

**CITY OF LAREDO CITY COUNCIL
MEETING
M2019-S-10
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
August 19, 2019
5:30 P.M.**

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

POLICE: STAFF SOURCE CLAUDIO TREVINO, CHIEF OF POLICE

1. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to enter into and execute an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Laredo (City) and Laredo Independent School District (LISD) for the purpose of collaboration concerning the integration of video camera system to be used by the Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) for law enforcement purposes.

Mike Rodriguez, Assistant Police Chief, explained that businesses will have two options for bringing their cameras on-board with the Real Time Crime Center via two branded services, one of which is cloud-based. Schools are the first priority followed by local businesses.

Cm. Rodriguez encouraged Council to visit the crime center as it is a great facility. He asked staff to ensure that all park systems institute cameras to feed to the RTCC.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Balli was not present.

2. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to enter into and execute an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Laredo (City) and Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) for the purpose of collaboration concerning the integration of video camera system to be used by the Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) for law enforcement purposes.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Balli was not present.

3. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to enter into and execute an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Laredo (City) and United Independent School District (UISD) for the purpose of collaboration concerning the integration of video camera system to be used by the Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) for law enforcement purposes.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Balli was not present.

GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Request by Mayor Pete Saenz

1. Recognizing the Laredo Lady Sonics Travel Basketball Team. In June team won 1st place in the Rio Grande Valley South, TX championship and 1st place at the Excel State Championship tournament in San Antonio, TX, and finished their summer 2nd place for the end of summer All Star Classic tournament in San Antonio, TX.

The Laredo Lady Sonics basketball coach noted that most of the players are from South Laredo and have been working hard. He introduced the players and noted that most players are seventh graders.

Mayor Saenz presented the team with a certificate of recognition for their achievement.

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

1. Discussion with possible action regarding the recurring low water pressure near the San Isidro North/East side and any matters incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member George Altgelt and Council Member Mercurio Martinez)

Dr. Marte Martinez reminded Council that this is a city-wide problem, not district-specific. He has received numerous complaints about the water pressure. Low pressure incidents are cyclical in nature due to peak utilization hours. However, he noted that there are recurring low water pressure situations outside of those hours. Multiple problems have occurred at this point, and residents continue to have no water pressure to bathe their children or perform household duties. He noted that a long-term solution

needs to be addressed and asked what short-term solutions can be implemented in the meantime.

Riazul Mia, Utilities Director, explained that the San Isidro Northeast Subdivision booster station was built in 2006 to provide water to 600 homes; currently, there are almost 1,500 homes in that area. Its original design was to provide pressure at 50 psi, the highest elevation at the time. Because the pumps are overworked now, a mechanical failure has been an issue. Residents in this area use about 20,000-30,000 gallons of water per month; the average residents only uses about 8,000 gallons per month. Residents in this area are overwatering their yards; the demand for water in this area is too high. He recommended citing residents for overwatering their lawns. Policing the water use for irrigation may be the best short-term fix at this time, as about 70% of the water is being used for irrigation. Mr. Mia reminded Council that there are already four pumps at this station, but the tank is small.

Cm. Altgelt noted that he has heard staff promise to cite overwatering residents before to no effect. Mr. Mia assured Council that staff will do so because the same residents complaining about water pressure are the same ones who are overusing. Cm. Altgelt asked if the residents could be warned about overwatering beforehand, along with notices about the damage overwatering does to streets.

Mr. Mia clarified that if residents can ration their irrigation, then the water pressure situation would largely remedy itself. He confirmed that he would work with the areas Home Owners' Association (HOA).

Robert Eads, Co-Interim City Manager, confirmed that staff can provide guidelines to residents through their HOAs.

Cm. Rodriguez asked who will cite overwatering, as Code Enforcement is already short-staffed.

Motion to direct staff to contact the Home Owners' Associations for irrigations systems from 1:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. to regulate water pressure issues in the area.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Altgelt

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Balli was not present.

C. Request by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez

1. Discussion with possible action for Co-Interim City Managers to seek the purchase of a professional field cover for the artificial turf at Uni-Trade

Stadium and any matters incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.)

Robert Eads, Co-Interim City Manager, stated that this cover would be paid out of sports venue taxes; the City will have to go out on Requests for Proposals. Estimated costs range from \$350,000-\$400,000 for this kind of cover.

Cm. Rodriguez noted that this cover will maximize the use of Uni-Trade Stadium for the various events that the City wants to host there while protecting the turf.

Mayor Saenz voiced his understanding that the City will be able to recover this expense with the revenues of the additional events that are generated at this venue.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Rodriguez

Second: Cm. Balli

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Altgelt

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Balli was not present.