

**CITY OF LAREDO
RECOGNITION AND COMMUNICATION NOTICE M2019-
R-12
CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBERS 1110
HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
August 5, 2019
5:00 P.M.**

The Mayor presented the following:

1. Recognizing Miss Teen Continental Model 2019-2020 Alexandra Sanabria for all her hard work and accomplishments.

Ms. Sanabria stated that she recently graduated from United High School and has been a lifelong resident of Laredo. She noted that this may be her last pageant as she is attending the University of Texas at San Antonio in the fall with a Distinguished Presidential Scholarship and acceptance into the Honors College.

Mayor Saenz presented Ms. Sanabria with a certificate of recognition and congratulated her on her accomplishments, wishing her luck in her academic endeavors.

2. Recognition of Laredo Lab Hoops 12 year old boys basketball team on winning the 2019 Skyhook International Basketball Tournament championship in Round Rock, Texas on July 14, 2019. The Laredo team battled teams from Puerto Rico, Mexico, Austin, and other Texas cities for 3 days to bring the title home to Laredo.

Coach Sonny Rodriguez introduced his players and thanked the City for this recognition. He explained that the basketball program is year-round, meaning that the players train and compete regularly against teams from multiple places across the country and abroad. During his 15 years of basketball coaching, he has been proud to coach the 12U boys team. He reported that Robert Eads received the MVP award at their recent international tournament. He also thanked the parents of the basketball players for their support and assistance throughout the year.

Mayor Saenz presented the team with certificates of recognition for their hard work and achievement.

3. Recognizing local students from Harvard, Texas A&M, Carnegie Mellon, Texas A&M International University and high schools participating in the MileOne Innovation Challenge, a 3 week "hackathon" style event, gives entrepreneurs and developers the opportunity to work alongside industry leaders in order to bring technology and innovation to the Trade & Logistics industry.

Roger Garcia, MileOne Executive Director of Marketing, explained that MileOne helps entrepreneurs start and grow their businesses. Last year, MileOne started its first innovation challenge with the objective to tackle social issue challenges in Laredo. Many

of last year's participants, who have gone on to Harvard, Texas A&M University, and other universities, returned to Laredo for this year's event.

Anthony Martinez, hackathon runner-up, explained that his team Gatego developed a software program to help automate the yard and warehouse management system Laredo. He noted that he attends Carnegie Mellon.

A hackathon participant thanked MileOne for the opportunity to participate in the hackathon and to view the current operations in yard and warehouse management. The competition provided invaluable experience for those students who intend to pursue engineering in their professional development. He noted that he attends Texas A&M University in the College of Engineering.

Enrique Farias, Texas A&M University student and hackathon participant, reiterated that this competition provided an opportunity to learn about the industry in Laredo as well as providing his academic training to a real-world scenario. He stated that all three participants present graduated from United High School.

Cesar G. Hernandez, MileOne Director, reiterated that the hackathon participants worked hard on their projects over three weeks and helped organizers recognize some inefficiencies in Laredo's largest industry. Therefore, MileOne is helping bring the winners' projects to the marketplace for implementation. MileOne works hard to develop the innovation industry so that Texas sees Laredoans with well-adapted innovative and technical solutions for today's problems. He explained that over three weeks, industry leaders were invited to come to MileOne and discuss their own industry and areas of inefficiency. The products developed will help companies and industry leaders in Laredo improve their organizations.

Mayor Saenz presented the participants with certificates of recognition for their accomplishment and dedication.

**CITY OF LAREDO CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
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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

Mayor Pete Saenz led in moment of silence, remembering the victims of two recent shootings in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio.

IV. ROLL CALL

In attendance:

Pete Saenz	Mayor
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
George Altgelt	District VII
Roberto Balli	Mayor Pro-Tempore, District VIII
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 Cm. Gonzalez.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Dr. Marte Martinez

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Rodriguez, Cm. Altgelt, and MPT Balli were not present.

V. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of July 1, 2019 and July 26, 2019

Motion to approve the July 1, 2019 and July 26, 2019 minutes.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Mercurio Martinez

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Rodriguez, Cm. Altgelt, and MPT Balli were not present.

Citizen comments

Abraham Key of PONY Baseball & Softball International reminded Council that PONY is hosting two World Series in Laredo this week: the 12U Bronco and 18U Palomino League World Series. Both series are championship games. He spoke in support of a large project on today's agenda for youth facilities, particularly baseball and softball, to be built in Laredo. PONY wants to have these facilities available for their tournaments

and increase the number of teams that can participate in their tournaments. He thanked the City for their help in hosting and facilitating these events to-date and reiterated PONY's intention to return to Laredo for future tournaments and series. Since its creation in the 1950s, PONY has half a million kids participating across 30,000 teams in more than 40 countries throughout the world.

Pepe Estrada of Christmas Laredo for All [SPANISH]

Melissa Cigarroa, Rio Grande International Study Center Board President, introduced Earth Justice, a national organization that represents RISK, other Laredo landowners, and Valley residents in a lawsuit against the National Emergency Declaration to redirect monies for a purpose already declared invalid by Congress. While the border wall is such a politicized issue, the Rio Grande International Study Center's focus is on the health and well-being of Laredo which depends on the health and well-being of the Rio Grande.

Raul Garcia of Earth Justice reported that the community is in the midst of a Constitutional crisis after President Trump has decided to utilize funds allocated elsewhere by Congress for a border wall. The broder wall is being built without any regard for environmental matters; the Administration has waived dozens of environmental, historic preservation, and public input laws to build barriers across the border. This process is broken and unconstitutional, and, unfortunately, Laredo is in the crosshairs of this crisis. Any physical barrier would extensively damage Laredo's water supply via the Rio Grande. This constitutes a danger to water quality, availability, and standards that the community depends upon.

Sarah Burt of Earth Justice reminded Council that while Laredo is in the crosshairs, the wall is not here yet. Therefore, it is not too late to do something to prevent it. Earth Justice is proud to be a voice for the community in Washington so that lawmakers can see the impact that this process will have if implemented. Earth Justice has been traveling across the border and has seen uniform, devastating impacts that the border wall or barrier have had on a community's ability to access and use the water as well as have their businesses impacted when clients are unable to access their business.

Roberto Gonzalez of the St. Peter's Neighborhood Association reported an incident in which three men abducted a woman in her car in broad daylight in Downtown Laredo and coerced her to withdraw \$40 from an ATM for them. The incident occurred right outside of his bed and breakfast, and the criminals dropped the woman off outside of the federal courthouse building. He emphasized to Council that the security in Downtown needs to be addressed as there is a sizable homeless population in Laredo as well as over four million pedestrians crossing the bridge every year. He demanded more patrol officers in the area, as no amount of cameras will prevent crime since this incident occurred in areas with camera surveillance. Every great city in the United States has a thriving downtown; Mr. Gonzalez noted that he lived in New Orleans for many years and could not go two or three blocks downtown without seeing a uniformed police officer. San Antonio's downtown also has a large police presence every couple of blocks. He stated that this is needed in Laredo as well. While the increase of bar establishments in Laredo is great, it requires more security. Many houses are being renovated in the St. Peter's area, but it will be for nothing if people do not feel safe and

avoid moving downtown. He asked Council to address this issue immediately.

Cm. Altgelt reminded Council that the City has a Municipal Management District and have yet to implement it. If Council prioritized it, that Municipal Management District could use its revenue stream to pay for additional police officers, cleanup, and manpower in the downtown area. The Downtown TIRZ could also be used for lighting to promote safety in the area.

CY Benavides, III, informed Council that the Pescadito Environmental Resource project will move forward with some potential FEMA modifications, and he offered his group as a good alternative for the City to work with that does not affect the City's work with the Ponderosa Regional Landfill. He stated that his group would save the City about \$30 million in closures that they would have to undertake at the current facility. For no cost, the Benavides is willing to work with the community to ensure the best product possible. He noted that his Pescadito project has the best possible permit with TCEQ, is located 25 miles outside of the City, and has connection with the Kansas City Southern Railroad System.

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment by Mayor and City Council of Michelle Devez to the Animal Care Services Advisory Board.

Motion to approve the nomination of Michelle Devez to the Animal Care Services Advisory Board.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Dr. Marte Martinez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Appointment by Mayor Pro-Tempore Roberto Balli of Martha Llanas to the Animal Care Services Advisory Board.

Motion to approve the nomination of Martha Llanas to the Animal Care Services Advisory Board.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Dr. Marte Martinez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

3. Appointment by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez of Laura Llanes to the Animal Care Services Advisory Board.

Motion to approve the nomination of Laura Llanes to the Animal Care Services Advisory Board.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Dr. Marte Martinez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Motion to open public hearing #1.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Mercurio Martinez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending Chapter 6, Article I, Section 6-19(d) "Safety of Animals in Motor Vehicles" to prohibit transporting an animal within the open bed of a pickup truck, flatbed or similar vehicle where the animal is not safely enclosed; to prohibit transporting an animal within the open bed of a pickup truck, flatbed or similar vehicle where the animal is directly on a metal surface or similar surface without sufficient protection when temperatures are at or above ninety (90) degrees Fahrenheit; providing a cumulative and repealer clause; providing a severability clause; providing for publication; providing for a penalty; and declaring an effective date.

Cm. Vielma asked if her previously-requested amendment is included to specify "domestic animals" so as not to include livestock. Mrs. Cabello confirmed that the final reading of the ordinance will include this distinction.

Motion to close public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Mercurio Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Torres and Dr. Marte Martinez were not present.

2. Motion to open public hearing #2.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Mercurio Martinez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to accept and enter into a continuation contract with the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), amending the FY 2018-2019 budget by appropriating additional revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$324,008.00 for a total award of \$648,016.00 and amending the FY 2018-2019 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Position Listing by adding one (1) Medical Office Assistant II, R30 for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Healthy Texas Women project to provide primary care, women's preventive health care, prenatal care, family planning, chronic disease prevention, preventive health services, diagnostic, and laboratory services for the term period from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021.

There was no public input.

Motion to close public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Mercurio Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Torres and Dr. Marte Martinez were not present.

3. Motion to open public hearing #3.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Mercurio Martinez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to execute all necessary documents to convey a 30' ingress and egress access easement and a utility easement to Branch Towers III, LLC. for the installation of communications tower in accordance to the terms stated in a lease with Branch Towers III, LLC, executed on May 20, 2019, on a site legally described as being a portion of that certain tract of land as described and recorded in Volume 1420, Page 433 in the Office of the County Clerk, Webb County, Texas, lying in Lot 12, Block 1, of the El Eden B. P. Newman Park Plat Subdivision, Laredo, Webb County, Texas, more particularly depicted in attached Exhibit "A" Boundary Survey, Exhibit "B" Aerial image and Exhibit "C" Lease Agreement, for a five (5) year term with five (5) successive five (5) year options to renew; and providing for an effective date.

There was no public input.

Motion to close public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm.

Moved: Cm. Mercurio Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Torres and Dr. Marte Martinez were not present.

