

CITY OF LAREDO CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M2019-S-01
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
January 22, 2019
5:30 P.M.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

I. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment by Council Member George Altgelt of Baldemar Garcia to the Charter Revision Commission.

Motion to approve the nomination of Baldemar Garcia to the Charter Revision Commission.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Balli

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Appointment by Council Member George Altgelt of Oscar O. Pena to the Historic District/Landmark Board.

Motion to approve the nomination of Oscar O. Pena to the Historic District/Landmark Board.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Balli

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

3. Appointment by Council Member George Altgelt of Luis Dominguez to the Parks and Leisure Services Advisory Committee.

Motion to approve the nomination of Luis Dominguez to the Parks and Leisure Services Advisory Committee.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Balli

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

4. Appointment by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III of Rodolfo Guajardo, Jr. to the Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee.

Motion to approve the nomination of Rodolfo Guajardo, Jr., to the Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Balli

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

II. MOTIONS

1. Consideration to authorize the purchase of computer data storage, servers and networking equipment for the Fire Department from Network Alliance, LLC., San Antonio, Tx., through Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) contract pricing in the total amount of \$294,787.09. Funding is available in the 2018 CO Bond (PPFCO) fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

III. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Request by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez

1. Discussion and possible action regarding an update as to all potential vacant key critical positions within the city, (i.e. City Planner, Budget Director, Economic Development Director, City Engineer, Animal Care Services Director, Deputy City Manager, Airport Director, Administrative Assistants for City Council Members, Downtown/Inner City Czar, Traffic Engineer, and Parks and Recreation Director); including but not limited to the creation, role and duties of Executive Directors and additional funding for a Construction Division to assist with the over 104 parks in the City and multiple projects Citywide; and any other matters incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member George Altgelt, Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr., and Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III.)

Kristina L. Hale, City Attorney, noted that the exception to the Texas Open Meetings Act that allows this item to be discussed in executive session is Section 551.074 (Personnel) and 551.071 (Consultation).

Motion to go into executive session to discuss this item.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Balli

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Horacio De Leon, City Manager, informed the public that following discussions of

Council's vision for the City, he would render his retirement effective immediately. He thanked Council for the opportunity to serve as City Manager and his service over the last 26 years with the community.

Mayor Saenz thanked Mr. De Leon for his services through the past couple of years and voiced his respect for Mr. De Leon's decision. The panel of Council voiced their thanks for the City Manager's service and spirit of transparency, adding their well wishes.

Mr. De Leon thanked staff who worked with him and supported him. Mr. De Leon received a standing ovation.

Motion to accept Horacio De Leon's retirement from the position of City Manager.

Moved: Cm. Torres
Second: Cm. Gonzalez
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mrs. Hale informed Council that the Council meeting may continue, but a City Manager or Deputy City Manager must be present.

Cm. Altgelt moved to delegate Rosario Cabello as the Interim City Manager for the purposes of this meeting.

Motion to designate Rosario Cabello as Interim City Manager for the duration of this meeting.

Moved: Cm. Altgelt
Second: Cm. Torres
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Torres
Second: Cm. Rodriguez
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0