

**CITY OF LAREDO  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**A-2020-R-09**

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**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**1110 HOUSTON STREET**

**LAREDO, TEXAS 78040**

**June 1, 2020**

**5:00 P.M.**



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- I. CALL TO ORDER**
  
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
  
- III. MOMENT OF SILENCE**
  
- IV. ROLL CALL**
  
- V. MINUTES**

**Approval of the minutes of May 18, 2020 and May 26, 2020.**

### **Citizen comments**

Citizens are required to fill out an online witness card no later than 5:15 p.m. and can be found at <https://forms.gle/3GcWeTgGvvCeP3X36>. 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. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

1. Appointment by Mayor Pro-Tempore Alberto Torres, Jr. of Oscar O. Lopez to the Telecommunications Advisory Commission.

## **VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** authorizing the City Manager to accept additional funding from the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) in the amount of \$561,200.00 for grant year 2019 and \$296,668.00 for grant year 2020 and amending the FY 2020 budget by appropriating additional revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$857,868.00 for a total amount of the contract between FY 2017-2021 of \$1,379,168.00 for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Women's Health Preventive Health Services and Family Planning Program.
2. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the City of Laredo Waterworks Construction Fund FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating revenues and expenses in the amount of \$2,200,000.00. Expenses will be appropriated for repairs to El Pico Water Treatment Plant. Revenues are available from proceeds of a lawsuit settlement for El Pico Water Treatment Plant.

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

## **VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES**

3. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, establishing a policy that the name of a candidate for an elected city office shall be printed on the ballot with the given name or initials first, then by a nickname in quotations, if any, to be followed by the surname, in accordance with Texas Election Code Section 52.031; providing a severability clause, and an effective date.
4. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, establishing the rental rates and tenant policies for the Martha C. Narvaez City Hall Apartments an elderly affordable rental housing project located at 820 Convent Avenue; providing for rents to be in compliance and charged at home rent limits; occupancy to be limited to persons aged 62 years or older with incomes at or below 60% of the area median income as set annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and leasing of the units on a first-come, first-served basis.

## **IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

5. **2020-O-055** Authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY 2020 Airport Operation Fund Budget to accept and appropriate the Federal Aviation Administration grant No. 3-48-0136-091-2020 in the amount of \$18,506,692.00. The purpose of the grant is to provide for airport funds which may be lawfully used, as found in the Office of Airports Revenue Use Policy, such as Airport operating expenses to include payroll, airfield safety, airport security, and terminal maintenance which are 100% federal funds; no local match is required. Federal grant funding is available under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act 2020.
6. **2020-O-056** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning at approximate 15.8502 acres out of Survey 2049, Abstract 594, R. H. Raines, and Porcion 35, Jose M. Diaz, Abstract 546, located at South of Buckeye Dr. and West of Wolly Dr., from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) to R-1MH (Single Family Manufactured Housing District); providing for publication and effective date.

### **ZC-24-2020 District III**

7. **2020-O-057** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 1, Mulchand Plat, Unit 2, located at 9215 FM 1472 Rd., from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) and B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

**ZC-25-2020**  
**District VII**

8. **2020-O-058** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for Oil and/or Gas Extraction and Production (Plug/Abandonment of a Well) at approximate 0.99 acres out of 14.69 acre tract, Porcion 35 J. M. Diaz, Abstract 546, located at West of Ejido Ave. and South of Lomas Del Sur Blvd; providing for publication and effective date.

**ZC-28-2020**  
**District I**

9. **2020-O-059** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning at approximate 11.63 acres out of Porcion 14, Jose Guajardo, Abstract 56, located at South of FM 1472, and East of El Pico, from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Industrial District); providing for publication and effective date.

**ZC-30-2020**  
**District VII**

10. **2020-O-060** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximate 13.20 acres out of Porcion 35, Jose M. Diaz, Abstract 546, located at South of Lomas Del Sur Blvd., from R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) to R-1B (Single Family High Density Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

**ZC-32-2020**  
**District I**

11. **2020-O-061** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for townhouses at Lots 1, 2, & 3, Block 2, Khaledi Heights Subdivision, Unit 2, located at 10002, 10012 Bob Bullock Loop, and 4104 Blue Quail Rd; providing for publication and effective date.

**ZC-12-2020**  
**District VI**

12. **2020-O-062** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by repealing Ordinance 2018-O-168 and authorizing a Special Use Permit for a restaurant serving alcohol at Lots 64 & 65, Block 2, North Creek Subdivision, located at 1010 E Hillside Rd. Applicant seeks new permit to change permit holder and to amend the following.