4. Motion to open public hearing #4.

Moved: Cm.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Mercurio Martinez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to execute legal documents conveying a perpetual easement and right

of way to AEP Texas, Inc. over, under, across, and upon a .0668 acre tract of land, more or less, situated in Porcion 23, Leonardo Sanches, Original Grantee, Abstract 283, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas; said .0668 acre tract being out of a tract called to contain 48.8857 acres as per "Deed of Exchange, Correction, and Substitution" conveyed to Del Mar Conservation District filed of record in Volume 1071, Pages 445-456, Deed Records of Webb County, Texas. This 48.8857 acre tract officially became City of Laredo, Texas property by annexation Ordinance No. 84-O-694 effective March 23, 1984 and is commonly known as the North Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant (NLWWTP); said .0668 acre tract is more particularly described by metes and bounds in attached "Exhibit A" and boundary survey in attached "Exhibit B"; and providing for an effective date.

There was no public input.

Motion to close public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Mercurio Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Torres and Dr. Marte Martinez were not present.

5. Motion to open public hearing #5.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Mercurio Martinez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance authorizing Co-Interim City Managers to amend the FY 2018-2019 budget by appropriating additional revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$791,295.00 for a total of \$5,142,631.00 for the City of Laredo Health Department Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) Program for the term from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019. These additional funds were awarded by the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) for a modular building and other improvements.

There was no public input.

Motion to close public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Mercurio Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Torres and Dr. Marte Martinez were not present.

6. Motion to open public hearing #6.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Mercurio Martinez
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Health and Benefits Fund by appropriating a draw down of \$2,600,000.00 from its opening balance and appropriating it for medical and prescription claims.

There was no public input.

Motion to close public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Mercurio Martinez
Second: Cm. Altgelt
For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Torres and Dr. Marte Martinez were not present.

7. Motion to open public hearing #7.

Moved: Cm. Altgelt
Second: Cm. Mercurio Martinez
For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Torres and Dr. Marte Martinez were not present.

Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 22, Block 1, Deerfield Subdivision, Phase 4, located at 1002 Big Bend Blvd., from B-1 (Limited Commercial District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

The Planning & Zoning recommended denial of the zone change, and staff does not support the zone change, for it does not conform with the Comprehensive Plan's designation of this area as Neighborhood Mixed Use that excludes B-4 zoning district. Therefore the applicant has since exercised the right to appeal this decision directly to City Council. ZC-38-2019 District VII

Rafael Vidaurri of the Planning Department explained that the Planning & Zoning Commission did not support the application because it does not conform to the Comprehensive Plan's designation of the neighborhood. The applicant wants to create a smoking establishment, and the property is very close to residential properties.

Cm. Altgelt recalled that the smoking establishment is a cigar bar. Mr. Vidaurri noted that if the applicant's B-4 zoning is approved, they will still need to come back to Council to get a Conditional Use Permit; this is a two-prong process. The denial of the application is not due to a health or safety concern but was based solely on the Comprehensive Plan. Under the Neighborhood Mixed Use designation, B-4 establishments are not allowed. The applicant is attempting to

rezone the entire lot.

Cm. Altgelt asked if there was any other way that the applicant could have applied for this type of establishment or if they are forced to apply as a B-4. Mr. Vidaurri confirmed that they are forced to rezone as a B-4 for this type of establishment.

Dr. Hector Gonzalez, Health Director, clarified that an establishment cannot reclassify itself as a bar or restaurant. The establishment is either a bar or a tobacco shop; it cannot be both as per the current ordinance.

Motion to close public hearing and introduce pending the applicant returning and confirming/allaying nay safety concerns as it relates to cigar exhaust, as amended.

Moved: Cm. Altgelt

Second: Cm. Rodriguez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Torres, Dr. Marte Martinez, and Cm. Balli were not present.

8. Motion to open public hearing #8.

Moved: Cm. Altgelt

Second: Cm. Mercurio Martinez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Dr. Marte Martinez was not present.

Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 3.74 acres, as further described by Metes & Bounds Exhibit A, located on the North side of FM 1472 Rd., AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District); providing for publication and effective date.

The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change, and staff supports the application. ZC-39-2019 District VII

Rafael Vidaurri of the Planning Department reported that the intended use for this application is warehousing. The location is on the north side of FM 1472.

Motion to close public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Altgelt

Second: Cm. Vielma

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

9. Motion to open public hearing #9.

Moved: Cm. Vielma

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by repealing Ordinance 2004-0-063 and authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for general automotive repairs on Lots 19 & 20, Block 30, Vista Hermosa Unit II, located at 5417 and 5419 McPherson Rd; providing for publication and effective date.

The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit, and staff supports the application. ZC-40-2019 District V

There was no public input.

Motion to close public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Vielma

Second: Dr. Marte Martinez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

10. Motion to open public hearing #10.

Moved: Cm. Mercurio Martinez

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 20, Block 5, Santa Rita Subdivision, Unit XIV, located at 104 Frank Sciaraffa Dr., from R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) to R-1MH (Single Family Manufactured Housing District); providing for publication and effective date.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change, and staff supports the application. ZC-44-2019 District III

There was no public input.

Motion to close public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Mercurio Martinez

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

11. Motion to open public hearing #11.

Moved: Cm. Mercurio Martinez

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 18, Block 5, Santa Rita Subdivision, Unit XIV, located at 108 Frank Sciaraffa Dr., from R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) to R-1MH (Single Family Manufactured Housing District); providing for publication and effective date.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change, and staff supports the application. ZC-45-2019 District III

There was no public input.

Motion to close public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Mercurio Martinez

Second: Dr. Marte Martinez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Altgelt was not present.

12. Motion to open public hearing #12.

Moved: Cm. Rodriguez

Second: Dr. Marte Martinez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Altgelt was not present.

Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 1, 2, 7 and 8, Block 1605, Eastern Division, located at 2701 Norton St., from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) to R-O (Residential/Office District); providing for publication and effective date.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change, and staff supports the application. ZC-46-2019 District II

Vanessa Guerra of the Planning Department reported that the proposed use is a head start program; the applicant is seeking to include their regional offices here.

Motion to close public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Rodriguez

Second: Dr. Marte Martinez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Altgelt was not present.

13. Motion to open public hearing #13.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Mercurio Martinez
For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma and Cm. Altgelt were not present.

Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for Oil and/or Gas Extraction and Production (Plug/Abandonment of Well), on approximately 2.87 acres out of Porcion 38, Abstract 472, T Sanchez Tract, located South of Obsidian Blvd. and East of US Hwy. 83, Frontage Rd; providing for publication and effective date.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the Special Use Permit, and staff supports the application. ZC-47-2019 District I

There was no public input.

Motion to close public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Torres
Second: Cm. Mercurio Martinez
For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma and Cm. Altgelt were not present.

14. Motion to open public hearing #14.

Moved: Cm. Mercurio Martinez
Second: Cm. Torres
For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma and Cm. Altgelt were not present.

Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for Oil and/or Gas Extraction and Production (Plug/Abandonment of Well), on Lot 11, Block 1, Santa Rita Subdivision IX, located at 139 Asturias Ct. providing for publication and effective date.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the Special Use Permit, and staff supports the application. ZC-48-2019 District III

There was no public input.

Motion to close public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez
Second: Cm. Mercurio Martinez
For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma and Cm. Altgelt were not present.

15. Motion to open public hearing #15.

Moved: Cm. Mercurio Martinez

Second: Cm. Rodriguez

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma and Cm. Altgelt were not present.

Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for Oil and/or Gas Extraction and Production (Plug/Abandonment of Well), on Lot 1, Block 1, Riverhill Commercial Subdivision, Unit XIV, located at 801 Riverhill Loop; providing for publication and effective date.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the Special Use Permit, and staff supports the application. ZC-49-2019 District III

Chris Haynes recommended approval of this item.

Motion to close public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Mercurio Martinez

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

16. Motion to open public hearing #16.

Moved: Cm. Mercurio Martinez

Second: Cm. Rodriguez

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma and Cm. Altgelt were not present.

Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 14.40 acres, (described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A"), located West of Century Blvd. and South of Jaime Zapata Memorial Hwy., from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District); providing for publication and effective date.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change, and staff supports the application. ZC-50-2019 District I

There was no public input.

Motion to close public hearing and table.

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

Cm. Vielma and Cm. Altgelt were not present.

17. Motion to open public hearing #17.

Moved: Cm. Mercurio Martinez
Second: Cm. Rodriguez
For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma and Cm. Altgelt were not present.

Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 3.95 acres, (described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A"), located South of Jaime Zapata Memorial Hwy., from B-3 (Community Business District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District); providing for publication and effective date.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change, and staff supports the application. ZC-51-2019 District I

There was no public input.

Motion to close public hearing and table.

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

Cm. Vielma and Cm. Altgelt were not present.

18. Motion to open public hearing #18.

Moved: Cm. Mercurio Martinez
Second: Cm. Rodriguez
For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma and Cm. Altgelt were not present.

Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to amend the FY2018-2019 El Metro Operations Budget (558) expenditures and transferring funds from Transit Sales Tax (518) to El Metro Operations fund (558) in the amount of \$104,622.00. These funds will be used to develop and implement a Pilot Urban Circulator Program.

There was no public input.

Motion to close public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Mercurio Martinez

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma and Cm. Altgelt were not present.

19. Motion to open public hearing #19.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Mercurio Martinez

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma and Cm. Altgelt were not present.

Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to amend the FY2018-2019 Capital Grants budget by drawing down from fund balance \$63,668.00 to cover the local match of \$72,000.00 for Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) No. CSJ-0922-33-181 with the Texas Department of Transportation for the MPO ADA Bus Stops and Bicycles Plazas Improvement Project.

There was no public input.

Motion to close public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Mercurio Martinez

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma and Cm. Altgelt were not present.

20. Motion to table public hearing #20.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Mercurio Martinez

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Torres and Cm. Vielma were not present.

Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2019-O-071, Chapter 31 (Utilities), Article III, (WATER), Division 3 (RATES AND CHARGES), section 31-138 (Water Rates) by renaming Table 4 called the multifamily rates from Water Demand Fees and creating Table 5, named Water Demand Fees, per year from October 1, 2019 to October 1, 2022 at the levels indicated in the rate tables provided within this ordinance. Also, correcting the typo in Table 1. These rates will automatically go into effect on October 1, 2019 and for each subsequent

year thereafter though October 1, 2022; providing for an annual rate adjustment of 3% for all customer classes beginning October 1, 2023 and each year thereafter; providing for publication and an effective date.

Tabled.

VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

21. Amending the City of Laredo Land Development Code, Chapter 24, Article IV, Section 24.77.2 (8) entitled Front Yard Setback Requirements by adding subsection (d) intended to allow the construction of carports up to the property line, measured vertically, subject to easements, site visibility, and minimum parking requirements.

Victor Linares, Acting Building Director, explained that when the Planning & Zoning Department reviews the setback requirements, there are three components: the carport, front, and rear setbacks. The only item that they recommend and provided an approval for was the carport setback.

Rosario Cabello, Co-Interim City Manager, explained that the Technical review Board and the Planning & Zoning Commission met over this matter. The two committees could not come to an agreement, so the Planning Director recommended that staff bring the item back to Council.

Mr. Linares confirmed that all parties agreed on the carport concept but not the others. Cm. Altgelt attempted to initiate a motion to approve the TRB's recommendation as it relates to the front, rear, and side setbacks.

