

# CITY OF LAREDO

## RECOGNITION AND COMMUNICATION NOTICE

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1110 HOUSTON STREET

LAREDO, TEXAS 78040

July 26, 2021

5:00 P.M.

### The Mayor will be presenting the following:

1. Recognizing the Laredo American Little League Society All-Star teams in the Majors and Juniors divisions who recently won the title of District 34 champions in their respective divisions after a city-wide competition. The teams are now preparing for sectionals in Brownsville, Texas this month. The City of Laredo wishes them the best of luck.
2. Recognizing Mr. Alberto Flores for his recent appointment as the Port Director for the Laredo Port of Entry, U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Laredo Field Office. He has more than 24 years of federal service, is a Laredo native and a TAMU Graduate.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A-2021-R-12

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### DISABILITY ACCESS STATEMENT



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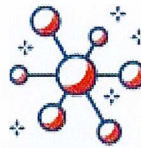
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# Strategic Outcomes



**Dynamic and Sustainable**



**Excellent and Connected**



**Planned and Moving**



**Welcoming and Equitable**



**Prosperous and Affordable**



**Healthy and Safe**

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

## **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **III. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

## **IV. ROLL CALL**

## **V. MINUTES**

### **Approval of the minutes of June 21, 2021 and July 12, 2021.**

#### **Citizen comments**

Citizens are required to fill out a witness card and submit it to the City Secretary no later than 5:45 p.m. and identify themselves at the microphone.

Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. No more than three (3) persons will be allowed to speak on any side of an issue. Speakers may not pass their minutes to any other speaker. Comments should be relevant to City business and delivered in a professional manner. No derogatory remarks will be permitted.

## **VI. RECOGNITION**

1. Recognizing three (3) outstanding City of Laredo employees to be named as the City's Employees of the Quarter for the 2nd Quarter of 2021; one whose work is mostly conducted indoors, one whose work is mostly conducted outdoors, and one from the Police or Fire Department who is subject to Collective Bargaining in accordance with Ordinance No. 2021-0-014 which establishes the City of Laredo Employee of the Quarter Program.

## **VII. COMMUNICATIONS**

## VIII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment by Mayor Pete Saenz of Martha W. Martinez to the Laredo Commission for Women.
2. Appointment by Mayor Pete Saenz of Adrian La Villa to the Transportation and Safety Advisory Committee.
3. Appointment by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez of Salvador Tellez to the Municipal Civil Service Commission.
4. Appointment by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa of Luis Ramirez to the City Utilities Advisory Committee.
5. Appointment by Council Member Ruben Gutierrez of Alfonso De La Garza to the Ethics Committee.

## IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

### 1. **Planned and Moving**

**Public Hearing** amending the 2020-2021 One Year Action Plan to allow for the substantial amendment of a previously identified project “Bike Lanes in District VII” described in the 2020 plan as the design and construction of bike lanes to include lighting, markings, signage and related improvements, in the amount of \$147,500.00.

It is also proposed to cancel/reprogram the following projects from prior fiscal years:

FY 2019-2020 District VII Neighborhood Bike Lanes \$125,000.00

FY 2018-2019 Bike Lanes in District VII \$120,000.00

FY 2017-2018 Bike Lanes in District VII \$43,759.00 (project balance)

FY 2014-2015 Sidewalks in District VII \$10,651.00 (project balance)

The reprogramming and cancellation of these funds will allow the creation of the newly proposed “Park Facility in District VII” project which will entail the acquisition and/or construction of a park facility to include park amenities and other items as deemed necessary to enhance recreational activities in District VII. Funding for this new project derived from this reprogramming totals \$446,910.00.

### 2. **Prosperous and Affordable**

**Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the City of Laredo

Municipal Housing Fund FY2021 Annual Budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$250,000.00 for the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) Fund for Veterans Assistance (FVA) Homes for Texas Heroes Grant (H4TXH). The Community Development Department through the Municipal Housing (MH) Division received an award in the amount of \$250,000.00 to provide home modifications for the Veteran community within the City of Laredo area. The initial term of the grant shall be one (1) year from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. There is no match requirement.

3. **Prosperous and Affordable**



**Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the FY 2020-2021 of Community Development Department full-time equivalent (FTE) position listing by adding two (2) Administrative Assistant I, R32 positions in the amount of \$116,000.00 funded through the second allocation from the U.S. Department of the Treasury available for Emergency Rental Assistance (Account 212-5021). Additionally, adding one (1) Administrative Assistant I, R32 position in the amount of \$58,000.00 funded through the Emergency Solutions Grant Coronavirus 2nd Allocation (ESG-CV2) (Account 219-9252).

4. **Healthy and Safe**



**Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending Ordinance 2020-O-160 which authorized the City to enter into a contract with the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), amended the FY 2020-2021 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$33,333.33 with a match of \$11,111.11 for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Breast and Cervical Cancer Services Program for the term period from January 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021, to repeal said Ordinance as the contract was terminated due to the City not being able to recruit providers to provide Breast and Cervical Cancer Services (BCCS); providing for severability and an effective date.

5. **Prosperous and Affordable  
Healthy and Safe**



**Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), amending the FY 2020-2021 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$2,000,000.00, with no match and amending the FY 2020-2021 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Position Listing by adding one (1) Chief of Epidemiology, R41, one (1) Public Information Specialist, R35, one (1) Microbiologist, R37, one (1) Epidemiologist, R38, one (1) Licensed Professional Counselor, R37, one (1) Health Grant Specialist, R34, one (1) Training Specialist, R35, one (1) Sanitarian I, R33, one (1) Custodian, R23, one (1) Senior Recruiter, R35, and one (1) Public Health Technician, R36 for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Public Health Workforce Grant for the term period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023. No grant match required.