1. Site plan by decreasing square footage from 3,202 SF to 2195 SF, removing the outside dining area.
2. Patio will not be used.
3. Removing the remote parking agreement with the property owner from 1020 E Hillside Rd.
4. Changing hours of operation from 2:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
5. Closed on Mondays.

**ZC-20-2020  
District V**

13. **2020-O-063** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning at approximate 2.91 acres out of tracts 69 and 70, Porcion 10, Tomas Sanchez, Abstract 280, located at South of FM 1472 Rd., and West of Los Minerales Annex Rd. from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Industrial District); providing for publication and effective date.

**ZC-19-2020  
District VII**

14. **2020-O-064** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$85,000.00 and to amend the FY 2020 Special Fire Grants Fund annual budget by appropriating additional revenues and expenditures through the Border Zone Fire Department (BZFD) program. The initiatives are funded by the Office of the Governor (OOG) Homeland Security Grants Division. The purpose is to provide grants to professional fire departments along the Texas - Mexico border region for specialized equipment, maintenance, and medical supplies to support emergency services associated with the execution of border security activities. Funding will be used to purchase extrication equipment. The grant performance period is from March 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020. No local match is required. Grant will be accounted for in the Special Fire Grants Fund.

15. **2020-O-065** Authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents for the purchase of a 0.968 acre tract from Manuel E. Perez in the negotiated amount of \$30,000.00; naming of the trail Manuel and Hermina Perez trail and applicable closing costs. Said tract, is a tract of land containing 0.968 acres more or less, out of CALLED 1.5737 acres conveyed to Manuel Perez and wife, Hermina Perez Recorded in Volume 1230, Pages 713-715, Deed

Records Webb County, Texas, situated in Porcion 22, Dona M. J. Sanchez Original Grantee, Abstract 277, Webb County, Texas. Acquisition of the proposed property will allow continuity between abutting City of Laredo owned properties for the preservation and beautification of River Vega land and enhance recreational amenities. Additionally, it will allow the expansion of the Father McNaboe hike and bike trail; and providing for an effective date. Funding is available through the Environmental Services Department Fund.

16. **2020-O-066** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement between the City of Laredo and the United States Postal Service (USPS) for the rental of 5,708 sq. ft. of first floor of office space, use of general public area, and two (2) parking designations at the Old Federal Courthouse located at 1300 Matamoros. The term of the lease is for five (5) years beginning June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2025 with the annual rental rate set and agreed by both parties at ninety-six thousand dollars (\$96,000.00), payable in equal monthly installments; and providing for an effective date.

## **X. 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.**

### **BRIDGE: STAFF SOURCE YVETTE LIMON, BRIDGE DIRECTOR**

17. Consideration to award contract to TransCore, L.P., in the amount of \$288,275.00 for the development of a solution for the 5 exit lanes at the Laredo World Trade Bridge Port of Entry that incorporates Weigh-in-Motion (WIM), Front Vehicle Enforcement System (VES), and Automatic Vehicle Identification (AVI) information to capture, identify, and process overweight commercial vehicles traveling from Mexico into the United States. Funding is available in the Laredo Bridge System Construction Fund.

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

18. Discussion with possible action on the approval of the City Manager's appointment(s) for the position of Assistant City Manager(s), in accordance with Article II, Section 2-19, of the Code of Ordinances, and any other matter incident thereto.

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

19. **2020-R-082** Authorizing the City Manager to execute legal documents conveying a perpetual easement and Right of Way to AEP Texas, Inc. over, under, across, and upon a 1,948 square foot tract of land situated in Porcion 22, being out of San Isidro Divine Mercy Church Subdivision Plat, Recorded in Volume 21, Page 33, Webb County, Texas; said 1,948 square foot tract of land is more particularly described by metes and bounds in attached "Exhibit A" and boundary survey in attached "Exhibit B" ; and providing for an effective date.

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

20. **2020-R-083** Authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to accept allocation funding under the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund administered and facilitated by the Texas Division of Emergency Management to protect the health and safety of the City of Laredo and mitigate the economic ramifications of COVID-19.
21. **2020-R-084** A resolution by the City Council of the City of Laredo, authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement made pursuant to Texas local government code chapter 380 with Mastronardi Produce, USA, Inc. Related to the development of a cold storage manufacturing and distribution center; and providing an effective date.