Kristina L. Hale, City Attorney, informed Council that the Land Development Code states that the Planning & Zoning Commission must make a recommendation s to approve or deny the amendment. Since they have not done so, they have requested staff recommendation before making a decision. The Commission is entitled to a recommendation from staff.

Dr. Marte Martinez asked if Council could approve this item today and give the Commission a timeline in which they must develop a recommendation. Mrs. Hale suggested that Council give the matter to staff to provide a recommendation to the Commission.

Motion to instruct staff to bring a Planning & Zoning Commission recommendation to Council in 30 days.

Moved: Cm. Altgelt

Second: Dr. Marte Martinez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

22. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, establishing the rental rate and tenant policies for a single-family dwelling located at 419 "A" Zaragoza St., by setting the monthly rental fee amount as \$500.00 for a two bedroom unit; providing for rent to be charged at affordable rents for elderly individuals; providing security deposit for new tenants at the same rate as the rental amount; providing for rents to be in compliance and charged at HOME program rent limits; occupancy to be limited to persons aged 62 years or older with incomes at or below the area median income, as set annually by the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

23. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, establishing the rental rate and tenant policies for a single-family dwelling located at 3016 Clark Boulevard, by setting the monthly rental fee amount as \$570.00 for a three bedroom unit; providing for rent to be charged at affordable rents; providing security deposit for new tenants 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

24. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to execute all documents for the purchase of the "Surface Only" of 222 Allen Drive from Erika Medina in the negotiated amount of Twenty-Five Thousand dollars and no cents (\$25,000.00), legally described as situated in Webb County, Texas and being the Surface Only of Lot Number Four Hundred Twenty-One (421), in Block Number Twenty-Two (22), River View Estates Subdivision, Unit 2C, Subdivision situated in the City of Laredo, as per Plat recorded in Volume 10, Page 24 and Replat recorded in Volume 15, Page 20, Webb County Plat records as described in Survey, Exhibit "A". This tract will provide for drainage improvements in order to alleviate flooding concerns and for public use as a connector and a continuation to the Father McNaboe Hike and Bike Trail; and providing for an effective date. Funding is available through the Environmental Services Funds.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

25. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to allow for the temporary street closure of 400 Block of Tatangelo Parkway (between Iturbide St. & Lincoln St.) from 6 PM to 6 AM on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday as a means to increase pedestrian safety. Said temporary closure is more accurately depicted on Exhibit "A", an aerial map of location; and providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

26. Closing and vacating as a public easement, a section of 1900 Bismark Street, in District III, between South Meadow Street and Buena Vista Avenue, legally

described as an undeveloped tract of land containing 9,832 sq. ft. (0.2257 Acre) tract of land, more or less, situated within the limits of the City of Laredo and Webb County, Texas, being out and part of Bismark Street, Right-Of-Way (East of Buena Vista Avenue and West of South Meadow Avenue) in the City of Laredo, Eastern Division, as recorded in Volume 7, Page 15 of the Webb County Plat Records. The City of Laredo reserves any and all apparent and visible easements recorded or not recorded; hereof, closed as a public easement and providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

27. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to enter into license agreements with local associations for the use of City playing fields for youth and adult programs, the term of each being from March 1, 2019 through December 1, 2019. No fee will be charged by the City to the associations in view of the public benefit in permitting the associations to use the City's facilities for baseball, softball, soccer and flag football for the benefit of the youth of Laredo.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

28. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, TX amending the Chapter 19 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic), Article XII (Transit System), Division 3 (Bus Bench Advertising), Section 19-581, of the Code of Ordinances to add the Transit Bus Bench Advertising Fees.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

29. Amending the Transit Department FTEs by creating one (1) additional position for a Transit Advertisement Specialist. Funding is available in the El Metro General Administration Fund.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

30. Amending Chapter 31 (Utilities), Article II, division 1, Section 31-16, Article III, Division 4 by deleting sections 31-141.15-31-141.88 and creating Article V (Water conservation and drought contingency plan) sections 31-195 through 31-242. Amending sections 31-195, 31-197, 31-199, 31-200 through 31-205, 31-208, 31-212, 31-213, 31-214, 31-215, 31-217, 31-220, , 31-221, 31-228, 31-236, 31-238, 31-240. Adding section 31-210 and removing section 31-219. Providing for severability and publication date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive the final readings of Ordinances 2019-O-102, 2019-O-103, 2019-O-104, 2019-O-105, 2019-O-106, 2019-O-107, 2019-O-109, 2019-O-110, 2019-O-111, and 2019-O-112.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez
Second: Cm. Mercurio Martinez
For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Torres and Cm. Vielma were not present.

31. 2019-O-102 An Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Buildings and Building Regulations, Section 7-2 of the Code of Ordinances and Chapter 24, Appendix D, Permit Fees, to establish new building permit and plan/checking fees for residential construction in accordance with HB 852; providing a cumulative and repealer clause; providing a severability clause; providing for publication; providing for a penalty; and declaring an effective date (AS AMENDED).

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-O-102.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez
Second: Cm. Mercurio Martinez
For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Torres and Cm. Vielma were not present.

32. 2019-O-103 Amending Chapter 31, (Utilities), Article III (water) Division 3 (rates and charges), of the City's Code of Ordinances related to the establishment of a new rate schedule for different categories of wastewater effluent sales; providing a savings clause; providing a severability clause; providing a penalty provision and providing an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-O-103.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez
Second: Cm. Mercurio Martinez
For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Torres and Cm. Vielma were not present.

33. 2019-O-104 Ratifying the execution of a contract amendment from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), amending the FY 2018-2019 budget by appropriating additional revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$70,000.00 for a total of \$205,000.00 for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Healthy Texas Mothers and Babies Program (formerly Healthy Texas Babies) to promote maternal child health services, womens health and well-being for the term from September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2020.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-O-104.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez
Second: Cm. Mercurio Martinez
For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Torres and Cm. Vielma were not present.

34. 2019-O-105 Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Laredo (City), the Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority (WC-CL RMA), and the Webb County Drainage District No. 1 (Drainage District) for the development of a new arterial road, as further identified in attached Exhibits 3 and 4, extending from the intersection of Loop 20 (Cuatro Vientos Road) and Los Presidentes Avenue to its intersection with the extension of Concord Hills Boulevard. Also authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to amend the FY2018-2019 Capital Grants Fund Budget by appropriating the estimated total project cost of \$3,070,000.00, which will include: design, permitting, construction, construction oversight, Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) coordination, and environmental clearance. The Laredo District of the Texas Department of Transportation (“TxDOT”) has committed to construct acceleration and deceleration lanes on Loop 20 (Cuatro Vientos Road), which will provide access to the project, at a cost of approximately \$730,000.00. Contributions toward the total estimated \$3,070,000.00 project cost are as follows: \$1,400,000.00 by the City, \$600,000.00 by the Drainage District, and \$1,070,000.00 by the WC-CL RMA. Funding is available in the Capital Grants Fund.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-O-105.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez
Second: Cm. Mercurio Martinez
For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Torres and Cm. Vielma were not present.

35. 2019-O-106 Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Laredo (City), and the Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority (WC-CL RMA), for the development of turn lanes, as further identified in attached Exhibit, to be located at the intersection of Killam Industrial Boulevard and Farm to Market Road 1472 (Mines Road). Also authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to amend the FY2018-2019 Capital Grants Fund Budget by appropriating the estimated total project cost of \$2,700,000.00, which will include design, permitting, construction, construction oversight, and environmental clearance. Killam Development, Ltd. (“Killam”) has committed to donating the required right-of-way (“ROW”) to the project. Contributions towards the total estimated \$2,700,000.00 project

cost are as follows: \$1,600,000.00 by the City, and \$1,100,000.00 by the WC-CL RMA.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-O-106.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Mercurio Martinez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Torres and Cm. Vielma were not present.

36. 2019-O-107 Amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2019 Financial Task Force and Police Trust Fund budgets by transferring revenues, expenditures and fund balance of \$3,644,140.00 to the Police Trust Fund. These amendments are transferred to the Financial Task Force equitable sharing funds to the Police Trust Fund due to the new equitable sharing guidelines that became effective this fiscal year.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-O-107.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Mercurio Martinez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Torres and Cm. Vielma were not present.

37. 2019-O-109 An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 2, Article II, Division 1, of the Code of Ordinances by repealing Section 2-29, "Reimbursements," and replacing with a new comprehensive Section 2-29, to be entitled "Compensation of Mayor and Council Members," to provide for all the compensation, allowable expenses, and any other benefits of the members of the City Council; providing for procedures for reimbursement of expenses; providing that business expenses associated with transportation/vehicle, home office, and cell phone will be reimbursed to members of the governing body under a non-accountable plan; providing that a member of the governing body may elect to be reimbursed under an accountable plan for the actual and necessary expenses associated with transportation/vehicle, home office, and cell phone with the corresponding expense substantiation on a form to be provided by the Director of Financial Services; providing for a cumulative clause and repealer clause; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-O-109.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Mercurio Martinez
For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Torres and Cm. Vielma were not present.

38. 2019-O-110 An Ordinance amending Section 2-157 of the Laredo City Code to provide that committee members shall automatically forfeit their appointed position for failure to attend four (4) regularly scheduled meetings only in one calendar year; to provide that a committee member who forfeits an appointed position for failure to attend four (4) regularly scheduled meetings is not eligible for appointment to any committee until the expiration of the current term of the appointing member of the City Council; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; and providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-O-110.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez
Second: Cm. Mercurio Martinez
For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Torres and Cm. Vielma were not present.

39. 2019-O-111 An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, adopting the revised City of Laredo Priority Procedures Handbook for City Council and City boards, commissions, and committees; adopting rules governing the manner in which City Council meetings are conducted; providing for a cumulative clause; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-O-111.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez
Second: Cm. Mercurio Martinez
For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Torres and Cm. Vielma were not present.

