

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1110 HOUSTON STREET

LAREDO, TEXAS 78040

September 21, 2020

5:30 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 August 17, 2020.

Citizen comments

Citizens are required to fill out an online participation form and select one of four options below, to assure all precautionary measures are taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Participation forms can be found at <https://www.cityoflaredo.com/comments/>. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. 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.

- **Written Comments:**

Submit comments to above link by 5:45 p.m. the day of meeting

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Submit contact information on above link no later than 12:00 noon the day of meeting

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Submit contact information on above link no later than 12:00 noon same day of meeting and stand-by for callback between 5:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. the day of meeting.

- **In-Person Participation:**

Submit Health Department Questionnaire by 12:00 noon same day of meeting; Pre-Clearance must be approved in order to provide in person Citizen Public Comment prior to meeting. If pre-clearance is denied, other above options are available.

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez of Alfonso "Boyer" Ornelas to the Ethics Commission.
2. Appointment by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III of Liling Huang to the Animal Care Services Advisory Committee.
3. Appointment by Mayor Pete Saenz of three Council Members to serve on the Audit & Accountability Committee, and appointment of one of these Council Members to serve as Committee Chairperson.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY 2021 Airport Construction Fund Budget to accept and appropriate the Texas Department of Transportation – Aviation Division under the Routine Airport Maintenance Program in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the purpose of airside and landside maintenance at the Laredo International Airport. The City's local match in the amount of

\$50,000.00 is available in the Airport Construction Fund Budget. Total project cost is \$100,000.00.

2. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the City of Laredo Municipal Housing Fund FY-2021 Annual Budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$143,000.00 and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents related to the AEP central division/targeted low income fund weatherization program. The program will provide for the replacement of complete central air conditioning and heating units at the 3220 E. Frost and 3019 E. Ash apartments. The grant will provide up to \$3,325.00 per unit based on an assessment to determine the applicability and savings - to Investment (SIR) ratio and to include an eight percent (8%) administrative fee paid to Laredo Municipal Housing. There is no match requirement; it is based on a reimbursement basis.

3. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximate 20.2397 acres in Porcion 19, Joaquin Garcia, Original Abstract 47, located at South of Aquero Blvd., and West of Bernadette Ln., from AG (Agricultural District) to R-1B (Single Family High Density Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change and staff supports the application.

**ZC-52-2020
District VII**

4. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 5, Block 1A, Dellwood Commercial Subdivision, located at 9002 FM 1472 Rd., from B-3 (Community Commercial District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change and staff supports the application.

**ZC-53-2020
District VII**

**(Recess)
(Press Availability)**

VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

5. Authorizing the City Manager to ratify the Scheduled Airline Operation Agreement and Terminal Building Lease with Transportes Aeromar, S.A. de C.V. for Exclusive Use Space and Joint Use Space located on 5210 Bob Bullock Loop at the Laredo International Airport to conduct commercial air transportation services. The term of the agreement is for three (3) years commencing on August 1, 2020 and ending on July 31, 2023.
Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, as an incentive for new air service, the City agrees to waive 100% percent of the AIRLINE's Landing Fee and FIS Fee obligation for the first twelve (12) consecutive months of AIRLINE flights to Laredo International Airport. Further, in months thirteen (13) through twenty-four (24) of AIRLINE flights to Laredo International Airport, AIRLINE's Landing Fee and FIS Fee obligation shall be reduced by 75 percent. Marketing campaign in the amount of \$150,000.00 will be provided by the Airport for establishing and advertising direct flight services. The Laredo Convention and Visitors Bureau and other CITY entities will also advertise the flight service, as part of their normal marketing responsibilities for the CITY.
6. Authorizing the City Manager to ratify the submission of grant application to the Federal Aviation Administration in the estimated amount of \$10,485,466.00 for the Laredo International Airport and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents resulting from the award. The purpose of the grant is to provide funding for the rehabilitation of Cargo Apron Phase 14. No local match is required; 100% funded by FAA. Total project cost is approximately \$10,485,466.00.
7. Authorizing the City Manager to ratify the submission of grant application to the Federal Aviation Administration in the estimated amount of \$5,393,884.00 for the Laredo International Airport and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents resulting from the award. The purpose of the grant is to provide funding for the rehabilitation of Cargo Apron Phase 15. The city's local match in the amount of \$599,321.00 is available in the Airport Construction Fund. Total project cost is approximately \$5,993,205.00.
8. Authorizing the City Manager to amend lease and restaurant concession agreement between the City of Laredo, as LESSOR, and Carlos Bella D/B/A Villa Laredo Restaurant, LESSEE, approved by Ordinance No. 2017-O-062 dated May 1, 2017, by amending the lease to reduce the leased premises from approximately 1,116 square feet constituting of suite number 101 on the first floor of the airport passenger terminal to approximately 550 square feet of the second floor level of the passenger terminal building located at