6. **Prosperous and Affordable  
Healthy and Safe**







**Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), amending the FY 2020-2021 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$500,000.00, with no match and amending the FY 2020-2021 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Position Listing by adding one (1) Health Equity Analyst, R38 position and one (1) Administrative Assistant I, R32 position for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Covid-19 Health Equity Grant for the term period of September 1, 2021 – May 31, 2023. No grant match required.

7.



**Planned and Moving**

**Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending Chapter 19, motor vehicle and traffic, Article VIII, Section 19-347 (K) and (M), 19-355 stopping, standing or parking, Article XI, Sections 19-481 and 19-482, division 5 truck traffic, specifically by establishing higher fines and towing on third offense for commercial vehicles in residential areas, commercial vehicles more than 10,000 lbs unattended or parked overnight on any public streets, any type of trailer, RV or boat unattached to a motor vehicle of the Code of Ordinances, City of Laredo, providing severability and providing for an effective date and publication.

8.

**Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 7.38 acres out of a tract of land conveyed by deed to Martinez Paving Co. VOL 3544, Page 807, O.P.R.W.C.T, located North of Hwy 359 - 1.57 miles east of Loop 20, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District).

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed zone change, and Staff supports the proposed zone change.

**ZC-046-2021  
District II**

9.

**Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 73.01 acres out of a tract of land conveyed by deed to Martinez Paving Co. VOL 3272, Page 327, O.P.R.W.C.T, located North of Hwy 359 - 1.57 miles east of Loop 20, from AG (Agricultural District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District)

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed zone change, and Staff supports the proposed zone change.

**ZC-045-2021  
District II**

10.

**Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 5, Block 823, Eastern Division, located at 1420 N. Meadow Ave., from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District).

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed

zone change, and Staff supports the proposed zone change.

**ZC-044-2021**  
**District III**

11. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 10, Block 288, Eastern Division, located at 2205 Logan Ave., from R-2 (Multi-family District) to B-1 (Limited Business District).

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed zone change, and Staff supports the proposed zone change.

**ZC-043-2021**  
**District IV**

12. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 4A, Block 1, McPherson West Subdivision, Unit 3, Manor Plaza, located at 610 Manor Rd., from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-3 PUD (Community Business District-Planned Unit Development).

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the proposed zone change and Staff supports the application.

**ZC-039-2021**  
**District V**

13. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 1 & 3, Block 367, Western Division, located at 1802 Santa Ursula Ave., from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District).

The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed zone change and staff does not support the application.

**ZC-042-2021**  
**District VIII**

**(Recess)**  
**(Press Availability)**

**X. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES**

14. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to purchase the "Surface Only" of a 1.1417 acre tract of land, more or less, being out of an 8.00 acre tract, recorded in Volume 1397 pages 395-398, Official public records of Webb County, Texas. Herein described tract, situated in Porcion 23, Abstract 283, Original Grantee Leonardo Sanchez, Webb County, Texas for the amount of \$186,500.00. Funding is from the 2019 Certificate of Obligations.

15. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to purchase the "Surface Only" of a tract of land containing 9.994 acres of land, more or less situated in Porcion 12, Abstract 278, Santiago Sanchez, Original Grantee, conveyed by partition deed as tract "A" to Manuel Garcia Garcia, M.D. and Rosario D. Garcia, recorded in volume 2492, pages 545-559, Webb County, Texas for the amount of \$200,000.00. Funding is available in the Unitec WWTP.

16.  **Excellent and Connected**

Authorizing the City Manager to amend Ordinance 2021-O-043, a lease agreement by and between Laredo Transit Management, Inc., (Lessor) and the City of Laredo Department of Community Development, (Lessee) increasing the leased space at the Laredo Transit Center located at 1301 Farragut St. from 6,628 square to 9,309.61 square feet for an additional 2,681.61 square feet. The leased space will include the 2nd floor West and East office space and the 3rd floor east offices. The term will be for the remainder of the year and will expire on December 1, 2021. The monthly sum is \$6,442.25 (\$.6920 per square foot). The prorated shared cost of 20% of the electric and water bills will remain the same.

17.  **Healthy and Safe**

An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 19, Article XV, of the Code of Ordinances by adding section 19-658 to be entitled "speed humps on private roads" establishing an approval process for speed humps on private roads to ensure safe and efficient flow of traffic for emergency vehicles; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; providing for publication; and declaring an effective date.

## XI. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

18. **2021-O-128** Amending Chapter 23 (Parks and Recreation) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo to allow for an addition to the recreational equipment fees to include the rental of pergolas at our swimming pools at the rate of \$25.00 for four (4) hours or \$50.00 per day; containing a savings clause; containing a severability clause and providing an effective date.
19. **2021-O-130** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning an approximately 18.79-acre tract of land being out and part of Survey 2149, Abst. 594., RH Raines, Original Grantee, located south of Rockrose Dr. and west of Nogal Ln., from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) to R-1MH (Single Family Manufactured Housing District).

### **ZC-037-2020 District III**

20. **2021-O-131** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 13, College Heights Subdivision, Unit III, located at 1637 Rene Solis Dr.,

from B-3 (Community Business District) & R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) to B-3 (Community Business District).

**ZC-038-2021**  
**District III**

21. **2021-O-132** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for a restaurant serving alcohol, on Lot 4A, Block 1, Vista Hermosa, Unit III, located at 5507 McPherson Road.

**ZC-035-2021**  
**District V**

22. **2021-O-133** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 2A and 2B, Block 1, Bartlett Apartments Subdivision at Jacaman Ranch, located at 6702 and 6706 Bartlett Ave., from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District).

**ZC-034-2021**  
**District V**

23. **2021-O-134** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning the north 1/2 of Lot 2, Block 338, Western Division, located at 1703 Santa Isabel Ave., from M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) to R-1 (Single Family Residential District).