40. 2019-O-112 Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to amend the City of Laredo FY 2018-2019 to amend the City of Laredo FY 2018-2019 Parkland Acquisition and Park Improvement Fund budget to appropriate revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$59,818.00. Revenues are from parkland improvement fees paid by the developers of Shiloh Highland and Kimberly Subdivisions. The expenditures will be utilized for the Divine Mercy Park improvements.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-O-112.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez
Second: Cm. Mercurio Martinez
For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Torres and Cm. Vielma were not present.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

41. AIRPORT: STAFF SOURCE JEFFREY J. MILLER, AIRPORT DIRECTOR

- a. Consideration to award contract FY19-076 Airport Pavement Markings Removal contract to lowest bidder Hi-Lite Airfield Services LLC from Adams Center, NY in amount of \$99,799.18. This contract is for the removal of taxiway edge pavement markings for the Laredo International Airport to comply with FAA Advisory Circular "Standards for Airport Markings", AC No. 150/5340-1M dated 5/10/2019-Removal of Markings. Funding is available in the International Airport Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez
Second: Cm. Altgelt
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

42. BRIDGE: STAFF SOURCE YVETTE LIMON, BRIDGE DIRECTOR

- a. 2019-R-99 Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to enter into and execute the Advanced Funding Agreement (CSJ #0922-33-178) for Coordinated Border Infrastructure Program Off-System by and between the State of Texas, acting by and through the Texas Department of Transportation, and the City of Laredo. The agreement is for the relocation and construction of four primary inspection booths, a non-intrusive inspection area, two exit control booths and access to the current secondary inspection facilities and hazardous material offsite containment facility at the World Trade International Bridge Port of Entry as shown in Attachment B of the agreement. Project cost is estimated at \$11.7 million as shown in Attachment C of the agreement.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-R-099.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez
Second: Cm. Altgelt
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- b. Authorizing the ratification of an emergency purchase order to R & A Construction, Laredo, TX in the amount of \$395,529.00 for emergency repairs and improvements to the EI Portal building at International Bridge Number 1. Funding is available in the Laredo Bridge System Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

43. BUILDING: STAFF SOURCE VICTOR LINARES, ACTING BUILDING DIRECTOR

- a. 2019-R-106 Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a Tax Abatement Agreement between the City of Laredo and Albino Santos Jr. for a proposed project located at 1220 E Bustamante Street, Lot 5; Block 665, eastern division that consists of new construction, in accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ). This agreement will be for a five (5) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$162,834.65, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$1,032.38 and estimated total fee waivers of \$3,492.00. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-R-106.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- b. 2019-R-107 Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a Tax Abatement Agreement between the City of Laredo and Julio Cuevas for a proposed project located at 1318 Salinas Ave, Lot 7; Block 229, eastern division that consists of multi-family, in accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ). This agreement will be for a ten (10) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$355,500.00, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$2,253.87 and estimated total fee waivers of \$6,558.00. Guidelines and criteria for the

agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-R-107.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- c. 2019-R-108 Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a Tax Abatement Agreement between the City of Laredo and Raul Santos for a proposed project located at 2803 Corpus Christi St, Lot 1 & 2; Block 1703, eastern division that consists of new construction, in accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ). This agreement will be for a ten (10) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$126,685.00, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$803.18 and estimated total fee waivers of \$6,121.00. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-R-108.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- d. 2019-R-111 A resolution waiving garage or yard sale permit fees for garage or yard sales taking place August 9-11, 2019, in observance of National Garage Sale Day; amending Chapter 18, Article III, Section 18-15 of the Code of Ordinances by authorizing the City Manager, with the approval of the City Council, to periodically waive garage or yard sale permit fees when deemed in the best interest of the City; providing for a cumulative clause; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-R-111.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

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

- a. 2019-R-110 A Resolution of the City of Laredo, Texas finding that AEP Texas Inc.'s requested increase to its electric transmission and distribution rates and charges within the City should be denied; finding that the City's reasonable rate case expenses should be reimbursed; requiring reimbursement of rate case expenses; finding that the meeting at which this Resolution is passed was open to the public as required by law.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-R-110.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

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

- a. Approving the submission of the 2019-2020 One Year Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) request for funding in the amounts of \$3,730,742.00 in 45th Action Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, \$1,085,399.00 through the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and \$316,494.00 through the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). An additional \$2,800.00 is anticipated to be received through CDBG program income, \$72,000.00 in Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan funds, and \$260,000.00 in HOME program income. Also authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to execute all documents as a result of the Plan's submission. The plan identifies the projects proposed to be funded by HUD through entitlement program funds and anticipated program income, which are as follows:

45th AY Community Development Block Grant		
1	Community Development Administration	\$746,148
2	Housing Rehabilitation Administration	\$306,308
3	Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program	\$593,676
4	Code Enforcement	\$505,182
5	Graffiti Removal Program	\$ 30,671
6	Downtown Senior Recreational Program	\$151,557
7	Ejido/Lomas del Sur Traffic Light Project	\$150,000
8	Downtown Rental Rehabilitation Program	\$275,000
9	Downtown Neighborhood Access Improvements	\$100,000
10	District I – Ejido/Pita Mangana Traffic Light Project	\$125,000

11	District II – Cigarroa Park Splash Pad	\$225,000
12	District III – Design of South Laredo Nature Center Trails	\$ 25,000
13	District IV - Sidewalks	\$125,000
14	District V – De Llano Park Improvements	\$125,000
15	District VII - Neighborhood Bike Lanes	\$125,000
16	District VIII - Sidewalks	\$125,000
	TOTAL	\$3,733,542

	Revolving Loan	
17	Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Administration	\$ 7,027
18	Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program	\$64,973
	TOTAL	\$72,000

	HOME Investment Partnership Grant	
19	HOME Program Administration	\$107,139
20	Down Payment Assistance Program (PI)	\$260,000
21	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	\$390,000
22	Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)	\$162,810
23	Inner City Affordable Rental Housing	\$425,450
	TOTAL	\$1,345,39

	Emergency Solutions Grant	
24	ESG Program Administration	\$16,258
25	Emergency Shelter – Shelter Operations	\$95,000
26	Emergency Shelter – Essential Services	\$45,000
27	Street Outreach	\$ 9,884
28	Rapid Re-Housing	\$82,352
29	Homelessness Prevention	\$60,000
30	Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	\$ 8,000
	TOTAL	\$316,494

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- b. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to sell the "Surface Only" of a closed section of the 1900 Block of Bismark Street to Gerardo "Jerry" Salinas of Gateway Builders, LTD. It was appraised at the fair market value of \$49,000.00 by a State Certified Independent appraiser Frank Leal. It is described as a tract of land containing 0.2257 acre (9,832 sq. ft.), more or less, out of Bismark Street R. O. W., situated in the Western Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas. The City of Laredo reserves any and all visible and apparent easements recorded or not recorded, being generally described in attached Exhibit "A", and approving the Post Closure Property Improvement Plan as described in Exhibit "B", which is in compliance with Section 10 of the Street Closing/Sales Policy Handbook, and providing for an effective date.

Motion to table.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- c. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to grant housing priority to West Care Permanent Supportive Housing Program participants at risk of being homeless due to the end of their funding for their program. Priority is being requested for the Laredo Municipal Housing waiting list and the HOME program Elderly waiting list. This housing priority will be to prevent program participants from becoming homeless and provide housing priority status for program participants that meet all municipal housing rental requirements. This authorization would also provide for any necessary HOME program policy update to allow prioritizing these participants only for this one-time.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- d. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to reallocate the unexpended contract amount of \$10,668.17 for Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds awarded to the Salvation Army on December 4, 2017. The contract ended on June 30, 2019 and a balance of \$10,688.17 remains unexpended. Staff is recommending awarding the reallocation of \$5,344.09 to Bethany House of Laredo and \$5,344.08 to Casa de Misericordia, and authorizing the amendment of their current contracts in order to provide additional funds for providing Emergency Shelter Operations for the homeless. This reallocation is needed in order to expend all funds by September 30, 2019, as required by the Department of

Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Funding is available in 2017 ESG Grant Year.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- e. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to request assistance and partner with the Texas Army National Guard through its Operation Crackdown Program and to authorize the waiver of all applicable City fees to assist the City in demolishing abandoned and neglected structures that have a history of drug and criminal activity and pose an immediate danger to neighborhood residents. The program provides for the no cost demolition of identified structures and the City being responsible for obtaining the necessary clearances, court orders, warrants and/or permits for the destruction and removal/disposal of debris.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- f. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to amend the Laredo Main Street FY 2018-2019 contract regarding the requested change to the Jamboozie Festival date from September to November 2, 2019 and also the location from the heart of the Laredo downtown area to the Tres Laredos Park. All expenses will be encumbered in FY 2018-2019 Hotel Motel budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

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

- a. 2019-R-109 Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to execute an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement by and between the City of Laredo and Webb County for the preliminary engineering including schematic and environmental for the Hachar-Reuthinger Extension (F.M. 1472 to IH-35 West Frontage Road); and declaring an effective

date. Funds are available in the 2016 Tax T/E CO Bond.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-R-109.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- b. Consideration for approval of amendment no. 3 an increase of \$84,400.00 to the professional services contract with Structural Engineering Associates, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, for the World Trade International Bridge, US Customs Exit Booth Expansion for additional design, surveying and construction services for the FAST Lanes relocation portion of overall project. Current engineering contract amount with this amendment is \$1,978,534.00. Funding is available in the Bridge Construction Fund-Buildings.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- c. Consideration for approval of acceptance of the CDBG Freddy Benavides Recreational (Sisters of Mercy) Water Feature (Lazy River) adjacent to the City of Laredo Cigarroa Recreation Center Swimming Pool at 2201 Zacatecas Street as complete, release retainage, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$21,533.09 to RLI Insurance Co, the Surety company which completed the project after the contract was terminated with Ayala Pools dba Sunset Pools on December 20, 2018. The surety company, together with the City of Laredo, successfully completed the items not completed by the original contractor, Sunset Pools. There is an amount of \$142,395.00 remaining including \$71,000.00 plus \$71,395.00 retainage. The remaining funds in the amount of \$120,861.91 from the original contract will be used for other amenities on site. Final contract amount is \$1,498,900.00. Funding is available in the Community Development Fund, Capital Improvements Fund, 2014 CO, 2015 CO and 2016 CO Issue.

Motion to table.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

47. ENVIRONMENTAL: STAFF SOURCE JOHN PORTER, ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTOR

- a. Consideration to renew contract FY17-042 for the Chacon Creek Hike/Bike Trail Maintenance to low bidder Romo Contractors, Laredo, TX for an amount of \$85,900.00 per year. The term of this contract shall be for a period of two (2) years beginning as of the date of its execution and subject to future appropriations. This is the last extension period. Funding for this contract is available in the Environmental Services Department Budget.

Miguel Pescador, Purchasing Agent, informed Council that staff was given the approval to renew the contract.

John Porter, Environmental Services Director, voiced the Department's satisfaction with Romo Contractors as it pertains to cleaning the bike trails and creeks. Staff monitors the contractors' progress in keeping up maintenance on the area and are pleased with the results at Chacon and Zacate Creeks.

Cm. Rodriguez voiced his opinion that the contract should be yearly rather than for a two-year period as long-term contracts make vendor complacent. Mr. Porter stated that he would be amenable to a yearly contract.

Cm. Altgelt recalled Bicycle Month in May of this year in which a group of cyclists, including many children, from Downtown Laredo to the Zacate Creek trail and witnessed filthy conditions. There were obvious signs of drug use and vagrants inhabiting the area for shelter and illicit uses. The Chacon Creek trail was in good condition, but the Zacate area floods more seasonally and needs attention. He reiterated that there was drug use occurring right in front of the children riding through the trails. Dr. Marte Martinez reminded Council that Romo Contractors cannot be responsible for illicit activities or removing transient individuals from the area.

Mr. Porter clarified that the Chacon Creek and the Zacate Creek projects are separate even though they are both serviced by Romo Contractors. He explained that Romo performs cleaning once a month, and when one round is completed the process begins again. Staff has seen a problem with the homeless and drug-addicted populations utilizing the area. The trails are cleaned and then immediately occupied by these groups who leave food containers, litter, and furniture. He clarified that the contractors are not responsible for the problem as they regularly clean.

Cm. Altgelt noted that there is also a lot of grass clippings and detritus on the trails, voicing his opinion that the contractors should bag or blow away.

Motion to rebid this project and allow staff to enter into a month-to-month contract with Romo Contractors for a period not to exceed three months until the bid is awarded.

Moved: Cm. Rodriguez

Second: Cm. Torres
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Mercurio Martinez was not present.