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

22. Consideration for approval of amendment no. 6, for an increase in the amount not to exceed of \$274,975.00 to the professional services contract with Structural Engineering Associates, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, for the World Trade International Bridge U.S. Customs Exit Booth Expansion to include expert services for radiation portal monitors by Pacific Northwest National Laboratories as required by Sponsors of Donation Acceptance Projects. Current engineering contract amount with this amendment is \$2,645,862.48. Funding is available in the Bridge Construction Fund.

**ENVIRONMENTAL:** STAFF SOURCE JOHN PORTER, ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTOR

23. Authorizing the City Manager to sign Amendment #2, for the additional engineering services contract with Crane Engineering - Laredo, Texas in the amount of \$18,000.00. The total contract amount with this amendment is \$60,865.00 for the trail and fishing pier at Bartlett Park pond. Amendment #2 proposes to prepare plans, specifications, cost estimates, ADA review, utility coordination, bidding services, and construction oversight for the construction of trails and floatable fishing pier anchor to be located at the Bartlett Park pond. Funding is available in the Environmental Services Department budget.

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

24. Consideration to award contract number FY20-052 to the sole bidder, Lopez Transmission, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$60,000.00 to provide automatic transmission repair services for the Fleet Department. This contract establishes a discount percentage on parts and an hourly labor rate for repair services. 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 on future funding appropriations. Funding is available in the Fleet Department Fund.

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

25. **2020-R-085** Ratifying the submission of a continuation grant application in the estimated amount of \$546,658.00 to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to continue the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Women's Health Preventive Health Services and Family Planning program for the term period from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant.
26. **2020-R-086** Ratifying the submission of a grant application in the estimated amount of \$125,000.00 to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to provide diabetes prevention and control services through the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) for the term period from execution date through August 31, 2021 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant.



27. **2020-R-087** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to provide and/or assure the provision of breast and/or cervical cancer screenings, diagnostic and support services including tracking, follow-up, and patient navigation and individual client education services through the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) for the term period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant. The amount of the award will be determined by HHSC.
28. Consideration to award contract FY20-018 to the sole bidder Martinez Pharmacy, Laredo, Texas for pharmaceutical services for the Health Department's different programs and Employee Wellness in annual amount up to \$122,000.00. This contract is for a period of two (2) years with an option to renew for one additional two (2) year term and upon mutual agreement of the parties and subject to future appropriations. Funding is available in the respective departmental budget.

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

29. **2020-R-078** Authorizing the City Manager to ratify and enter into an agreement and accept reimbursement from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection/U.S. Border Patrol Treasury Forfeiture Fund of up to \$300,000.00 for joint operations for overtime expenses. The City of Laredo is required a match that will be \$96,000.00 for a total amount of \$396,000.00. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund.
30. **2020-R-079** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a Continued Grant Application for the FY2021 grant year in the amount of \$1,105,670.00 to the Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority to fund the Laredo Auto Theft Task Force for the period of September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021. This grant pays for salaries and supplies for the LPD Auto Theft Unit in the amount of \$685,000.00; and the city's local match is \$420,670.00, which is available as a transfer in from General Fund. Funding is available in the Auto Theft Task Force Fund.
31. **2020-R-080** Authorizing the City Manager to renew one individual Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Laredo Police Department and the Texas Joint Counter Drug Task Force (JCDF). 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.

32. **2020-R-081** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Laredo Police Department and the United States Secret Service (USSS) for the purpose of establishing a task force known as the USSS Task Force. The USSS Task Force will work together with other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to expand the national network of Electronic Crimes Task Forces (ECTF) for the main purpose of effectively and efficiently making a significant impact on electronic (cyber) crimes.