5210 Bob Bullock Loop at the Laredo International Airport; amending the lease to require an investment minimum amount of \$5,000.00 by Lessee to improve the leased bar area; waiving Villa Laredo's outstanding rent agreement and late fees balance as of September 2020 of \$27,927.23. Lease term shall end on May 31, 2022. The monthly rent shall be \$320.00 and will be adjusted annually according to changes in enplaned revenue passengers. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged and in effect. Providing for an effective date.

9. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the supplemental lease agreement between City of Laredo (Lessor) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Customs and Border Protection (Lessee). This is for the leased premises located on 2519 Jefferson Street. The lessor hereby leases the following at the Laredo Water Treatment Plant Remote Video Surveillance Site.

IX. FIRST AND FINAL READING

10. **2020-O-118** Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute a grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) CARES - Cycle 1 Grant Program in the amount of \$50,000.00 and to amend the FY2019-2020 General Fund Library Budget by appropriating said funds. The purpose of the grant is to fund expansion of digital access to areas of Texas where such access is lacking, including the purchase of internet enabled devices and provisions for technical support services in response to the disruption of schooling and other community services during the COVID-19 emergency. Project is made possible by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to TSLAC under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act. There is no local match requirement in the grant.
11. **2020-O-119** Adopting the Amended COVID-19 Emergency Ordinance of the City of Laredo in accordance with Section 2.11 of the City Charter by: removing the adult curfew for non-essential activity; authorizing the temporary waiver of food inspection fees from the Health Department for any bar that has recently applied with the Texas Alcoholic and Beverage Commission to qualify as a restaurant under the emergency amendments to Rule 33.5; establishing a pilot program for the outdoor expansion of restaurants on sidewalks, streets, and public parks; providing for severability; and, providing for an effective date.

12. **2020-O-120** Authorizing the issuance of City of Laredo, Texas Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, new series 2020 in the estimated amount of \$60,500,000.00 and City of Laredo, Texas Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Taxable New Series 2020, in the estimated amount of \$43,090,000.00 approving an official statement, authorizing the execution of a purchase contract, making provisions for the security thereof; delegating to certain city officials the authority to approve all final terms of the bonds; authorizing amendment to the city's budget to appropriate such proceeds for purposes authorized herein; and ordaining other matters relating to the subject.

X. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

13. **2020-O-112** Ordinance adopting the proposed annual budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 by appropriating the proposed revenues, expenditures and balances reported therein for the year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021, consistent with the financial plan described in said annual budget (see Exhibit "A") and motions approved by City Council at public workshop on August 11-13, 2020 (see Exhibit "B") and the Holiday Schedule for fiscal year 2020-2021 (see Exhibit "C") and authorizing the City Manager to implement said annual budget.
14. **2020-O-113** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, providing for the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.634000 per \$100 value. This tax rate will have a Maintenance and Operation Rate of \$0.491536 per \$100 value and an Interest and Sinking Fund Rate of \$0.142464 per \$100 value for the levy and the collection of General and Special Ad Valorem taxes for the City of Laredo for Tax Year 2020 and Fiscal Year 2020-2021.
15. **2020-O-114** Ratifying the execution of a contract from the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), amending the FY 2019-2020 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$4,075,612.00, with a cash match of \$2,037,806.00 and amending the FY 2019-2020 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Position Listing by adding two (2) Caseworker, R34 positions for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Community Mental Health Grant Program for the term period from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2022.
16. **2020-O-115** Authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a contract from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), amending the Health Department Fund FY 2020-2021 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$125,000.00 and amending the FY 2020-2021 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Position Listing by adding one (1) Health Educator Supervisor, R38 position and one (1) Health Educator I,

R29 position for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Diabetes Prevention and Control Program for the term period from November 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021.

