will need to improve the access points to it, one of which is Corpus

Christi Street. The improvements to Corpus Christi need to be dynamic, beautiful, and contributing to the street's walkability, bikability, and greenspace.

Rosario Cabello, Co-Interim City Manager, confirmed that staff would add Corpus Christi Street to the Capital Improvement Plan master plan. She informed Council that the City received approval for the foreign trade zone late last week.

Cm. Martinez noted the significance of the building's foreign trade zone approval, noting that the face of Laredo will soon change. He reported seeing some of the renderings for the space, and the investors are beginning work.

Mr. Eads reminded Council that much of this beautification plan will rely heavily upon the City's Viva Laredo Comprehensive Plan.

Motion to direct staff to bring a proposal with several option and funding sources back to Council regarding a beautification plan for Corpus Christi Street from I-35 to Arkansas.

Moved: Cm. Mercurio Martinez

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Gonzalez and Cm. Rodriguez were not present.

E. Request by Council Member Nelly Vielma

1. Discussion with possible action to instruct the Co-Interim City Managers to authorize staff to install speed humps under the Special Provision of the Speed Hump Installation Policy, and to authorize the use of asphalt type speed humps, instead of a speed cushion, 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 cost is \$5,000.00.
 - a. (2) Speed humps on the 100 and 200 block of E. Mayberry St. between Springfield Ave. and Kentucky St.

Motion to approve as presented.

Moved: Cm. Vielma

Second: MPT Balli

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Gonzalez and Cm. Rodriguez were not present.

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

1. Status update on the direction to have staff explore alternative exit options for the Northeast part of the City to include the Unitec Industrial Park and surrounding areas where train crossings result in safety concerns; and any matters incident thereto.

Dr. Marte Martinez explained that there are currently two exits at Unitec Industrial Park, one of which gets blocked once or twice a day by a train. The City is looking for viable options to increase the safety in this area by providing more exits. He noted a significant amount of land that is coming online in that area; while two exits may be enough right now, it will not be in enough in a year's time.

Ramon Chavez, City Engineer, reported that staff is pursuing access to I-35 through Hachar Loop. Staff held a preliminary meeting with TxDOT regarding an overpass at Unitec.

Dr. Martinez noted that the Hachar Loop alignment is a long-term project and asked what short-term solutions are available to the City for this problem. There have already been two derailments in which traffic could not be alleviated for multiple hours. He asked about an emergency outlet. Mr. Chavez noted that Public Works has been working on some improvements to the railroad crossing there, but not much more has been done. The City owns the wastewater treatment plant nearby and an easement, but most of the land is not owned by the City.

Robert Eads, Co-Interim City Manager, explained that during one of the derailments, the City reached out to the Webb County Sheriff's Office and local authorities to use the farm-to-market road for traffic alleviation. Use of that road is contingent upon the offering of that road. For roadway construction, there is nothing currently identified or funded outside of the ones identified herein.

Dr. Martinez asked if the City could enter into a Memorandum of Understanding regarding that road in the case of a future derailment.

Steve Landin, Laredo Fire Chief and Emergency Manager, clarified that an MOU is not needed in the event of an emergency. During an emergency, first responders make contact with the appropriate authorities to gain access to farm roads to clear out the traffic around an accident. That work is already done without an MOU. He reported that Public Works Director John Orfila already fixed the other connection for better accessibility, so there are options available to emergency responders.

Cm. Mercurio Martinez noted that the City purchased the acreage for a wastewater treatment plan; one of the access points is off of the side road of I-35. Since then, the railroad has blocked the easement, so the City is using

the industrial park to access that plant.

John Orfila, Public Works Director, reported that staff has a meeting with Union Pacific later this week and invited Council to attend. He explained that the two derailments occurred because of drainage issues. In response, the City extended its drainage up to the railroad right-of-way. Plans for further improvements is forthcoming.

No action taken.

