

**CITY OF LAREDO CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
M2018-S-13
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1110
HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
October 1, 2018
5:30 P.M.**

SUPPLEMENTAL MINUTES

I. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr., of Louis P. Lavaude to the Board of Adjustments.

Motion to approve the nomination of Louis P. Lavaude to the Board of Adjustments.

Moved: Cm. Rodriguez

Second: Cm. Balli

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Perez was not present.

II. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Request by Council Member Rudy Gonzalez, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action on the presentation by the Emergency Assistance Team (E.A.T). (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez)

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Rodriguez, Cm. Vielma, and Cm. Altgelt were not present.

B. Request by Council Member Alejandro "Alex" Perez

1. Discussion with possible action to do a Reimbursement Resolution to fund capital projects previously approved by Council in District III. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez and Mayor Pro-Tempore Charlie San Miguel)

Horacio De Leon, City Manager, reported a total of \$552,842 in District III projects that have previously been approved by Council. This total is based on estimates at this time, which staff can work with for now until the final amounts are realized.

Cm. Vielma asked if these projects were part of the Capital Improvement Plan or using District III Priority Funds. Mr. De Leon confirmed that these are all District

Priority projects.

Motion to direct staff to bring back a reimbursement resolution to fund capital projects previously approved by Council in District III.

Moved: Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Rodriguez and Cm. Altgelt were not present.

C. Request by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action on adopting an ordinance for the purpose of addressing the cat population in our City through a "Trap-Neuter-Return" Program also known as "TNR"; and any other matters incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Roberto Balli)

Cm. Torres reported that there is an existing ordinance for this matter.

Motion to direct staff to review the existing "trap-neuter-return" ordinance and amend it to strengthen it and bring it back to Council for approval.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. Balli

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Rodriguez, Cm. Vielma, and Cm. Altgelt

D. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Charlie San Miguel

1. Discussion with possible action on the Laredo Housing Authority's animal and pet policy; and any other matters incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.)

Cm. San Miguel reported that there is a fee of \$90 per year for pets, and it is limited to one pet.

Motion to direct staff to bring a resolution back to Council increasing the pet allowance to two pets and lower the fee to \$40, payable over four months and urge Mayor Saenz to meet with his appointees on the Animal Care Services Committee for a recommendation regarding this item, as amended.

Moved: Cm. San Miguel

Second: Cm. Torres

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Rodriguez, Cm. Vielma, and Cm. Altgelt were not present.

E. Request by Council Member George Altgelt

1. Discussion with possible action to have all City vehicles display a “3 Foot Rule” decal, and any matters incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr. and Council Member Roberto Balli)

Fernando Baldazo of the Laredo cycling community presented some sample decal designs showing the “3 Foot Rule” and “6 Foot Rule” notices for passenger and commercial vehicles, noting that they can be printed on vinyl or reflective vinyl, as Council wishes. He proposed using reflective yellow for passenger vehicles and red for the six-foot commercial vehicles.

Cm. San Miguel voiced his support of this idea.

Mr. Baldazo reported that the cost will be about \$2.00 per sticker if more than 1,500 are printed. The unit cost will increase about if fewer stickers are printed.

Horacio De Leon, City Manager, reported that staff will look at the numbers but that it will be part of the operations budget.

Mayor Saenz clarified that the City will have to go through the procurement process for this service.

Mr. Baldazo added that if the City purchases extra stickers, Council may consider donating the surplus to local cycling stores so that residents can use them on their own vehicles.

Cm. San Miguel suggested reselling any surplus stickers for \$1.00; Mr. Baldazo voiced his opinion that residents will not want to buy the stickers.

Cm. Altgelt emphasized that this option is much cheaper than buying airtime or print advertisement for educational purposes, which will likely be less effective than bumper stickers.

Motion to approve the decals in the color scheme and recommendations as presented by Mr. Baldazo to be placed on all City commercial and passenger vehicles.

Moved: Cm. Altgelt

Second: Cm. Balli

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Torres and Cm. Vielma were not present.

2. Discussion with possible action to have the City adopt the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Urban Bikeway Design Guide. The Manual on Uniform Traffic MUTCD published by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) supersedes this design guide, as applicable and any matters incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr. and Council Member Roberto Balli)

Frank Rotnofsky of the Laredo cycling community reported that the cities across the country have been adopting the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide as an

informative and critical way to ensure safe walking, transportation, and socializing. He noted that this guide is in sync with the recently-adopted Comprehensive Plan and would be an asset to the Traffic Department as well. He urged Council to adopt this guide.

Cm. Altgelt added that there is a manual on uniform traffic by the FHA, which supersedes the NACTO manual and asked for a recommendation.

Robert Eads, Traffic Director, recommendation that Council adopt the item as it is read and adopt both. If at any point one manual supersedes the other, staff will follow that guide. He clarified that H is not currently aware of any inconsistencies. He assured the public that staff will still follow MUTCD as the guide as well.

Horacio De Leon, City Manager, recommended that this item come back to Council as a resolution to formalize the adoption in a trackable manner.

Motion to adopt, by way of resolution, the National Association of City Transportation Officials Urban Bikeway Design Guide and continue to follow the Manual on Uniform Traffic MUTCD published by the Federal Highway Administration.

Moved: Cm. Altgelt

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Vielma was not present.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Rodriguez, Cm. Vielma, and Cm. Altgelt were not present.