**ZC-040-2021**  
**District VIII**

24. **2021-O-135** Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Master Development Agreement and Ground Lease Agreement's between the City of Laredo and 270 Development Group, LLC from Addison, Texas to develop and manage two (2) parcels consisting of approximately 3.0 acres of developed land (Parcel B) and approximately 7.5 acres of undeveloped land (Parcel G) at the Laredo International Airport. 270 Development Group, LLC will have nine (9) months to enter into ground leases through the Master Development Agreement. No lease will exceed the forty (40) year term. Each ground lease will be brought back to City Council for approval and will contain the terms and conditions.
25. **2021-O-136** Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to purchase the "Surface Only" of 3602 Jaime Zapata Hwy legally described as a tract of land containing 4.30-acres (187,458.09 SF), more or less, situated in Porcion 31, Abstract 3116, Jose Trevino, original grantee and Porcion 32, Abstract 298, Antonio Trevino, original grantee, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas being out of the Consolidated Towne East Holdings, L.C. 18.48-acre tract recorded in Volume 558, Pages 390-392, Webb County Official Public Records, Webb County, Texas for the amount of \$280,000.00. Funding will be from the 2019 Sewer Revenue Bond.



**XII. CONSENT AGENDA**

All of the following items may be acted upon by one motion. No separate discussion or action on any of the items is necessary unless desired by a Council Member.

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

26. Consideration to award contract FY21-017 Airport Pavement Markings Removal to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder Hi-Lite Airfield Services LLC., Adams Center, NY in an amount not to exceed \$61,800.00. This one time purchase contract for the removal of runway 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.

**CITY MANAGER'S:** STAFF SOURCE ROBERT A. EADS, CITY MANAGER

27.  **Healthy and Safe  
Prosperous and Affordable**



Approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Laredo and the Laredo Police Officers' Association with a five-year contract term from October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2025. This Agreement provides for wage increases and additional compensation for members of the bargaining unit as follows: effective October 1, 2020, no (\$0) increase, effective October 1, 2021, a one-time lump sum payment of \$2,200.00, effective October 1, 2022, an across-the-board two percent (2.0%) increase, effective October 1, 2023, an across-the-board two and a half (2.5%) increase, and effective October 1, 2024, an across-the-board three percent (3%) wage increase; also included in the contract is the incorporation of monthly premium pay for TCOLE certification and education pay to become effective on October 1, 2021 as follows: \$175.00 for an Intermediate Certificate, \$225.00 for an Advanced Certificate, \$300.00 for a Master's Certificate, \$120.00 for an Associate's Degree, \$250.00 for a Bachelor's Degree, and \$300.00 for a Master's Degree; and other general terms and conditions as contained within the Agreement. Funding is available in General Fund.

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

28. **2021-R-164** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a donation from the Patricia B. Sanditen Marital Trust of a strip of land located at E. Travis St (20' strip of land between lots 5 & 6 Blk ED) and 2201 Market St. As per Webbcad the properties have an estimated value of \$30,211.00.

29.  **Prosperous and Affordable**



**2021-R-168** Authorizing the City Manager to ratify the acceptance and execution of the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA) Homes for Heroes Grant (H4TXH). The Community Development Department,

through Municipal Housing (MH) Division, received an award in the amount of \$250,000 to provide home modifications for the Veteran community within the City of Laredo area. The initial term of the grant shall be one (1) year from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. There is no match requirement.

30.



**Prosperous and Affordable**

Authorizing the award of the 2020 HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) set-aside funds in the amount of \$200,000.00 for Habitat for Humanity of Laredo, Inc., to acquire one (1) vacant lot and to assist in part with the construction of two (2) single family housing units; and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents in support of the same. Funding is available in the 2020 Home Grant Year.

31.



**Prosperous and Affordable**

Consideration to award contract FY21-074 to lowest bidder Midas Contractor, Laredo, TX in the amount of \$67,825.00 for providing carport repairs at the Jose Flores Duplexes (City owned Laredo Municipal Housing properties). This project shall consist of all necessary labor, materials, equipment, and related appurtenances to complete this project. The time for completion of this project is thirty-five (35) working days. Funding for this contract is available in the Laredo Municipal Housing Budget.

32.



**Prosperous and Affordable**

Approving the submission of the 2021-2022 Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a request for funding in the amounts of \$3,748,497.00 in the 47th Action Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, \$1,158,599.00 through the HOME Investment Partnership Program, and \$328,355.00 through the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). An additional \$72,000.00 is anticipated to be received in Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan funds, and \$260,000.00 in HOME program income. Also authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents as a result of the plan submission. The 2021-2022 plan identifies the projects proposed to be funded by HUD through entitlement program funds and anticipated program income, which are as follows:

<b>47th AY Community Development Block Grant</b>		
1	Community Development Administration	\$738,000.00
2	Housing Rehabilitation Administration	\$317,710.00
3	Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program	\$600,000.00
4	Code Enforcement	\$508,107.00
5	Graffiti Removal Program	\$31,550.00
6	Downtown Senior Recreational Program	\$165,000.00
7	Downtown Rental Rehabilitation Program	\$562,130.00
8	Park Improvements in District I	\$59,000.00
9	Sidewalks in District I	\$59,000.00
10	Park Improvements in District II	\$118,000.00

11	Park Improvements in District III	\$68,000.00
12	Sidewalks in District III	\$50,000.00
13	Park Improvements in District IV	\$75,000.00
14	Sidewalks in District IV	\$43,000.00
15	Park Improvements in District V	\$118,000.00
16	Sidewalks in District VII	\$50,000.00
17	Park Improvements in District VII	\$68,000.00
18	Sidewalks in District VIII	\$118,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,748,497.00</b>

<b>Revolving Loan</b>		
19	Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Administration	\$6,506.00
20	Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program	\$65,494.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$72,000.00</b>

<b>HOME Investment Partnership Grant</b>		
21	HOME Program Administration	\$114,000.00
22	Down Payment Assistance Program (PI)	\$260,000.00
23	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	\$400,000.00
24	Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)	\$200,000.00
25	Homeowner Reconstruction Program	\$100,000.00
26	Affordable Rental Housing Program	\$344,599.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,418,599.00</b>

<b>Emergency Solutions Grant</b>		
27	ESG Program Administration	\$16,258.00
28	Emergency Shelter – Shelter Operations	\$106,318.00
29	Emergency Shelter – Essential Services	\$45,000.00
30	Street Outreach	\$9,884.00
31	Rapid Re-Housing	\$82,352.00
32	Homelessness Prevention	\$60,543.00
33	Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	\$8,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$328,355.00</b>

33.