G. Request by Council Member George Altgelt

1. Discussion with possible action to file a formal resolution complaining about TXDOT management in Laredo and their lack of concern for pedestrians and cyclists and willingness to properly maintain on system routes and roads; and any matters incident thereto.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Discussion with possible action directing Co-Interim City Managers to proceed with the project advancement of the Father McNaboe Hike and Trail by utilizing District VII discretionary funds for land survey and appraisal; and any matters incident thereto.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

3. Presentation on Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing by Ms. Charlene Heydinger of the Texas PACE Authority, with possible action; and any matters incident thereto.

Mayor Pro-Tempore asked why Cm. Altgelt asked Ms. Heydinger to travel for a presentation if he is not present for it, as it is his presentation.

Dr. Marte Martinez reported that Cm. Altgelt contacted him and verbalized his intention to have Council evaluate this presentation. Cm. Gonzalez noted that if Ms. Heydinger traveled all the way from Austin for this presentation, then Council should hear it at this time.

Charlene Heydinger, Texas PACE Authority President, reported that this

economic development program was passed in 2013, which 27 local governments has established. The program is a non-profit program that will not affect the City of Laredo's treasury while helping its business community overcome many barriers that prevents it from taking care of its properties. All enterprises want to lower their operation costs while increasing their operating income, but a main problem is deferred maintenance. Laredo has many beautiful old buildings that need significant maintenance before they become operational again. The PACE program enables businesses and non-profits to obtain financing over a long period of time; the savings of the improvements pay for themselves. Banks often want to be repaid for loans within five years, but many businesses do not have the revenues to make those repayments in that time period, so the work is often not done and maintenance is deferred. With the PACE program, the savings of the project exceeds the cost of annual payments because they are spread out over time. Ms. Heydinger explained that TX-PACE is a local adoption economic development tool for private lending. The program is 100% long term, low cost financing for maintenance and equipment costs that provide energy efficiency, water conservation, distributed generation, and demand reduction. It includes a high bar of underwriting and technical standards to validate a contractor's quote to a property owner regarding energy and water efficiency/savings.

Ms. Heydinger reported that PACE offer local government risk avoidance in financial and fiduciary ways, as follows:

- No tax dollars used (user fee)
- No risk to treasury
- No risk to public servants – HB 2654
- Limited impact on public servant workload
- Strong local stakeholder support
- Best practices/consumer protection
- No competition between local government and private sector

The non-profit administrator takes on all of the risk, and the government's costs are covered in the event of a foreclosure. Ms. Heydinger explained that if the City of Laredo decides to participate in the TX-PACE program, it can be done in two Council meetings. First, the City must post a report on how the program will work and pass a resolution of intent; then, the City must hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution establishing the PACE program in Laredo. Ms. Heydinger encouraged Council to take a leadership position in South Texas and establish the program in Laredo; she noted real savings through the program. If the projects do not demonstrate that the projected savings will exceed the projected costs at the engineering review, the PACE program will not approve them. The PACE program model has been proven to work. She cited projects in Dallas and Houston that resulted in fully-functional mixed-use building with energy and water savings of 38-40% each.

She reminded Council that self-funding or conventional loan-funding of maintenance costs for old buildings is too difficult for most businesses. Self-funding costs usually take 6.5 years to break even, while convention loan options often take 8.5 years. PACE loan-funding allows the City to begin maintenance with no interruption of its cash flow.

Cm. Torres noted the obvious advantage of a PACE project and commended its merit. He asked management for a recommendation on this presentation.

Robert Eads, Co-Interim City Manager, recalled seeing this presentation several years ago and noted that staff would like to assess the program. Ms. Heydinger clarified that the TX-PACE program is not a performance contract, which would incur a lot of costs for the City. She confirmed that she could prepare the necessary documents and provide them to the Co-Interim City Managers for vetting.

Motion to direct management to evaluate the PACE presentation and documentation and bring a proposal back to Council.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Dr. Marte Martinez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

MPT Balli was not present.

XVI. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Dr. Marte Martinez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

MPT Balli was not present.