17. **2020-O-116** An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to appropriate funds in the amount of \$4,778.00 by increasing revenues and expenditures for the FY2020 El Metro Budget. Funding is provided through the excess amount from Reimburse and Miscellaneous (Damaged Insurance Reimbursements).
18. **2020-O-117** Authorizing the City Manager to appropriate funds in the amount of \$19,034.00 by increasing revenues and expenditures for the FY2020 Transit Budget. Funding is provided through the excess amount from "Land/Telecommunications Rental".

XI. 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

19. Consideration to award contract FY20-076 to Laredo Paint & Decorating Inc., Laredo, TX, in the annual amount of \$68,750.00 (per fiscal year) for the purchase of runway & taxiway paint and glass beads to keep these areas fully compliant with FAA federal airfield safety requirements under CFR Part 139. 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 upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Airport Operations Fund.
20. Consideration for approval to award a professional service contract to Wunderlich Malec Systems Inc., Eden Prairie, MN, for an amount not to exceed \$165,615.80, using Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative pricing under contract HGAC SE05-18, for configuration and installation of replacement server, wireless access point radios equipment, and programming of hardware/software for the Laredo International Airport. The new system will replace the existing 6 year old system that is costly to maintain, out of warranty, and parts for repairs or service is not recommended. New equipment will enhance safety and security at passenger terminal, access control, vehicle gates, and pedestrian gates. Funding is available in the Airport Operations Fund.

21. Consideration to approve contract to Advanced Local Media, New York, NY in the amount of \$69,250.00 for marketing campaign services for the Laredo International Airport. As per contract with Airlines, including now Aeromar, Airport needs to do digital and social media marketing services to promote flights. Funds are available in the International Airport Funds.

ENGINEERING: STAFF SOURCE RAMON E. CHAVEZ, CITY ENGINEER

22. **2020-R-131** Authorizing the City Manager to amend an agreement (ROW CSJ#0086-14-083) with the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) to contribute Right of Way funds (Fixed Amount) for the segment from East Corridor Rd (Airport) to 0.36 Mile South of University Blvd, from 0.36 miles South of University Blvd to 0.51 South of Shiloh Dr. and from 0.51 miles South of Shiloh Dr. to International Blvd. in the amount of \$4,276,280.26 due until March 1, 2021 or after the environmental clearance. In addition, the segment from Business US 59 to 0.4 Mile North of E. Corridor Rd (Airport) in the amount of \$1,383,092.48 due until April 1, 2022 or after the environmental clearance. The total amount of \$5,659,372.74, being the City's participation for acquisition of Right of Way (R.O.W.) along Loop 20 for a highway widening project. There will be no additional funds requested since TXDOT was able to maintain the 2017 economically disadvantaged rate of 2.9%. The funding for this agreement is subject to submission and approval of the Texas Infrastructure Bank loan application.
23. Consideration for approval to award a construction contract FY20-ENG-009 to the lowest responsible responsive bidder Mage 4 Group, Ltd., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$186,300.00 for the Jose & Alicia Garza Park Basketball Metal Shade Project to include 70' X 110' x 32' structure with translucent white laminated fabric roof, lighting, chain link fence and wire mesh with a construction contract time of ninety (90) working days; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related contract documents contingent upon receipt and approval of insurance and bond documents. After a notice to proceed is issued, estimated completion date for the project is scheduled for December 2020. Funding is available in the 2017 and 2018 CO Bond.
24. Consideration for approval of the CDBG De Llano Park Improvements as complete, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$59,350.00 to Mage 4 Group, Ltd., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$378,400.00. Funding is available in the Community Development Fund and 2019 CO Bond – Project Number D51812.