**Prosperous and Affordable**

Consideration to ratify the purchase of three (3) heavy-duty PVC/Nylon for temporary sheltering from W. W. Grainger in the amount of \$114,954.87 and to further authorize the City to enter into an agreement with non-profit agencies that will utilize these as temporary shelters in order to expand the housing capacity of the current shelters and continue to prepare, prevent, and respond to COVID-19 pandemic by assisting homeless individuals and families. Funding is available through the Emergency Solution Grant Cares Act 2nd allocation (ESG-CV2).

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** STAFF SOURCE TECLO J. GARCIA, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

34.



**Welcoming and Equitable**

Consideration for approval authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Texas



Chapter 380 economic incentives agreement with GAB Land Holdings, LLC (aka Empacadora GAB), a US-owned, Laredo-based produce firm that's been in operation for more than 20 years and is expanding into a \$11.4 million facility in the Pinnacle Industry Center off Mines Road. The proposed agreement incentivized Empacadora GAB to keep its US operations headquarters in Laredo over another Texas city. In addition to the \$11.4 million expansion, 13 jobs are retained in Laredo and 5 new full time permanent jobs with benefits will be created. The incentives agreement reduces GAB's property taxes over a 5-year period by about 55%, however, the city's new projected revenues from the project will more than double the tax reductions. Total 5-year payroll is projected to be \$3.11 million. Compliance measures will be in effect.

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

35.



### **Excellent and Connected**

**2021-R-167** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a donation and enter into an agreement with San Isidro Northeast, Ltd., and San Isidro Southeast Ltd., the surface only of Lot Number Six (6), in Block Number Thirteen (13), San Isidro Las Buganvillas Subdivision, Unit IV, a subdivision in the City of Laredo, as per Plat recorded in Volume 25, Page 25, Webb County Plat Records. Lot Number Eleven (11), in Block Number Thirteen (13), San Isidro Las Buganvillas Subdivision, Unit V, a subdivision situated in the City of Laredo, as per Plat recorded in Volume 31, Pages 78-79, Webb County Plat Records. Lot Number Twenty-Nine (29), in Block Number Two (2), San Isidro Northeast Los Palmares Subdivision, Unit 4, a subdivision situated in the City of Laredo, as per Plat recorded in Volume 31, Pages 23-26, Webb County Plat records. Lot Number Twenty-Four (24), in Block Number Twelve (12), San Isidro Northeast Subdivision, Phase 13, a subdivision situated in the City of Laredo, as per Plat recorded in Volume 32, Pages 55-56, Webb County Plat records. Detention ponds have a value of \$2,500.00 each. The properties will be used for municipal purposes. The detention ponds will be maintained by the City of Laredo.

36.



### **Prosperous and Affordable**

Consideration for approval of the City of Laredo Downtown Elderly Rental Apartments located at 820 Convent Avenue as complete, approval of change order no. 2 that is a decrease of \$51,420.61 for the project credits from allowances and all Contingency Allowance Expenditure Authorization (CAEA's), contractor incentive credit and to add one-hundred forty (140) calendar days to the construction contract time, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$102,088.77 to AOC Calton, Ltd., dba Summit Building and Design, Laredo, Texas. Final total construction contract amount is \$2,081,579.39 and total five hundred (500) calendar days. Funding is available in the 2016 and 2018 CDBG Grant/2018 Home Grant.

37.



### **Dynamic and Sustainable**

Consideration for approval to award a professional services contract to Terracon Consultants, Inc. for the Sames Auto Arena Roof Replacement in the amount not to exceed \$281,662.18 which includes design phase services, bidding phase services, construction administrative phase services and roof testing program.

Funding is available in the Sports Venue Tax.

38.



**Dynamic and Sustainable**

Consideration for approval of the Jose & Alicia Garza Park Basketball Shade Structure (District I) with translucent white laminated fabric roof, lighting, chain link fence and wire mesh as complete, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$18,630.00 to Mage 4 Group, Ltd., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$186,300.00. Funding is available in the 2017 and 2018 CO Bond retainage accounts.

39.



**Dynamic and Sustainable**

Consideration for approval of the Canseco De Valle House Project - Doors and Windows (District III) as complete, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$12,780.00 to Romo Contractors, LLC., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$127,800.00. Funding is available in the 2016 C.O. Bond.

40.



**Dynamic and Sustainable**

Consideration for approval of the North Central Park Gym Structure Project (District VI) located at 11202 International Blvd. as complete, approval of change order no. 1 that is an increase in the amount of \$5,829.14, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$11,468.93 to Zertuche Construction Texas LLC., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$62,227.02. Funding is available in the 2019 CO Bond.

41.



**Excellent and Connected**

Consideration for approval of the CDBG Downtown Neighborhood Access Improvements District VIII as complete, approval of change order no.1 that is a decrease in the amount of \$21,810.10, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$90,590.77 to Azar Services LLC., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$132,542.20. Funding is available in the 2018 & 2019 CDBG grant years.