48. FIRE: STAFF SOURCE STEVE LANDIN, FIRE CHIEF

- a. Consideration to renew and amend contract FY16-027 to Galls, LLC., Lexington, KY. This contract amendment is to allow for a six (6) percent increase in the annual amount to \$228,000.00; this is needed to allow for the necessary purchase of uniforms, boots and accessories for the Fire Department. These items are included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the Firefighters Union. Each firefighter has a \$600.00 clothing allowance that may be used to purchase any of the listed items in the agreement. This is the first of two additional one (1) year renewals, subject to future budget appropriations. Funding is available in the General Fund - Fire Department's operational budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez
Second: Cm. Altgelt
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

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

- a. Consideration to renew annual contract FY18-033 for the purchase of Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) parts/service for the City's Case equipment with Nueces Power Equipment, Corpus Christi, Texas, in an amount up to \$93,750.00. All parts and services will be secured on an as needed basis. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the last extension period for this contract. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez
Second: Cm. Altgelt
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- b. 2019-R-112 Consideration to authorize the City Co-Interim City Managers to sell surplus equipment to the City of Rio Bravo, Texas. Surplus equipment consists of two side loader refuse trucks. Surplus

equipment will be sold at a reduced price of the salvage value. The sale price is as follows: Unit 6251 2011 Peterbilt/McNeilus side loader for \$9000.00, and Unit 6253 2011 Peterbilt/McNeilus side loader for \$9000.00.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-R-112.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

50. **HEALTH: STAFF SOURCE DR. HECTOR GONZALEZ, HEALTH DIRECTOR**

- a. 2019-R-101 Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to accept a grant award from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in the amount of \$13,398.67 for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) mosquito surveillance and control activities to prevent vector borne diseases for the term of May 14, 2019 through August 31, 2019.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-R-101.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- b. 2019-R-102 Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to accept an additional amount of \$22,556.00 for the Women's Health and Family Planning Association of Texas (WHFPT) for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department Title X Family Planning Women's Preventive Health and Wellness Services for the term period from April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-R-102.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- c. 2019-R-103 Ratifying the approval of a contract with the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for a no-cost extension (no additional funding) to further support the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Public Health Preparedness and Response programs,

specifically to prevent the Zika virus infection through enhanced laboratory testing, for a term period through July 31, 2020.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-R-103.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- d. 2019-R-104 Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to accept two (2) continuation contract amendments from the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Title V Prenatal Services for \$37,000.00 and Title V Child Health for \$115,750.00 for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department prenatal and dental patient care and prevention services to provide appropriate maternal child health care and preventive services for the period from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-R-104.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- e. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to approve the purchase of a modular building for the City of Laredo Health Department Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition, supplemental and health promotion program for the Rio Bravo clinic in the amount of \$196,483.00. Funding is available through the Health Department WIC Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

51. HUMAN RESOURCES: STAFF SOURCE MELINA BERMUDEZ, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

- a. Consideration to authorize the Co-Interim City Managers to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Let's Go Texas, LLC for the purpose of providing worksite training and experience for individuals with disabilities.

Melina Bermudez, Human Resources Director, proposed an MOU with Let's Go Texas to provide opportunities for individuals with disabilities to work with the City of Laredo between six to twelve weeks in an unpaid capacity. These individuals would perform clerical duties such as filing, analyzing financial data, data entry, and other duties.

Cecilia Gutierrez of Let's Go Texas LLC noted that the organization collaborates with and works alongside the Texas Workforce Program to train, provide employment opportunities, and find employers in an effort to level the playing field for individuals with disabilities. As a retired teacher, she noted her understanding that the City of Laredo to reach out and educate individuals and be open to opportunities. She noted that it should not take an individual being the parent of a child with disabilities for the doors to be opened to those individuals.

Cm. Torres asked if an individual works with the City through this program and staff determines that they would be a good fit for a particular position, they could be transitioned into the City's workforce with pay. Robert Eads, Co-Interim City Manager, confirmed that the City is always looking for quality candidates and would be happy to draw from the pool provided by Let's Go Texas. Cm. Torres encouraged staff to train and encourage Directors to work with these individuals and provide the training that will help them display their best abilities and knowledge moving forward.

Ms. Gutierrez reported that she works alongside the Texas Vocational Program who provides transitional training such as resume-writing, interview skills, and transportation, and soft skills. She assured Council that these individuals are promising and would be valuable to the workforce, and opportunities such as this one open doors for them to begin successful careers.

Dr. Hector Gonzalez, Health Director, added that this MOU is an initiative of Mayor Saenz's Blue Ribbon Committee for People with Disabilities, and he reiterated that the individuals in the program are dedicated, hard-working, and pleasant to work with. He attested that they will contribute greatly to the organization. The Blue Ribbon Committee fully supports this item and other programs such as Earn & Learn.

Mayor Saenz reported that the City had approached the Texas Workforce Solutions to tailor a program for veterans and voiced satisfaction that this opportunity is opening up as well.

Ms. Gutierrez encouraged any Council Members who are business owners to reach out to Let's Go Texas as there is a pool of applicants who are dying to make a difference.

Cm. Vielma noted that, as the mother of a child with special needs, she encouraged Directors and manager to make an effort to offer these program participants the opportunity of an interview so that they may practice the skills that they have acquired.

Mayor Saenz also encouraged the private sector to consider the disabled community for employment, adding this opinion that work provides dignity to so many citizens. Cm. Torres suggested that the City incorporate EI Lift to promote this program and to help facilitate transportation services to those individuals.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Vielma

Second: Cm. Balli

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Rodriguez and Cm. Altgelt were not present.

- b. Consideration to award contract number FY19-079 to provide Temporary Staffing Agency Services to the following vendors:
 - 1. Staff Force Inc., Laredo, Texas;
 - 2. 22nd Century Technologies Inc., Somerset, New Jersey.

Both vendors will be awarded as primary vendors for set contract services to provide the City of Laredo with a labor pool for those departments that might require temporary staffing throughout the fiscal year. All services will be secured on an as needed basis and the estimated contract amount for this fiscal year would be approximately \$2,300,000.00. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year, beginning effective date of contract and allows for two (2) additional one (1) year renewal periods. Funding is available in the respective departmental budgets.

Jose A. Valdez, Jr., City Secretary, clarified that the second recommendation has changed from 22nd Century Technologies to HR Plus.

Melina Bermudez, Human Resources Director, explained that the second recommendation changed because HR Plus is a local company. Rosario Cabello, Co-Interim City Manager, added that the recommendation changed because staff found poor ratings for 22nd Century Technologies through the Better Business Bureau. Staff wanted to ensure the best selections for this project and therefore decided to change their recommendation.

Robert Eads, Co-Interim City Manager, reiterated that staff took due diligence and extra efforts as part of its normal process. After that extra effort, staff found that 22nd Century is not as highly-ranked as was first scored by the selection committee. At this point, staff recommends bypassing them and selection HR Plus as the second local staffing source.

Mrs. Cabello explained that both parties would be awarded the project at the same time. Mrs. Bermudez clarified that both entities would be primary vendors. Currently, Elite Employment has 10 days to provide a candidate upon the City's request. If that temporary employee is not available, then the City has already

lost 10 days of work. Therefore, staff recommends awarding the project to two primaries to remove any lag time for the Departments to complete their work.

Mrs. Cabello reminded Council that the City previously awarded the contract to Elite Employment and spent about \$1.5 million annually. This is a two-year contract with an estimated amount not to exceed \$2.3 million, as needed. She confirmed that staff will be prudent in its temporary staffing decisions. Mr. Eads agreed that staff is trying to intelligently transition some temporary employees into a full-time permanent position, which has its own costs.

Miguel Pescador, Purchasing Agent, reminded Council that the last time the City awarded a temporary staffing agency contract, it was for \$2.7 million for one year, although the City only spent \$1.5 million. Mrs. Bermudez clarified that the amount requested is simply to ensure that staff will not have to come back to Council asking for more money. Mr. Pescador reminded Council that changing the scope of this contract might invite challenges from the vendors who already submitted their proposals.

Motion to approve the contract to Staff Force Inc. and HR Plus for an amount not to exceed \$1.7 million, as amended.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Mercurio Martinez was not present.

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

- a. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to enter into and execute a contract between GEO IS and the City of Laredo for the purchase of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Network Maintenance and GIS Network Consulting through a Sole Source contract in the total amount of \$272,500.00 for a two year period. This charge is to continue GIS Network Maintenance and Consulting that is provided to the 9-1-1 Regional Administration and to continue to enable the most current 9-1-1 data to be available throughout the South Texas Region. Funding is available in the Regional 9-1-1 Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- b. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to enter into and execute a contract between SecuLore Solutions, a Cybersecurity company focused on Public

Safety, and the City of Laredo to provide cybersecurity technology and monitoring services to safeguard the 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), as well as the 9-1-1 Database Network in the four county region of Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb and Zapata. SecuLore will provide cybersecurity monitoring services for a two year period to the region in the amount of \$319,300.10. The managed services will be purchased from SecuLore Solutions through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) Contract No. EC07-18. Funding is available in the Regional 9-1-1 Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- c. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to enter into and execute a contract between 911 Datamaster, Inc. and the City of Laredo to provide the 911 Regional Administration with ongoing Geographic Information Systems (GIS) services for two years through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) Cooperative Buy Contract No. EC07-14, Product Category B, in the total amount of \$129,200.00. This ongoing GIS service is needed in order to continue GIS work in order to meet Next Generation (NG) 9-1-1 GIS standards put forth by the State of Texas 9-1-1 Commission on State Emergency Communication (CSEC). Funding is available in the Regional 9-1-1 Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- d. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to enter into and execute Interlocal Agreements between the City of Laredo and Webb County Sheriff's Office, Jim Hogg County Sheriff's Department, Starr County Sheriff's Office, Zapata County Sheriff's Office, Rio Grande City Police Department, Roma Police Department, Jim Hogg County Appraisal District, Zapata County Appraisal District, and Starr County Planning Department for Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) and Database Maintenance services for the period of September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- e. Consideration to ratify emergency Purchase Orders issued to Network Alliance, LLC, in the total of amount of \$85,100.00 to provide support services post Cyber-attack of May 22, 2019. Funding is available in the Information Technology Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

53. LAREDO ANIMAL CARE SERVICES: STAFF SOURCE HEBERTO L. RAMIREZ, ACTING LACS DIRECTOR

- a. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to enter into and execute a contract for professional services with Sandra Leyendecker, DVM for veterinary services to include: general health and welfare of the shelter animals, spay and neuter surgeries, vaccinations, emergency animal health care, and any other related matters at Laredo Animal Care Services from October 1, 2019, to September 31, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 per year, with an option to renew for two (2) additional one-year terms contingent on funding availability. Funding is available in the Animal Care Services Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- b. Consideration to ratify the amendment of contract FY18-027 for the purchase of Veterinary Medications to allow for a 25% contract amount increase to awarded vendors as follows:
 - 1. Miller Veterinary, Fort Worth, Texas – Primary vendor, for a new annual amount of \$75,000.00;
 - 2. MWI Animal Health, Boise Idaho – Secondary vendor, for a new annual amount of \$75,000.00.