25. Consideration for approval of the CDBG Freddie Benavides Park Improvements as complete, approval of change order no. 1, a decrease of \$1,100.00 for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$7,693.00 to ALC Construction Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$76,930.00. Funding is available in the 2016 CDBG Grant Year – Project No. D21806 and 2018 CDBG Grant Year – Project No. D21806.

26. Consideration for approval of the CDBG Sidewalks District VIII (14 Blocks) as complete, approval of a zero amount change order no. 1, for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$30,848.00 to Artillery, LLC., Edinburg, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$140,423.00. Funding is available in the 2016 CDBG Grant Year – Project No. D81810, 2018 CDBG Grant Year – Project No. D81810 and 2019 CDBG Grant Year – Project No. D81810.

27. Consideration for approval to award a construction contract to the responsive bidder Zertuche Construction, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$575,504.00 (Base Bid not including Deduct Alternates) for the Community Development Municipal Housing/Office Finish-Out with a construction contract time of one hundred (100) working days; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related contract documents contingent upon receipt and approval of insurance and bond documents. After a notice to proceed is issued, estimated completion date for the project is scheduled for February 2021. Funding is available in the Municipal Housing Fund.

FINANCE: STAFF SOURCE JOSE F. CASTILLO, ACTING FINANCE DIRECTOR

28. **2020-R-145** Expressing official intent to reimburse the Solid Waste Fund up to \$12.5 million with tax-exempt obligation proceeds cost associated with purchasing land located in the City for municipal landfill facilities.

29. Consideration to renew annual service contract number FY18-092 with LED Electric and Lighting Contractor, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$450,000.00 for electrical repair services to include, but not limited to: minor, repairs, maintenance of various electrical systems, and/or equipment devices for various City Departments. 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. This is the second of four extension periods. There was no price increase during the last extension period. All services will be purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in respective departmental budgets.

30. Consideration to award an annual service contract FY20-088 for Emergency Disinfecting Services (COVID related) for the City of Laredo as follows:

Primary Vendor	Annual Amount
The Saludy Company LLC, Laredo, TX	\$30,000.00

Secondary Vendors	Annual Amount
Spaulding Decon, Austin , TX	\$20,000.00
G&G Sanitizing LLC., Laredo, TX	\$20,000.00
Image Carpet Cleaning, Laredo, TX	\$20,000.00
Mendoza Maintenance Group, Laredo, TX.	\$20,000.00

Total Contract Amount	\$110,000.00
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Emergency/Urgent disinfecting services will be on an as needed basis. The City reserves the right to rotate vendors based on response time and/or availability. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year, subject to future appropriations, with the option to renew two (2) additional one (1) year periods upon mutual agreement of parties. Funding is available in the Laredo Cares COVID related account.

FLEET MANAGEMENT: STAFF SOURCE RONALD MILLER, FLEET DIRECTOR

31. Consideration to renew the existing annual contract FY18-091 with RDO Equipment, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$150,000.00 for repairs to the City's John Deere heavy equipment. All repairs will be secured on an as needed basis. There is a proposed price increase during this renewal period due to an increase in their labor rates. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year and contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This is the second of three extension periods. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.

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

32. **2020-R-138** Ratifying the submission of a continuation grant application in the estimated amount of \$130,512.00 to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) through the South Texas Development Council (STDC) to continue the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) State Services Program for HIV prevention and education for the term period from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant. No grant match required.

33. **2020-R-139** Authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a contract from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) through the South Texas Development Council (STDC), in the amount of \$132,743.00 with no match for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department's Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Project (HOPWA) to assist with housing and utilities for the term period from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021. No grant match required.

34. **2020-R-140** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to continue the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) Program for the term period of September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022 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 DFPS.

35. **2020-R-141** Ratifying the execution of a contract with the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) in the amount of \$138,377.00 with program income in the amount of \$26,615.00 and no match for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Primary and Acute Health Care Services to provide preventive health patient care for low income and uninsured persons for the term period from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021. No grant match required.