42.



**Prosperous and Affordable**

Consideration for approval to award a construction contract FY21-ENG-11 to the lowest responsible responsive bidder Midas Contractors, LLC., Laredo, Texas, in the amount not to exceed \$177,250.00 for the EI Portal Meeting Space Project including meeting spaces of 5,255 sq. ft and 7,600 sq. ft with a construction contract time of sixty (60) working days; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related contract documents contingent upon receipt and approval of insurance, payment & performance bond documents. After a notice to proceed is issued, estimated completion date for the project is scheduled for November 2021. Funding is available in the CVB operational budget.

43.



**Prosperous and Affordable**

Authorizing the City Manager 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 Springfield Avenue Extension Phase 3 project from Shiloh Road to the existing Springfield Avenue dead end near San Isidro development including an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 toward the development cost. Funding is available in the 2019 CO Bond.

**FIRE:** STAFF SOURCE GUILLERMO HEARD, FIRE CHIEF

44. Consideration to award contract FY21-072 to sole bidder Southern Tire Mart, Columbia, MS in an annual amount of \$100,000.00, for providing tire replacement and tire repair services for the Fire Department. This contract establishes regular and after hour service call rates for tire repair and replacement services along with the purchase of new tires for City of Laredo Fire vehicles. The term of this contract is for two (2) years with the option to extend one additional two (2) year period, upon mutual agreement of the parties. This contract is contingent upon the availability of funds. Funding is available in the General Fund - Fire Department's budget.
45. Consideration to renew contract FY19-083 to the following provider: Bound Tree Medical for an annual amount not to exceed \$260,000.00. This is a two (2) year renewal contract, subject to future appropriations and is for the purchase of medications, medical equipment and gloves used by the Fire Department-EMS Division. Prices on new extension shall remain the same as original contract. This is the first and final extension for this contract. Funding is available in the Fire Department EMS budget.
46. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a three (3) year contract with Dr. Arturo Garza-Gongora, M.D., for an annual amount of \$88,000.00, to serve as Medical Director/Supervisor of pre-hospital care for the City of Laredo Fire Department as required by EMS National Registry. The initial contract shall be effective from August 2021 to August 2024.

**FLEET MANAGEMENT:** STAFF SOURCE RONALD MILLER, FLEET DIRECTOR

47. Consideration to renew contract FY20-059 with the following vendors:

1. R & S Inspection Center, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$40,000.00;
2. Rotex Truck Center, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$20,000.00.

This contract provides safety inspection services for all of the City's municipal fleet vehicles. These vendors will be authorized to do minor repairs and/or replace parts that may be required to meet the State of Texas Safety Inspection Standards. All minor repairs shall not exceed \$50.00. 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. The contract may be extended for two (2) more additional one (1) year periods, each upon mutual agreement of the

parties and contingent upon future funding appropriations. Funding is available in the Fleet Department Fund.

48. Consideration to award annual supply contract FY21-079 to the sole bidder Hydr Hose Services, Laredo, Texas in amount up to \$55,000.00 for the fabrication of hydraulic hoses with fittings for the City's heavy equipment. 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 (3) additional one (1) year periods, each upon mutual agreement of the parties and contingent upon future funding appropriations. All hoses will be purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.

**HEALTH:** STAFF SOURCE RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, HEALTH DIRECTOR

49.



### Healthy and Safe

Motion to authorize the City Manager to execute a second amendment to the Engagement Agreement with Victor D. Trevino, M.D. for professional services as City of Laredo Health Authority, by authorizing additional fees of \$211,580.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$271,580.00 for the term through April 30, 2022. Funds are available in the Health Department Budget.

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

50.



### Excellent and Connected

Authorizing the City Manager 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, 2021, through August 31, 2023.

51.



### Excellent and Connected

Consideration to award the sole bidder, Magellan Advisors, contract for completion of a Municipal Broadband Market Study with integrated GIS mapping, and if requested by the City, a Broadband Expansion Feasibility Study, together with deployment options, at a total cost of \$101,500.00. Funding is available in the America Rescue Plan Act – I.S.T. Telecommunications Funds.

52.



### Excellent and Connected

Authorizing the City Manager to purchase a GENSET 1 XQ 60 Portable Diesel Fuel Generator from Holt Power Systems for the amount of \$52,349.58. Pricing

under Texas BuyBoard. Funding is available in the Contractual Obligations Fund 2013 PPFCO and IST Department Budget.

53. **Excellent and Connected**



Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a contract with TanChes Global Management, Inc. to provide cloud managed Meraki routers and switches, as well as SD-WAN subscription licenses that will be used to connect the 9-1-1 Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) network and backup network throughout the South Texas Region, including Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb and Zapata Counties, in the amount of \$94,973.91. New network will provide diversity and resiliency options for the 9-1-1 Regional Network. Managed services and licenses will be provided for a three year period. Funding is available in the 9-1-1 Regional Fund.

**MUNICIPAL COURT:** STAFF SOURCE ANA CABALLERO-RODRIGUEZ, MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK

54. **Excellent and Connected**



Authorizing City Manager to enter into an annual software maintenance agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$108,080.00. The annual software maintenance agreement is for a one year term and effective date upon execution, renewing automatically unless terminated by either party. Funding is available in the FY 2020-2021 Municipal Court Technology Fund budget.

**PARKS & RECREATION:** STAFF SOURCE JUAN J. GOMEZ, JR., PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR

55. **2021-R-165** Ratification of a resolution for the Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the acceptance of the donation of ten (10) pallets of Clovr antibacterial gel hand sanitizer valued at approximately \$20,000.00 from Tanjore Corporation, LTD for use by the public as provided at City of Laredo Parks and Recreation facilities; and providing for an effective date.