This contract is in the 2nd year of a two (2) year term and is subject to future appropriations, beginning as of the date of its execution; contract may be extended for one, additional (1) year period upon mutual agreement. All

medications will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Laredo Animal Care Department Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

54. PARKS & RECREATION: GRACIELA S. BRIONES & ANITA STANLEY, CO-ASSISTANT PARK DIRECTORS

- a. Consideration to renew contract FY16-060 with La Flecha Materials, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$152,000.00 for the purchase of red top soil and fill dirt for the Parks & Recreation Department. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one year beginning as of the date of its execution. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the third of four extension periods. All soils will be purchased on an as needed basis. The Parks & Recreation Department will use these soils for the maintenance of its Parks. Funding is available in the Parks & Recreation Department Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- b. Consideration to award annual service/supply contract FY19-081 for the repairs/replacement/new installation of shades for the Parks & Recreation Department to the following vendors:
1. Impression Design, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$300,000.00 (Primary Vendor); and
 2. RIYED Enterprises, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$100,000.00 (Secondary Vendor).

All services will be secured on an as needed basis. This contract establishes a percentage discount on original manufacturer shades and a labor rate for these services. The City of Laredo Purchasing Department shall obtain quotes from the primary and secondary vendor for all estimated projects that exceed \$7,000.00. The City of Laredo may add additional locations or departments for the replacement/repair/new installation of shades throughout the contract period. 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,

additional one (1) year periods each upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Parks Maintenance Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- c. Consideration to award service contract FY19-078 to the The Best Alarm Inc. Company, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$40,000.00 for providing alarm monitoring, maintenance, and repair services for various Recreation Centers. These services require monthly alarm monitoring services for the recreation centers elevators, burglary, fire, and suppression systems. In the event of expansion by the City of Laredo, future locations may be added as part of this contract. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. This contract may be extended for three, additional one (1) year periods upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Parks & Recreation Department Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- d. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to execute an Interlocal Agreement by and between the City of Laredo and the Laredo Independent School District for the purchase and installation of playground equipment at Santa Maria and Bruni Elementary Schools at a total cost of \$55,694. Funding is available in District VIII Priority Funds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- e. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to enter into and execute an Interlocal agreement between Laredo Independent School District and the City of Laredo for the purpose of sharing a joint use of certain outdoor recreational facilities, namely, Albert Ochoa Baseball Park, Freddie Benavides Baseball Field, Cigarroa Recreational Sports Complex Tennis Courts and Multi-purpose Field,

Market Tennis Courts Complex and Kawas Elementary Parking lot. The initial term will be for five years subject to renewal at the consent of both governing bodies.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

55. POLICE: STAFF SOURCE CLAUDIO TREVINO, CHIEF OF POLICE

- a. 2019-R-98 Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to ratify and accept a mine resistant ambush protected (MRAP) all terrain vehicle (ATV) from the Texas Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) Program. The LESO Program (formerly the 1033 Program) allows law enforcement agencies to receive Department of Defense (DoD) excess property. The transfer of this asset is at no cost to the city and will be recorded in the City's Fixed Asset Inventory System.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-R-098.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- b. 2019-R-100 Amending resolution 2019-R-80 by adding one (1) additional memorandum of understanding (Webb County District Attorney - Radio Agreement) to the list of cooperative working agreements/mutual assistance agreements/memorandums of understanding between the City of Laredo Police Department and various federal, state and local agencies, including but not limited to: Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), SCAN, et al. A comprehensive list is attached hereto as "Exhibit A". The Police Department's participation is part of the community service provided to our citizens, with no cost to the City of Laredo.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-R-100.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- c. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to accept a grant in the amount of \$872,271 to fund the Laredo Police Department HIDTA-HSI/DEA HIDTA Task Forces, and the Rio Grande Valley Financial HIDTA Task Force, and to enter into an agreement with Webb Co. Sheriff's Office (WCSO), and Zapata Co. Sheriff's Office (ZCSO) to provide services under the terms and conditions as stated in the LPD HSI HIDTA Task Force contract for participation in the task force. The initiatives are funded by the Executive Office of the President, Office of the National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) at no cost to the City. Funding for the LPD-HSI/DEA HIDTA Task Forces will be used to pay personnel salaries, fringe benefits, overtime, travel and operating expenses from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020. Funding for the Rio Grande Valley Financial Task Force will be used for payment of fringe benefits, overtime, and operating expenses from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- d. Consideration to award contract FY19-062 to the low bidder Data Works Plus, Greenville, SC, for the purchase of an Automated Biometric Identification System in the amount of \$167,901.89 for the Laredo Police Department. This system will update the old paper-based fingerprint system to a digital platform and provide enhanced efficiency and effectiveness to the LPD's forensic and investigative services. Funding is available in the 2018 PPFCO.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

56. PUBLIC WORKS: STAFF SOURCE JOHN ORFILA, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

- a. Consideration to renew contract number FY17-047 with S.C.C. Pure Materials, Laredo, Texas in amount up to \$500,000.00 for the purchase of the following paving, and construction materials:
 - 1. Flexible base Type D – Crushed Concrete, F.O.B. Public Works or Utilities Department Compound Job Site - \$17.50/ton
 - 2. Flexible base Type D – Crushed Concrete, F.O.B. Vendors Plant, Picked up

by City Trucks - \$14.50/ton

This contract is for the purchase of materials required for all city paving and construction projects. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the second of four extension periods. All materials shall be purchased on an as needed basis utilizing the Public Works Department, Utilities Department, and construction project budgets.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

b. Consideration to renew contract number FY16-059 with the following vendors:

1. City Ready Mix, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$2,300,000.00 (Primary Vendor);
2. Mobile-Crete, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$ 1,000,000.00 (Secondary Vendor),

for the purchase of ready mix cement (job site delivered) for various City Departments. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the last extension period for this contract. All materials shall be purchased on an as needed basis utilizing the Utilities, Parks and Leisure Services and Public Works Departments - construction projects budgets.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

c. Consideration to renew contract FY17-049 with Anderson Columbia, Lake City, Florida, in an amount up to \$3,000,000.00 for the purchase of black base and asphalt hot mix used for street paving projects. Any price changes to this contract will be governed by an index made up of the composite posted prices in the Laredo area of those companies published in the daily publication of Oil Price Information Service (OPIS). All materials are purchased on an as needed basis utilizing the construction project budgets. There was a price increase during the last extension period. This is the second of four extension periods. Funding is available in the Public Works construction project budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez
Second: Cm. Altgelt
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

57. SOLID WASTE: STAFF SOURCE STEPHEN GEISS, SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR

- a. Motion to amend the professional services contract with Arredondo, Zepeda, & Brunz, LLC, Dallas Texas in the estimated amount not to exceed \$70,000.00. This amendment is for additional services and is in accordance with the rates specified based on terms of the original agreement. The original agreement was for \$148,980.00. AZ&B, LLC, will assist the City in negotiations associated with the potential purchase of a landfill facility, on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Fund for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez
Second: Cm. Altgelt
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- b. Consideration to renew contract number FY15-050 with MO-VAC, Environmental Inc., McAllen, Texas in an amount up to \$81,250.00 for the transportation and disposal of leachate contaminated water for the Solid Waste Services Department. The frequency and number of loads vary depending on the City's need. The bid price is based on a per gallon rate. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the fifth of six extension periods. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Services Department fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez
Second: Cm. Altgelt
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

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

- a. Refund of property tax in the amount of \$3,367.97 payable to Flemming & May Hjorting due to an erroneous payment. Tax account # 902-10001-080.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez
Second: Cm. Altgelt
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- b. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts adjusted for the month of June 2019 represent a decrease of \$19,313.99 These adjustments are determined by the Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez
Second: Cm. Altgelt
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

59. UTILITIES: STAFF SOURCE RIAZUL MIA, UTILITIES DIRECTOR

- a. 2019-R-105 Accepting the conveyance of an 8,020 sq.ft. tract of land (Drainage Easement 1), and a 6,205 sq. ft. tract of land (Drainage Easement 2) in the vicinity west of Interstate Highway 35 more or less, being out of Porcion 15, Jose Prudencia Garcia, Original Grantee, Abstract 53, Webb County, Texas and being out of Tract K-1, as recorded in Volume 540, Page 632, Webb County Plat Records to serve as drainage easements, the tracts of land are further described by boundary survey and metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A" and a 20' (foot) temporary construction easement south of drainage to easement 1 and another 20' (foot) temporary construction easement will be located north of drainage easement 2, providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-R-105.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez
Second: Cm. Altgelt
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- b. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers for the award of a construction contract to the lowest responsible bidder, ALC Construction, Co. Inc., Laredo, Texas in the amount of \$566,575.00 for the Utilities Department Materials Storage Canopy Improvements Project. The contract time is ninety (90) working days. Funding is available in the 2017 Sewer Revenue Bond.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez
Second: Cm. Altgelt
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- c. Consideration to renew contract FY19-021 with Tenoch Distribution, LLC, San Antonio, Texas in an semi-annual amount of up to \$1,045,668.00 for the purchase of PVC pipe used by the Utilities Department. This is a six (6) month supply contract. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the first of six extension periods. These materials are purchased on an as needed basis for construction and repair projects. Funding is available in the Utilities Department budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez
Second: Cm. Altgelt
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- d. Consideration to renew contract FY14-070 with Gutierrez Machine Shop, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$750,000.00 for professional welding services for the Utilities Department. The services requested include site repairs to various water and wastewater treatment plants, lift stations, and other municipal utility facilities. There was no price increase during the last extension period. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. This is the fifth of six extension periods. All services will be requested on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez
Second: Cm. Altgelt
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- e. Consideration to renew contract FY18-081 with Test America Laboratories, North Canton, Ohio in an amount of up to \$350,000.00 to provide laboratory analytical services for water and wastewater samples in accordance to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved standard methods. Sample testing is done on a daily, monthly, and quarterly basis. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the first of two extension periods. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Budget,

Water and Wastewater Treatment Divisions.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- f. Consideration to ratify the issuance of an emergency purchase order by the Co-Interim City Managers in the amount not to exceed \$120,000.00 to BARCO Pump Company, Schertz, Texas for the rental of four (4) 12 inch submersible 140 HP pumps, (4) 10 inch by 8 inch diesel centrifugal pumps, associated HDPE suction pipe, discharge hose, manifold, and fittings for the El Pico Water Treatment Plant Raw Water Pump Station. Funding is available in the Water Works Construction Fund.

Kristina L. Hale, City Attorney, asked that this item be taken into executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 (Consultant with Attorney) of the Texas Local Government Code.

Motion to take this item into executive session.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Dr. Marte Martinez

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Rodriguez, Cm. Mercurio Martinez, and MPT Balli were not present.

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

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Vielma

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Rodriguez, Cm. Mercurio Martinez, and Cm. Altgelt were not present.

