

**CITY OF LAREDO CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
M2019-S-12
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
October 21,2019
5:30 P.M.**

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

I. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment by Council Member Dr. Marte A. Martinez of Gene Belmares to the City Manager Search Ad-Hoc Committee.

Motion to approve the nomination of Gene Belmares to the City Manager Search Ad-Hoc Committee.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Gonzalez and Cm. Rodriguez were not present.

2. Appointment by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr. of Arturo Tomas Benavides to the Airport Advisory Committee.

Motion to approve the nomination of Arturo Tomas Benavides to the Airport Advisory Committee.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Gonzalez and Cm. Rodriguez were not present.

II. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

1. An Ordinance authorizing the Co-Interim City Manager's to execute all documents for the purchase of "Surface Only" for the following tracts of land; 1420 Houston Street legally described as Lots 1, 8, 9, 10 & W20' of 7 & W27.45' of 2 & E28.11' of N3.31' of 2 & N3.31' of 3, Block 126, Western Division, Laredo, Webb County, Texas in the Central Business District with owner of record Frank Group Properties Limited Partnership and 819 Santa Maria Avenue legally described as Lots 8, 9, and 10, Block 139, Western Division, Laredo, Webb County, Texas with owner of record Minimall of Laredo, Inc.; located at the NE corner of Houston Street and Santa Maria Avenue, in the negotiated amount of two million three hundred thousand and zero cents (\$2,300,000.00) from Julian Rotnofsky, General Partner of Las Plazas

Laredo and Frank Group Properties Limited Partnership; for the purpose of the relocation of the Building Services department and Planning and Zoning departments to improve the efficiency and accessibility to promote optimal customer service to the daily customers; Funding is available in the 2016 Certificate of Obligation Taxable and Tax Exempt Bonds; and providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

III. CONSENT AGENDA

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: STAFF SOURCE TINA MARTINEZ, ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

2. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a one (1) year contract with Laredo Main Street in the amount of \$50,000.00 for continued coordination and participation in the Texas Main Street Program. This funding will allow Laredo Main Street to further its mission which is to preserve and enhance the historic character of downtown Laredo and to assist in the commercial revitalization of downtown Laredo. Funding is available in the Hotel Motel Occupancy Tax Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

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

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

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Gonzalez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

3. Motion to waive bus fare collection to and from the 31st HEB Annual "Feast of Sharing" Thanksgiving Dinner on Friday, November 1, 2019. In partnership with the City of Laredo and El Metro Transportation, service will start at the Transit Center, 1301 Farragut St. to the Sames Auto Arena, 6700 Arena Boulevard and will continue all day. HEB will reimburse the City of Laredo and Transit System \$9,500.00.

Motion to approve.

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

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

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

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

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

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

VI. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Request by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez

1. Discussion with possible action on amending Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances (Animals & Fowl) to include pigs in the list of livestock that may be kept within the City through issuance of a special permit when for educational purposes only, and any other matter incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member George Altgelt)

Cm. Rodriguez noted that Lyndon B. Johnson High School just started an FFA/4H program, and this item is to allow students to keep pigs as part of their education for animal care services.

Dr. Hector Gonzalez, Health Director, reported that under the Texas Health and Safety Code, keeping pigs within City limits is allowed. The local ordinance adheres to the Code, and as long as the students meet the distance and sanitation guidelines, then there should not be a problem.

Heberto L. Ramirez, Jr., Animal Care Services Director, reported that Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances currently includes bovine, equine, goats, and lambs. However, staff can make exceptions for swine under educational circumstances such as this. Kristina L. Hale, City Attorney, confirmed that other cities include pigs/swine in their lists of livestock as well.

Motion to approve the inclusion of swine in the list of livestock as presented.

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

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Dr. Marte Martinez

Second: Cm. Vielma

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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