**POLICE:** STAFF SOURCE CLAUDIO TREVINO, CHIEF OF POLICE

56. **Healthy and Safe**



**2021-R-156** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$5,076.22 from the U.S. Department of Justice Programs for the purpose of funding the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant for FY2021. The funds will be utilized to replace 13 vests that have exceeded the recommended life expectancy. The Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program will require a 50% match for a total grant amount of \$10,152.44. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund.

57. **Healthy and Safe**



**2021-R-157** Authorizing the City Manager to ratify submission of application for the FY21 Rapid Response Strikeforce Grant and to accept said grant in the

amount of \$48,481.61 from the Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority to fund overtime and equipment for the Laredo Auto Theft Task Force for the period of August 2, 2021 through September 30, 2021. The city's local match is approximately 20%, which is available as a transfer in from General Fund. Funding is available in the Auto Theft Task Force Fund.

58.



**Healthy and Safe**

**2021-R-158** Authorizing the City Manager to ratify the submission of a grant application for the FY22 grant year in the amount of \$1,198,534.00 to the Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority to fund the Laredo Auto Theft Task Force for the period of September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022. This grant pays for salaries, supplies and equipment for the LPD Auto Theft Unit. The city's local match is approximately 29%, which is available as a transfer in from General Fund. Funding is available in the Auto Theft Task Force Fund.

59.



**Healthy and Safe**

**2021-R-159** Authorizing the City Manager to renew one (1) individual Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Laredo Police Department and the Laredo Job Corps Center. The Police Department's participation is part of the community service provided to our citizens and our partner law enforcement agencies with no cost to the City of Laredo.

60.



**Healthy and Safe**

**2021-R-166** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$66,830.00 to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the funding of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY 2021 for the period of October 01, 2021 through September 30, 2024. The Bureau of Justice Assistance mandates that this grant allocation be divided equally between the City of Laredo and Webb County; \$33,415.00 will be allocated for the LPD Network Specialist and \$33,415.00 for Webb County Sheriff's Office equipment and technology operation enhancements and officer wellness equipment. Funding will be available in the Special Police Fund.

61.



**Healthy and Safe**

Authorizing the City Manager to purchase 200 Microsoft Office 2019 licenses from SHI Government Solutions for a total amount of \$71,872.00. Pricing under Department of Information Resources (DIR) Cooperative Purchasing Program. Funding is available in the Police Department General Fund Budget.

62.



**Healthy and Safe**

Consideration to rescind a purchase contract awarded to GT Distributors, Inc. for the Police Department SWAT body armor in the amount of \$52,913.18. Items did not meet the Office of the Governor Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program



63.



### Healthy and Safe

Consideration to renew contract FY20-053 to Holguin Cleaners, Laredo, TX., in the amount of \$96,000.00 per year for providing uniforms laundry services and non-uniforms dry cleaning services to the Laredo Police Department, in accordance with provisions of LPD collective bargaining agreement. The term of this contract is for a period of (1) one year beginning as of the date of its execution. This is the first of (3) three possible one (1) year extension periods, each upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Police Department General Fund budget.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** STAFF SOURCE JOHN ORFILA, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

64.



### Excellent and Connected

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 fourth and final extension period. Funding is available in the General Fund - Public Works.

65.

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:

- a. Flexible base Type D – Crushed Concrete, F.O.B. Public Works or Utilities Department Compound Job Site - \$19.25/ton
- b. Flexible base Type D – Crushed Concrete, F.O.B. Vendors Plant, Picked up by City Trucks - \$15.95/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 a 10% price increase during the last extension period due to the high cost of fuel and labor. This is the fourth and final extension period. All materials shall be purchased on an as needed basis utilizing the General Funds - Public Works and Utilities Department.

66.

Consideration to renew Contract FY20-069 to the low bidder, Anderson Columbia, Weslaco, Texas as the Primary Vendor in an annual amount up to \$200,000.00 and Century Asphalt, Houston, Texas as the secondary vendor in an annual amount up to \$100,000.00 for the purchase of tack coat emulsified asphalt oil used for street paving projects. All materials are purchased on an as needed basis



utilizing the construction project budgets. This is the first of three (3) possible one (1) year extension periods, each upon mutual agreement of the parties. There was a price increase during the last extension period. Funding is available in the General Fund - Public Works.

67. Consideration to award annual supply contract number FY21-078 to the low bidders:

1) Emperor Services LLC, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$500,000.00 for the purchase of:

- a. Gravel delivered to Public Works and Utilities Job Site - \$20.00/Cubic Yard;
- b. Gravel picked up by City Trucks - \$14.00/Cubic Yard;
- c. 3/8" Pea Gravel picked up by City Trucks - \$20.00/ton;
- d. 3/8" Pea Gravel delivered to Public Works and Utilities Job Site- \$20.00/ton;
- e. Flexible Base-Caliche delivered to Public Works and Utilities Job Site- \$16.50/ Cubic Yard;
- f. Flexible Base-Caliche picked up by City Trucks - \$ 8.49/Cubic Yard;

2) Flecha Materials, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$ 70,000.00 for the purchase of:

- a. Red Top Soil Job Site Delivery - \$30.00/Cubic Yard w/\$45.00 delivery charge;
- b. Fill Dirt Job Site Delivery - \$12.00/Cubic Yard w/\$45.00 delivery charge.

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. The contract may be extended for three (3) additional one (1) year periods, each upon mutual agreement of the parties and contingent upon future funding appropriations. All materials are purchased on an as needed basis and funding is available in the Public Works Department, Utilities Department, Parks & Recreation Department, and various construction project budgets through general funds.

**SOLID WASTE:** STAFF SOURCE JOHN PORTER, INTERIM SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR/ ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTOR

68. Consideration to authorize a purchase contract for Rush Truck Center, Laredo, TX, and RDO Equipment Co., Laredo, TX for the purchase of the heavy duty trucks and equipment listed below in the total amount not to exceed \$2,325,596.00 for the Solid Waste Department.