- g. Consideration to ratify the issuance of an emergency purchase order by the Co-Interim City Managers in the amount of \$77,345.12 to Austin Armature Works, LP., Buda, Texas for the labor and parts to repair two (2) Fairbanks Morse 300 HP submersible pumps at the Jefferson Water Treatment Plant for the Utilities Department. Funding is available in the Water Works Operations Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- h. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to approve Amendment No.1 to the professional engineering services contract in the amount \$36,500.00 to LNV, Inc. for the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System and radio communication study for the water plants and water distribution system. The additional scope of work will be to perform a study that will identify the existing equipment, provide cost-effective recommendations for solutions for immediate, near, and long-term recommendations regarding the existing SCADA system. The total new contract price with approved amendment will be \$84,500.00. Funding is available in the 2015 Water Revenue Bond.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- i. Consideration to award annual service contract number FY19-080 to the following vendors:
1. Rafter P. Transport Inc., Floresville, Texas in an amount up to \$100,000.00 (Primary Vendor);
 2. Laredo Concrete Cutting & Sandblasting, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$75,000.00 (Secondary Vendor);

for the removal and disposal of dry sludge from the Jefferson & El Pico Water Treatment Plants to the City of Laredo landfill. The frequency and number of loads vary depending on the City's need. When the primary vendor is unavailable for the pickup of sludge, the secondary vendor shall be contacted. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. This contract has three extension periods. Funding is available in the Utilities Department – Water Treatment Division Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- j. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to approve Change Order #3 to Summit Building & Design, Laredo, Texas in the amount of \$35,000.00 and

additional contract time of 84 calendar days to the contract for the Utilities Department Administration Building Expansion Project. This change order is to repaint all existing rooms and offices of existing building. The new contract sum amounts to \$1,306,236.70, and new contract period is 315 calendar days. Funding is available in the Sewer 2017 Revenue Bond.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

- k. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to award a professional engineering contract to Garver USA in the amount of \$1,018,423.00. This contract will provide a comprehensive and detailed hydraulic study of the raw water delivery system, the intermediate pump station and the high service pump station with design alternatives for corrective action at each station. The engineering services includes 3D scanning to validate as-built dimensions, computational fluid dynamics analysis, hydraulic scale modeling, alternative evaluation of pump capacity and type, and the necessary mechanical and electrical evaluation. Funding is available in the Water Construction Fund.

Motion to take this item into executive session.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Dr. Marte Martinez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Rodriguez, Cm. Mercurio Martinez, and MPT Balli were not present.

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

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Vielma

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Rodriguez, Cm. Mercurio Martinez, and Cm. Altgelt were not present.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XI. STAFF REPORTS

60. 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.

No discussion or action taken.

61. Introduction of the selection by the Co-Interim City Managers of Teclo J. Garcia as the Economic Development Director of the Economic Development Department.

Robert Eads, Co-Interim City Manager, reported that staff had a lengthy but productive recruitment and selection process for the Economic Development Director. He introduced Mr. Teclo Garcia, who holds a Bachelor's Degree from Southwest Texas State University in Mass Communications and is a veteran with the United States Air Force with the rank of Sergeant; he served in England during the Gulf War and Desert Storm. Mr. Garcia has over 12 years of economic development, grant writing, community affairs, and public policy experience. He has worked with local, state, and federal officials in the City of McAllen, and his last employment was as the Director of Strategic Partnerships and Programs Development with the Mission Economic Development Corporation. Mr. Garcia also has over 12 years of experience in journalism, media relations, and publication work with various entities.

Teclo Garcia, Economic Development Director, voiced his excitement to serve Laredo and be a part of the team at City Hall.

Cm. Mercurio Martinez welcomed Mr. Garcia to the City of Laredo, noting that an Economic Development Director was one of the first positions that he asked for upon joining Council. He encouraged Mr. Garcia to reach out to the Laredo Economic Development Corporation and work with them as a vital part of the community.

Cm. Altgelt also welcomed Mr. Garcia and voiced his anticipation of the new Director's work with the Economic Development Advisory Committee. He encouraged Mr. Garcia to embrace the concept of regional economic development.

62. Discussion with possible action on the Elite Employment Services Contract Compliance Audit Report follow-up and any other matters incident thereto.

Motion to take this item into executive session.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Dr. Marte Martinez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Rodriguez, Cm. Mercurio Martinez, and MPT Balli were not present.

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

63. Staff Report regarding the Laredo Sports Complex Project and request for proposals (RFP) process status, with possible action.

Miguel Pescador, Purchasing Agent, reported that the City requested proposals and received two submittals: Cuatro Vientos South, LTD.; and Hurd Ranch Company, LTD. After reviewing and scoring both submittals following interviews and presentations from both entities, staff gave Cuatro Vientos South, LTD a score of 439 and Hurd Ranch Co., LTD a score of 294. Cuatro Vientos South provided an outright donation of 165 acres of the proposed site.

Ramon Chavez, City Engineer, reported that the property at Cuatro Vientos is elevated and outside of the flood plain; at least some of the Hurd property is in the flood zone area. Accessibility was an important criterion, and the Cuatro Vientos site has access to Loop 30/Cuatro Vientos Road while no public road access exists for the Hurd site.

Mr. Pescador added that the Cuatro Vientos site has an additional 25 acres available at a cost while Hurd is willing to invest money for the design A&G landscaping of the property. Based on the scores and the entities' best and final offers, he reported staff's recommendation to select Cuatro Vientos

Robert Eads, Co-Interim City Manager, asked Council to select a partner in this project. Staff will then meet with that entity and negotiate the details of the design. He reiterated staff's recommendation of Cuatro Vientos South, LTD. Cm. Altgelt initiated a motion to this effect.

Cm. Altgelt reminded staff that Governor Abbot vetoed the City's 4A/4B sales tax plan, which leaves Laredo with only one real means of utilizing sports venue monies as an economic tool. Sports tourism is one of the most promising ways to keep dollars in Laredo. Mr. Eads agreed that staff is viewing this opportunity through the lens of economic development and as a catalyst for growth.

Dr. Marte Martinez agreed and reiterated the need to look at as many opportunities to stimulate economic growth. Cm. Vielma cautioned Council that while it is easy to want to spend money on needed amenities, she voiced her hesitance to give up on the 4A/4B taxation. She noted that with Mr. Teclo Garcia onboard as the new Economic Development Director, she looks forward to his advice to the City regarding the matter. She reminded Council that last year, they voted to put a monetary cap on this project and advised them not to go overboard.

Cliff Hurd informed Council that Hurd Ranch Co., Ltd. has spent money on a conceptual plan that serves most of Laredo in a five-mile radius. Their proposed park would tie into the Chacon Creek system. He conceded that there are access issues that require the City's help.

Motion to approve the selection of Cuatro Vientos South, LTD., as recommended by staff.

Moved: Cm. Altgelt
Second: Dr. Marte Martinez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

64. Presentation on Water & Sewer rate change for multifamily and condominiums water customers from commercial to residential rates, with possible action.

Riazul Mia, Utilities Director, reported that the rate change as previously requested by Council will result in a financial impact of \$1.5 million in the water fund and \$100,000 in the sewer fund. This is because of a significant reduction in the rate charged to multifamily residences if they are not charged the commercial rate. Staff does not recommend the rate change at this time due to the significant reduction in revenues. This will also translate to a \$20-\$25 million dollar reduction to the capital improvement that Council approved.

Robert Eads, Co-Interim City Manager, confirmed that the rate change as proposed by Council changes the City's plans to a great degree. Staff understands the direction put forth by Council as well as the needs of the community, but he noted staff's obligations to present the financial impact to this decision. He reiterated staff's recommendation not to move forward with this proposed rate change. He asked for more time to review the matter with staff to achieve greater equity.

Mr. Mia stated that staff can bring a master plan back to Council with other options that will include impact fees and other funding sources. Cm. Altgelt initiated a motion to follow staff's recommendation.

MPT Balli voiced his disagreement with staff's recommendation, noting that the Comprehensive Plan clearly calls for multifamily developments to reduce infrastructure. To charge condominiums and apartments a higher rate than other residential users does not make sense to him. In reality, the residents of apartments and condominiums are probably using less water than users in single-family homes, yet they are being charged as if they were a commercial establishment. This plan discourages multifamily residences. Association fees for condominiums are going to rise; this action will go against the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Mia clarified that all new construction projects coming forward for multifamily residences are coming with separate meters. Separate meters are charged the residential rate. Landowners do not want to be responsible for the water and sewer fees because renters actually do not conserve water.

MPT Balli countered that old condominiums are going to have higher fees and be less competitive; this will cause deterioration of those older units. Part of the Comprehensive Plan is to redevelop older parts of the city, so those units should not fall into disrepair. New development at the expense of older units stretches the City's infrastructure.

Dr. Marte Martinez asked if some complexes with one meters can break it down for each unit in the complex. Mr. Mia explained that some condominiums do install individual meters on their units; this allows the owners to read the meters

and bill the units separately. Dr. Martinez suggested an incentive to help those complexes implement individual meters and help alleviate the problem. He reminded Council that the City has some capital improvement projects that they are counting upon.

Mr. Mia reported that of the 2,300 utility accounts for multi-family residences, about 1,800 are four units or less. All new apartments are being constructed with separate meters.

Motion to not implement the multifamily and condominium rate change as recommended by staff.

Moved: Cm. Altgelt

Second: Cm. Mercurio Martinez

For: Against: 1 Abstain: 0

Mayor Saenz MPT Balli

Cm. Rodriguez

Cm. Mercurio Martinez

Dr. Marte Martinez

Cm. Algelt

Cm. Torres and Cm. Vielma were not present.

65. Discussion with possible action to request to enter into negotiations with World Free Trade Plaza of America, Inc. as it relates to the Former Mercy Hospital and to consider some economic incentives which include tax abatements and infrastructure improvements.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Mercurio Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into executive session to consult with the City Attorney relation to negotiations with Regional Land Management Services, Ltd., and to return to open session.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Dr. Marte Martinez

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Rodriguez, Cm. Mercurio Martinez, and MPT Balli were not present.

66. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 to consult with City Attorney relating to negotiations with Regional Land Management Services, Ltd., owners of real property known as the Ponderosa

Regional Landfill, in connection with long term landfill options for the City of Laredo, and to return to open session for possible action.

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

Cm. Torres requested that management continue with negotiations.

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

No action taken.

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

No action taken.

67. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. 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 matters incident thereto. City Council District II Priority Funds will be used for this project.

- a. (1) One Speed hump on the 2400 block of San Salvador

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Rodriguez

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Discussion with possible action to discuss the viability of the Zacatecas road extension project; and any matters incident thereto.

Rafael Vidaurri of the Planning Department displayed a visual representation of Zacatecas Road moving east from US Hwy. 83S and experiencing a gap in which there is no street; Zacatecas picks up again after the gap and continues for a few blocks. The gap in which there is no street is the portion of the road under consideration for expansion.

Tony Arce of AEP reported that AEP has plan to expand its Santo Niño substation which is currently located within that gap along Zacatecas. South Laredo is growing at a rate that requires the acquisition of more land and expansion of the substation.

Cm. Rodriguez stated that the street expansion is no longer desirable given the needed AEP substation expansion and the fact that the street expansion would not be worthwhile.

Alfonso Ornelas, Jr., agreed with Cm. Rodriguez's statement that expanding the AEP substation would be a better use of resources. Zacatecas has not been utilized to such as point to justify expansion. As a landowner, he voiced his understanding of the Land Development Code that the City must utilize its land within 10 years of acquisition.

Robert Eads, Co-Interim City Manager, recommended that Council discontinue plans to expand Zacatecas Road.