**UTILITIES:** STAFF SOURCE RIAZUL MIA, UTILITIES DIRECTOR

33. Authorizing the City Manager to award a construction contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Associated Construction Partners, Ltd., Boerne, Texas in the amount of \$3,902,000.00 for the Unitec Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase I Expansion - FY2020 Project. The contract time is three hundred and ninety (390) working days. Funding is available in the 2017 Sewer Revenue Bond.
34. Authorizing the City Manager to approve Change Order #1 - a credit in the amount of (\$625,232.00) to the contract and reducing retainage payable balance of \$123,988.40 by \$44,940.73. Accepting the project as complete, and releasing retainage and final payment in the amount of \$79,047.67 to Pepper Lawson Waterworks, LLC., Texas for the South Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant 12 to 18 MGD Expansion Project. This change order is a credit to the contract for unused remaining portion of allowance, reduction in the scope of work as well as credit to the City by the contractor for under sizing the capacity of the Aeration Basin for the project. The revised retainage payable is \$79,047.67. The final contract is \$21,479,768.00, and contract period is 1,091 calendar days. Closing is subject to TWDB approval. Funding is available in the 2015B Sewer Revenue Bond-TWDB and the Retainage Payable Account.
35. Consideration to renew annual contract FY19-064 with Rafter P. Transport, Floresville, Texas, in an amount up to \$700,000.00 to provide hauling and disposal services of approximately 5,500 cubic yards of wastewater bio-solids from the City of Laredo South Wastewater Treatment Plant to San Antonio which is an approved State of Texas TCEQ registered solids disposal facility. All services will be secured 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. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the first of three extension periods. Funding is available in the Utilities Department - Wastewater Treatment Division budget.

36. Consideration to renew annual contract FY19-065 with Square E. Services, Los Fresnos, Texas, in an amount up to \$750,000.00 to provide services in the maintenance of all the wastewater's treatment plants SCADA monitoring and electrical controls under preventative maintenance and emergency response objectives. Pricing is based on a flat hourly rate for management, technician, system integrator, journeyman electrician, and a professional engineer. All services will be secured 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. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the first of three extension periods. Funding is available in the Water Works Department Fund - Water Treatment Division.
  
37. Consideration to renew annual contract FY19-059 with Nick Benavides, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$75,000.00 for landscaping and maintenance services for various wastewater treatment plants and for the water treatment plant. This contract establishes a cost per cycle rate to include, but not limited to, the collection of trash, debris, litter, and mowing trimmings. All services will be secured 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. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the first of three extension periods. Funding is available in the Water Works and Waste Water Departments Budget Funds.
  
38. Authorizing the City Manager to approve Amendment #1, to the professional engineering consultant services contract with LNV, Inc. Laredo, Texas for the Replacement of Lyon Street Ground Storage Tank in the amount of \$351,200.00. The revised contract amount, including this Amendment #1 is \$905,700.00. Funding is available in the 2019 Water Revenue Bond.
  
39. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program pricing (Buyboard Proposal Code No. 582-19) to Southern Trenchless Solutions, of Weslaco, Texas for the Relocation of the 12-inch Water Line at Killam Industrial Park Boulevard in the amount of \$234,302.57. Funding is available in the 2019 Water Revenue Bond. Money for the project will be reimbursed by Webb County City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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**XI. STAFF REPORTS**

40. 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.
41. Discussion with possible action to consider a second request for an extension of Injury Leave with pay in accordance with 143.073 (b) of the Texas Local Government Code for Patrol Officer Jorge Leven. Human Resources and Police Department recommend extension. Total number of days out as of May 02, 2020 pay period: 310 days.
42. Staff report on the status of the Economic Development Committee; and any other matters incident thereto.

## **XII. 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.

43. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 to discuss the pending Declaration of Taking and Complaint in Condemnation filed in Case No. 5:20-CV-00031; styled United States of America v. 982.6894 Acres of Land, More or Less, situated in Webb County, State of Texas and City of Laredo et al; pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Laredo Division; and return to open session for possible action.

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

44. **2020-RT-07** Amending resolution #2020-RT-04 by replacing various equipment including two (2) Bus Lifts, one (1) Sweeper/Scrubber, Bus and Van Security Cameras and Recorders, Audio and Visual and Maintenance equipment for the purchase of one (1) Medium-Duty bus for the fixed-route bus service. The equipment will be purchase through the CARES Act grant program that is 100% federal and no local match required. The FTA grant application in the amount of \$415,500.00 under the Section 5339 Bus and

Bus Facilities Program authorized by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act will be for the purchase of three (3) paratransit vans and one (1) Medium Duty Bus as amended. The fifteen (15) percent local match for this grant in the amount of \$77,822.00 is funded with the Transit's Sales Tax.

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

##### **45. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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

1. Discussion with possible action on itemizing how the CARES Act monies will be prioritized and utilized once received; and any other matters incident thereto.

###### **B. Request by Council Member George Altgelt**

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the procurement for construction of the Santa Maria "Pista de Avaniil" Active Transit Lanes; and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion and possible action to have limited activities outside of the Recreation Centers regarding the use of City mountain bikes and /or any other activities wherein people can be and REMAIN socially distanced; and any other matters incident thereto.