Seven (7) Side Loaders Peterbuilt 520 Durapack - Vendor: Rush Truck Center, Laredo, TX  
One (1) John Deere Excavator - Vendor: RDO Equipment, Laredo, TX

These purchases are utilizing Cooperative Purchasing Program contract pricing from: Buyboard and Sourcewell, offered by vendors. These trucks and equipment are to replace units which have already reached their useful life. Some units have to be replaced every 4-5 years to meet performance standards for the collection and transportation of solid waste material. Funding is available in the 2021 CO Bonds.

**TAX:** STAFF SOURCE DORA MALDONADO, TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

69. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts adjusted for the month of June 2021 represent a decrease of \$40,576.23. These adjustments are determined by the Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

**TRAFFIC SAFETY:** STAFF SOURCE DANNY MAGEE, TRAFFIC DIRECTOR

70. **Excellent and Connected**



Consideration for approval of change order No. 1, an increase of \$137,860.00 to the agreement contract with AEP Texas for the LED Conversion Project. This change order No. 1 is to add 1000 existing streetlights to the current contract and replace them with new LED street lighting for a total of 6,800 lights offered through AEP Texas. AEP received approval to add 1,000 lights to the original contract which is a unique opportunity. Current contract amount with this change order is \$937,488.00. Current completion date with this change order is for May 1, 2022. Funding is available in the 2018 CO Bond.

**UTILITIES:** STAFF SOURCE ART GARCIA, P.E., UTILITIES DIRECTOR

71. Authorizing City Manager to issue a 35% credit to residential and commercial customers for water use only during the month of July, for 11 days of the Boil Water Notice period. Funding is available in the Waterworks Operations Fund.
72. Consideration to award a professional engineering services contract in the amount of \$360,000.00 to Porras Nance Engineering of Laredo, Texas for the 24-in Water Transmission Main in South Laredo. Funding is available in the 2019 Water Revenue Bond.

73. **Dynamic and Sustainable**



Consideration to renew and amend contract FY20-063 with Core & Main, from San Antonio, Texas not to exceed \$1,211,870.39 for the purchase of AMR/AMI water meters, meter kits (register/endpoint/antenna), Associated Individual Components, and Unitizing Measuring Elements (UME's) for the Utilities Department. The amendment is to include AMI (450i) Components to this contract. There will be no increase to the annual contract amount. All meters meet NSF Standard 61 Certification and NSF 61 Annex F and G (lead requirements). All meters and meter kits will be ordered 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 and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. There was no price increase during the last extension period. The contract may be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year periods, each upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Fund.

74. Consideration to renew contract FY20-074 with Gutierrez Machine Shop, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$400,000.00 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. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This contract can be renewed for two (2) additional one (1) year extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Waterworks System and Sewer System Budget.
75. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract utilizing the BuyBoard, Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) to Core & Main LP, of San Antonio, Texas for the furnishing and delivery of 40 hydrant flushing devices & 40 locking devices in the amount of \$117,708.00. Funding is available in the Waterworks Construction Account.
76. Authorizing the City Manager to approve Amendment #2, for the professional engineering consultant services contract with Ardurra Group, Inc., Laredo, Texas for the Replacement of Lyon Street South Ground Storage Tank in the amount of \$415,700.00. The revised contract amount, including this Amendment #2 is \$1,321,400.00. Funding is available in the 2020A Water Revenue Bond.

### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

### **XIII. STAFF REPORTS**

77. Submission of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Budget as per Article VI, Section 6.02, Submission of the Budget, which states "At least sixty (60) days before the end of the fiscal year the City Manager shall present to the Council a budget for ensuing fiscal year with accompanying budget message".
78. Submission of the Proposed 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) as per Article VI, Section 6.05 of the City Charter, which states that "the City Manager shall prepare and submit a five (5) year capital program at least sixty (60) days before the end of the fiscal year."
79. 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.
80. Status update on current COVID-19 information as presented by Local Health Authority, Health Director and Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC); and any other matters incident thereto.



81. Presentation of the outcome on the recent 2021 City of Laredo Career Expo.
82. Report by the Citizens' Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC) regarding their recommended hazardous materials permit buffer requirements from schools, and new school siting recommendations from warehouses that have hazardous materials permits. As well as CEAC's recommendation on xeriscaping in industrial developments.
83. Discussion with possible action on modifying and/or clarifying the City of Laredo Municipal Civil Service Rules to modify as needed so as not to be in conflict with the City Charter.
84. Presentation and results report on the public input survey, and any other matters incident thereto.

#### XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any posted agenda item when authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and/or 551.086 (Economic Development). Following closed session, the open meeting will reconvene at which time action, if any, may be taken.

85. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 551.071(1)(A) to consult with attorney on pending litigation involving *City of Laredo v. Laredo Lomas Properties, Ltd., and the Premises located at 1500 Logan Street, in Laredo, Texas 78040, Cause No. 2017CVK002349-D2*; pending in the District Court of Webb County, Texas, 111th Judicial District; and return to open session for possible action.

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

86.  **Planned and Moving**  
**2021-RT-08** Authorizing the City Manager and staff to apply and submit a grant application to the Texas Department of Transportation Urban STATE-U-2021-LAREDO-00078 for FY2022 in the amount of \$637,564.00 to be used for preventative maintenance from the State Public Transportation funds for Large Urban, Small Urban and Rural areas of the state by the General Appropriations Act enacted by the 87th Texas Legislature regular session and approved on June 30, 2021, by the Texas Transportation Commission on minute order 116036. There is no local match required for this grant.
87.  **Planned and Moving**  
**2021-RT-09** Authorizing the City Manager and staff to submit a grant application for \$6,212,814.00 to the U.S. Department of Transportation FY2021 American

Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program for the proposed El Metro North Mobility Center located on Shiloh and Springfield Avenue. The proposed El Metro North Mobility Center will be a multi-agency, multi-modal bus transfer facility that will provide connectivity for both urban and rural riders. The 6-acre site will be used as a non-federal local match in the amount of \$1,212,000.00.