Motion to follow staff's recommendation and no longer seek an extension of Zacatecas Road and eliminate the current MOU and any other plans that include this extension.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Rodriguez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

3. Discussion with possible action to co-sponsor Miller Lite Conciertos 2019 at Unitrade on October 18, 2019; and any matters incident thereto.

Cm. Rodriguez reported that Miller Lite approached him to put on a free concert; he noted that there is no cost to the City other than waiving rental fees and reserving the date at Uni-Trade Stadium.

Alejandro Cardenas of Miller-Coors South Texas explained that 2019 is the fifth year of hosting the Miller Lite Conciertos but would be the first time doing so in Laredo. Conciertos started five years ago and has been expanding. Four students at Texas A&M International University have been awarded ACU scholarships of \$2,500 each.

Dr. Marte Martinez reminded Council that the City just spent a lot of money installing turf in Uni-Trade Stadium; he voiced his concerns that this concert will damage the brand new turf.

Cesar Garay of Southern Distributing confirmed that the concert will be outside the stadium and will therefore cause no damage to the turf.

Cm. Rodriguez voiced his intention to add an item to the next Council agenda regarding the turf and the new potential events that can be brought to Uni-Trade Stadium. He asked for extra parking for the Miller Lite Concierto as it will be outside and will likely draw a large crowd.

Motion to waive the rental fee of Uni-Trade Stadium and co-sponsor the Miller Lite Conciertos 2019 at Uni-Trade Stadium on October 18, 2019 and

to direct staff to secure additional parking, as amended.

Moved: Cm. Rodriguez

Second: Cm. Mercurio Martinez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

B. Request by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III

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 matters incident thereto. City Council District III Priority Funds will be used for this project.

- a. (1) One Speed hump on the 2400 block of Lane Street

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Discussion with possible action to direct Co-Interim City Managers to provide a value engineered report for the Manadas Creek Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) before the City goes out for bids; and any matters incident thereto.

Riazul Mia, Utilities Director, explained that this project started in 2009 when Gilpin Engineering was hired to complete the first phase. Because the land acquisition was not completed until 2015, the project moved forward without the land. Council awarded the amendment to this project from 3 MGD to 4.75 MGD in May 2016, In April 2017, the City received 50% of the design work; in January 2018, Council approved the resolution to authorize the City Manager to submit the loan application. The City received final plans in December 2018. Currently, staff is waiting for archaeological tests in order to proceed with the application. This plan is already 10 years behind schedule, and there is a serious issue with compliance in Zacate Creek because there is too much flow. He emphasized the need to push this project as fast as possible. This agenda item, as written, will delay the project and result in extra costs. Bringing in a different engineer will likely start the project over as every engineer has a different opinion of the design. The current design is a good one. The Manadas Creek plant does not have any issues with TCEQ and provides quality effluent with no odors. It has been a struggle to find employees with a high school diploma and technological experience to run the plant. Staff would rather bid out the project and see what responses are submitted.

Robert Eads, Co-Interim City Manager, reported that staff has had several

meetings with Cm. Mercurio Martinez and share the same concerns as Mr. Mia's. This agenda item will cause a delay and leave money on the table that the City has already expended for Manadas Creek. Mr. Mia confirmed that the City has already spent close to \$7.5 million including land acquisition, design, and environmental and other factors. The biggest cost is the delay, which the City cannot afford due to sewer issues. The City cannot support any subdivisions as it stands in the Mines Road and North Laredo areas.

MPT Balli stated that he cannot support any delay without a persuasive argument.

Cm. Mercurio Martinez explained that this agenda item's premise was based upon the fact that this project is 10 years in the making with 10-year-old technology. He asked whether a few more months would seriously alter the project so that the City can ensure it is getting the best plant for this area. The current plant design might be too small for the community or need more engineering. It might cut the City short by just going with the plant simply because someone approved it 10 years ago.

Judd Gilpin of Gilpin Engineering explained that the plant in operation started in 2006. He informed Council that the same technology that existed in 2006 is in existence today; there was not any major technology shift in the interim. The arguments being made today were made at that time. The reason why Gilpin Engineering with the design plan as it exists today is because that design is arguably better. The way that the technology is controlled is actually quite modern despite the fact that it has been around for a long time. He reiterated his pride in the North Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant as it is highly spoken-of and has rigorously stood up to challenges and tests. The NLWWTP design and technology served as the basis for the Manadas Creek plant. This project is more cost-effective not only in the long run but also in upfront costs.

Cm. Altgelt voiced his opinion that products built the "old-fashioned way" have value. He noted his trust in expert opinion but asked what the footprint of the property will look like moving southbound on Mines Road. The large amount of green space around Manadas Creek could serve as an amenity and should be embraced as such.

Mr. Mia reminded Council that there are about 93 acres buffering this plant; the sewer plant sits in about 13 acres. He reminded Council that the 4.5 MGD is Phase I of this plant project, but the lift station and effluent pump is built for 9.5 MGD. This project is expandable.

Cm. Martinez reiterated his intention to ensure that this project is still the best available for the City before investing resources into it. He would feel more comfortable having another set of eyes view the plans and specifications and either confirm that it is the best possible plan or advise the City to modify it.

3. Discussion with possible action to include sidewalks on the 1100 block of E. Musser Street along the intersection of Mc Clelland and Musser; and any matters incident thereto. District III Priority Funds will be used for this project.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Mercurio Martinez

Second: Dr. Marte Martinez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Torres and Cm. Vielma were not present.

C. Request by Council Member George Altgelt

1. Discussion with possible action regarding the high number of accidents on IH-35 and Mann Road exit ramp; and any matters incident thereto.

Rafael Guzman of TxDOT explained that this matter was brought to the organization's attention, though they still do not have the full details of all crashes. It appears that there is a conflict between motorists trying to exit the ramp and turn right on Esperanza Drive to get to the mall. There is a solid white line over which traffic should not cross, but motorists are not obeying that stripe on the street.

Robert Eads, Co-Interim City Manager, confirmed that this issue has already been placed on the next MPO agenda. Cm. Altgelt requested that TxDOT report the crash data and provide some recommendation for solutions. He reported that he has a constituent who texts him weekly with images of vehicles rolled over with ambulances and first responders at this location. As this situation falls under the purview and jurisdiction of TxDOT, he implored Mr. Guzman for the organization's immediate attention and remedy on this matter.

Mr. Guzman confirmed that TxDOT has already started looking at the situation and working with their Traffic Safety Division.

MPT Balli voiced his opinion that people coming out of the last mall entrance trying to turn around add to the problem. Therefore, there are drivers trying to move quickly to the far right and others trying to move to the far right as well.

Danny Magee, Traffic Director, reported that previous engineers at TxDOT placed traffic delineators in that area which was successful. They were removed during an overlay several years ago and were not put back following many complaints that they were hit and became an eyesore. He noted that these delineators are expensive to replace.

Cm. Altgelt asked staff to add to the next MPO agenda an item with regards

to sweeping I-35 and other streets relevant to TxDOT's jurisdiction, noting that problems with rocks cracking windows and windshields persist.

No action taken.

D. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Roberto Balli

1. Discussion with possible action on a downtown security plan; and any matters incident thereto.

A citizen, who did not provide her name, reminded Council that many investment strategies have only focused on the commercial aspects of Downtown, but residents in the area have been concerned for their safety and need attention, as well.

MPT Balli reported that he met with law enforcement, city management, and many downtown bar owners in a meeting last week. The area between San Dario Avenue and westward to the railroad tracks as well as the Rio Grande northward to the railroad tracks on Scott Street are included in his definition of "Downtown." This includes businesses and residents. Some of the obvious needs of this area for increased public safety are improved lighting, cameras, public education on the real-time crime center, and increased police patrol. The school districts have agreed to allow the City's crime center to access their cameras to more quickly address crimes in progress. He added that more cameras need to be added, especially downtown. Next year, the Convention & Visitors Bureau offices will be retooled as a police substation where perpetrators can be booked. He voiced his intention to direct the Police Chief and management to bring back a security plan with recommendations on the amount of cameras, lighting, patrol, and other implementations for a safer Downtown.

Claudio Treviño, Laredo Police Chief, confirmed that law enforcement has been working on the issues addressed at the aforementioned meeting with MPT Balli, staff, and Downtown stakeholders. The Downtown region is the Laredo Police Department's smallest "beat" with 14 officers and a supervisor assigned. He reported that staff is considering realignments of the boundaries to better serve the community. Because of the increased nightlife, PD plans to increase its police presence during evening hours. Unlike other PD districts, the Downtown area calls for a working substation, which is already in pursuit. He agreed that cameras do not solve the problem in the way that a police office would, but cameras allow PD to distribute its manpower as they cannot be at every corner. Chief Treviño confirmed that PD used cameras in response to the reported incident of three men hijacking a car and coercing a woman to withdraw money from an ATM; because of the cameras, police made three arrests the following day.

MPT Balli noted that while budget is always a concern, public safety, particularly Downtown, is a priority and suggested that District Priority Funds are available for additional cameras to incorporate into the real-time crime

center system. He initiated a motion.

Rosario Cabello, Co-Interim City Manager, confirmed that the Downtown TIRZ has funds that can be allocated to lighting. She added that she reached out to AEP to incorporate Downtown into the City's LED lighting pilot program. Staff will take AEP representatives on a Downtown walk during evening hours so that they can assess the lighting situation. MPT Balli reminded staff that there are City-owned lots without appropriate lighting and encouraged staff to consider those for additional lighting. City-owned lots are being used during evening hours, especially on the weekend.

Cm. Altgelt cautioned Council that depending only upon cameras for crime resolution sets the City up to be just reactionary without actually deterring crime. He reiterated the public comment that large Downtown communities have uniformed police officers highly visible. He recalled that there is not the level of police presence that there should be Downtown. Corpus Christi's Municipal Management District service plans begin with lighting and police presence. Those two factors provide a bigger deterrent effect in the community. In a Municipal Management District, business owners within the district get to decide for themselves how their money will be spent. It is a democratic and organic process. He voiced his opinion that the City has never fully embraced the Municipal Management District and asked how many more people must be victimized by crime before putting the MMD in place and funding more police officers.

Chief Treviño agreed that Police are working with management to address these issues as well as increasing pedestrian traffic safely in the area.

Dr. Marte Martinez asked that Police increase foot patrol in the meantime while Council waits for the report. Chief Treviño confirmed that this is already forthcoming.

Mayor Saenz noted that given the epidemic of drug addiction among the homeless population in Laredo, the proposed detox center is highly-anticipated. He suggested that the detox center be part of the plan that staff brings forward to Council. He reiterated the importance of the real-time crime center in light of the recent shootings in El Paso and Dayton, Ohio.

Chief Treviño agreed that cameras are important, but he cautioned Council that they are very expensive, meaning that cameras will have to be slowly added to the City's inventory.

Cm. Vielma voiced her support of MPT Balli's item as she works downtown and has witnessed several acts of indecency by individuals while on drugs. She noted that this is not the welcome mat that Laredo wants to present to visitors, nor does Council want anyone to be unsafe when they navigate Downtown. The question of funding is always the limiting factor, and she added that a partnership for booking area with the jail will help PD get more boots on the ground in the area.