###### **C. Request by Council Member Roberto Balli**

1. Discussion with possible action to approve pending district art projects; and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pro-Tempore Alberto Torres, Jr.)**

**D. Request by Council Member Rudy Gonzalez, Jr.**

1. Discussion with possible action to instruct the City Manager to authorize the repainting with new school logo of the water tank at 2106 Mexico Ave located in front of United South High School; and any other matters incident thereto.(pending funding)
2. Discussion with possible action to instruct the City Manager to establish a committee to create a City of Laredo employee(s) of the month program; and any other matters incident thereto.

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

1. Discussion with possible action to instruct the City Manager for a 4th of July Firework Extravaganza in South Laredo; and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Rudy Gonzalez, Jr.)**
2. Discussion with possible action to direct staff to allocate \$50,000.00 for the illumination project in District II; and any other matters incident thereto. District Priority Funds will be used for this project.

**F. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Alberto Torres, Jr.**

1. Discussion with possible action on an update regarding grant applications, funds awarded/acquired, and status of division performance; and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to establish proper protocols and a plan of action for a potential second wave of COVID-19; and any other matters incident thereto.
3. Discussion with possible action to allow the reconvening of meetings of city boards, committees, and commissions; and any other matters incident thereto.

**G. Request by Council Member Nelly Vielma**

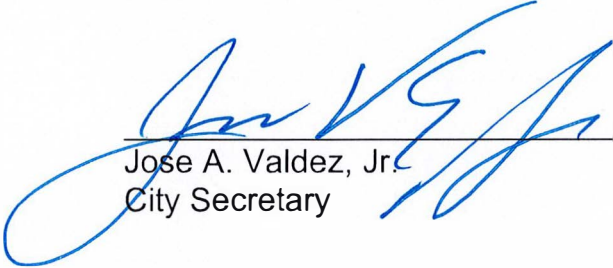
1. Discussion with possible action to explore ways of reducing the tax burden for real property owners by reducing the current tax rate for 2020-2021 Budget; and any other matters incident thereto.  
**(Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pete Saenz)**
  
2. Discussion with possible action on amending Article II, Division 8 (Internal Audit office) of the Code of Ordinances for purposes of clarifying the role and authority of the City Auditor in order to produce analytical audit reports with emphasis on providing an independent and objective evaluation of the city's risk exposures, reliability, and integrity of financial and operational information, safeguarding of assets, and compliance with laws, grants, and contracts; and establishing an Audit & Accountability Committee with applicable experience in financial and/or audit matters to provide guidance and oversight of the Office of the City Auditor, and recommendations to council on the risks, efficiencies, improvements, and fiscal responsibility, and any other matters incident thereto.
  
3. Discussion with possible action to designate a portion of the CARES Act funds for Economic Development, Workforce Retraining and Small Business Assistance Programs; and any other matters incident thereto.

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

1. Discussion with possible action on the status of the Economic Development Committee; and any other matters incident thereto.
  
2. Discussion with possible action to create Wetland Mitigation Bank within North Central park to accommodate any and all future wetland mitigation project as require by the US Army Corps of Engineers under section 404 permit requirements and reroute a portion of effluent water through this proposed wetland to address the flooding issues around Orange Blossom Loop; and any other matters incident thereto.

**XV. 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, May 27, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.



Jose A. Valdez, Jr.  
City Secretary

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**CITY OF LAREDO  
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**A-2020-S-05**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1110 HOUSTON STREET  
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040**

**June 1, 2020**

**5:00 P.M.**

**SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA**

**I. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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

1. Discussion with possible action to assist the Laredo Regional Food Bank with a donation of \$20,000 to help purchase food for families in need; and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pro-Tempore Alberto Torres, Jr.)**

**B. Request by Council Member George Altgelt**

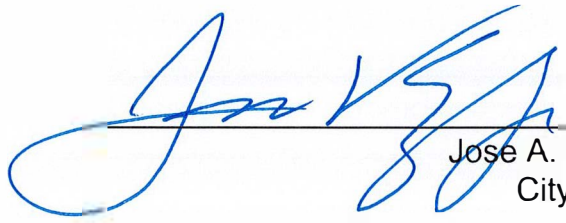
1. Discussion with possible action to continue assisting the local non profit agencies for June as previously approved in the City's Emergency Order; and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Roberto Balli)**

**C. Request by Council Member Roberto Balli**

1. Discussion with possible action to improve streetscape around Dovalina Elementary; and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pro-Tempore Alberto Torres, Jr.)**

**II. ADJOURNMENT**

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Jose A. Valdez, Jr.  
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