88.



### **Planned and Moving**

Approving the selection by the Third Party Funding Advisory Committee of the FY2021 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Call for Project application for the Laredo Urbanized Area Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Funding Program and authorizing the City Manager to execute and submit to the Federal Transit Administration all necessary documents resulting from said funding program. The FY 2021 Call for Projects received only one (1) completed application that was from the El Metro-Laredo Transit Management Incorporated (El Metro). The Third Party Funding Advisory Committee recommends for the Laredo Mass Transit Board to approve the committees' selection for El Metro to be awarded \$300,000.00 for the purchase of three (3) El Lift paratransit vans. Local match of \$75,000.00 is from the Transit Sales Tax.

89.

Authorizing City Manager to execute the consent and novation agreement with FirstGroup Management, Inc., authorizing the transfer of rights, title, obligations, liabilities and interest from First Transit, Inc. to FirstGroup Management, Inc., and the transfer of the Laredo Transit Management, Inc. ("SPV") to FirstGroup Management, Inc.

## **XVI. ADJOURN AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD AND RECONVENE AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL**

90.

### **GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

#### **A. Request by Mayor Pete Saenz**

1. Discussion with possible action on directing the Internal Auditor to investigate and report to Council the number, type, result and voting records of Commissioners of all disciplinary actions appealed to and heard by the City's Civil Service Commission in the last 4 years, and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action in retaining a qualified, experienced water plant/distribution operational team to temporarily oversee and operate, if necessary on a daily basis, and report directly to Council, and any other matters related thereto.



3. Discussion with possible action to recognize Arturo B. Campos by resolution for his accomplishments and national honors as a famous NASA electrical engineer. NASA named a space bound mannequin headed to the moon as part of the NASA's Artemis I mission after him in honor of his contributions and legacy, and any other matters incident thereto.

**B. Request by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.**

1. Discussion with possible action on the adoption of a commercial noise ordinance for purposes of restricting the times that music and other loud sounds may be emitted from a business when not associated with the normal operation of that business, and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to authorize the City Manager to offer office space to the Office the Governor of Nuevo León, Mexico to conduct government external affairs and economic development business, amongst other official business; and any other matters incident thereto.

**C. Request by Council Member Ruben A. Gutierrez, Jr.**

1. Discussion with possible action on the Utilities Department's status on procedural changes, specifically concerning alerts and who is receiving them, and any matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to direct the City Manager to convert both lanes on Sinatra Blvd. to right turn lanes southbound on Loop 20, and any other matters incident thereto.

**D. Request by Council Member Dr. Marte A. Martinez**

1. Discussion with possible action to direct management to create and implement a water quality policy, action plan and a capital improvement plan that establishes local protocols, in line with TCEQ recommendations and requirements, in order to achieve a Superior Quality rating from TCEQ, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.)**

**E. Request by Council Member Vanessa J. Perez**

1. Discussion with possible action on the adoption by ordinance of mandatory procedures and guidelines for the processing of exit interviews by all employees separating from City service in an effort to gather valuable feedback for use as necessary to modify, improve, or enhance internal practices, pay, and/or working

conditions, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa)**

2. Discussion with possible action on the amendment of Chapter 5, Article V. (Regulation for New Business Registration) of the Code of Ordinances by adopting new rules for mobile businesses not presently covered by existing regulations to require registration with the City and compliance with insurance, hours of operation, location, parking, and other health and safety protocols, also directing staff to keep a listing of all approved mobile businesses for public access via the city website, and any other matter incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa)**
  
3. Recognizing Federico "Kiko" Reyes for his outstanding service to our community and for his due diligence in watching over our water. **(Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pete Saenz, Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa, and Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III)**

**F. Request by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa**

1. Discussion with possible action on making virtual options available for all community participation, including public comments, council presenters, interviews, as well as for boards, committees and commission meetings through September 1, 2021, the date approved by Governor Greg Abbott in which all provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act (TOMA) will once again become effective, and that all Texas governmental bodies subject to TOMA must conduct their meetings in full compliance with the rules as written in statute, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr. and Council Member Vanessa Perez)**
  
2. Request for status with possible action on the corrective action undertaken by the Utilities Department to minimize the risk of low chlorine levels, growth of harmful bacteria, and other conditions that could give rise to additional boil water notices in the future, to include the revision of a new Nitrification Action Plan (NAP) and continuous training for all employees on water testing and sampling, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Vanessa Perez)**

**G. Request by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez**

1. Discussion with possible action on the status within the Building Department vacant positions and complaints on customer service, and any other matters incident thereto.

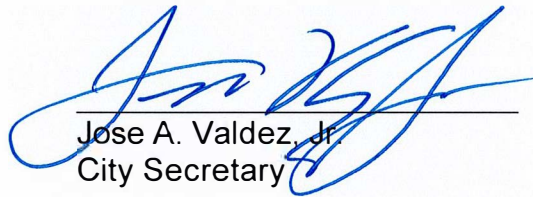
2. Status update on the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) on the produce market that was to be established in Laredo, and any other matters incident thereto.

**H. Request by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III**

1. Discussion with possible action to waive garage sale permits and fees for the weekend of August 13 - 15, 2021 in observance of National Garage Sale Day on August 13, 2021, and any other matters incident thereto.

**XVII. ADJOURN**

This notice was posted at the Municipal Government Offices, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas, at a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times. Said notice was posted on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.



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Jose A. Valdez, Jr.  
City Secretary

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