36. **2020-R-142** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$54,001.00 with no match to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to continue the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Healthy Texas Women program for the term period of September 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant. No grant match required.

37. **2020-R-143** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$106,875.00 with no match 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 September 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant. No grant match required.

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

38. Authorizing the City Manager to approve the purchase of an upgrade to the City's VoIP telephone system from Computer Solutions through Cisco DIR-TSO-4167 contract for \$70,254.00. Funding is available in the I.S.T. I-Net Division budget.

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

39. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Kraftsman Playground, Inc., Spring, Texas for the purchase and installation of exercise equipment at the Garcia-Vela Little League Park located at 200 North Arkansas, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$82,752.01. This purchase is utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program. Funding is available in the District 3 Priority Funds - 2018 and 2019 CO Bond.

POLICE: STAFF SOURCE CLAUDIO TREVINO, CHIEF OF POLICE

40. **2020-R-136** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$24,999.75 from the Texas Department of Transportation for the enforcement of Vehicle Occupant Protection during the "Click It or Ticket" (CIOT) Campaign. The City of Laredo will match \$7,749.92 for a total project amount of \$32,749.67. The traditional CIOT mobilization enforcement period has been rescheduled to Thanksgiving, November 16-29, 2020 due to COVID-19. This grant is to pay overtime salaries and fringe benefits for officers to conduct intense occupant protection enforcement in order to increase occupant restraint use in all passenger vehicles and trucks. Funding will be available in the Special Police Fund.

41. **2020-R-137** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$49,999.50 to the Texas Department of Transportation to fund the STEP Impaired Driving Mobilization (IDM) program. The City of Laredo will match \$15,499.85 for a total project amount of \$65,499.35. This grant is to pay overtime salaries to officers in order to increase enforcement to arrest individuals driving while intoxicated (DWI) and driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol by minors. Funding will be available in the Special Police Fund.

PUBLIC WORKS: STAFF SOURCE JOHN ORFILA, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

42. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one (1) HV607 CONV CAB SBFA,SRA from Santex Truck Center, San Antonio, Texas in the total amount of \$185,143.00 for the Public Works Department. This is a replacement diesel engine asphalt (oil) distributor unit that will be used for paving projects citywide. The purchase of this truck shall be made utilizing the HGACBUY Cooperative Purchasing Program. Funding is available in General Fund - Public Works Street Construction Fund.

SOLID WASTE: STAFF SOURCE OSCAR R. HINOJOSA, ACTING SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR

43. Consideration to award contract FY20-083 to sole bidder UTW Tire Collection Services, Donna, TX in the annual amount of \$150,000.00 for processing, recycling, beneficial use, or disposal of used tires collected by the City of Laredo Landfill. This service is to comply with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regulations and guidelines to properly dispose of tires by certified transporters. The term of this contract is for two (2) years with options to renew two (2) additional two (2) year terms upon mutual agreement; contract is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Fund.

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

44. Authorizing the City Manager to award a professional services contract in the amount of \$98,700.00 to JBS Water, Inc. of Houston, Texas for the Comprehensive Water Distribution & Meter Management Audit. Funding is available in the Waterworks Operations Fund.

45. Authorizing the City Manager for approval of a sole source purchase from Core and Main, LP, San Antonio, Texas for maintenance of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) / Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) billing software in the amount of \$97,809.10 for the necessary upgrade to the Neptune 360 software as the current software will no longer be supported on January 1, 2021. Funding is available in the Water Works Fund-Utilities Billing Division.
46. Authorizing the City Manager for the approval of Change Order #2 resulting in a credit in the amount of \$7,450.80 to the City, acceptance of work, release of retainage of \$45,318.87 for the installation of a 36-inch gravity sewer line for the San Francisco project. This change order is to account for discrepancies in the contract value with the quantities and unit rates. With this change order the new contract amount with Southern Trenchless Solution is \$906,377.30, with no addition of contract time to the contract. Funding is available in the 2015 Sewer Revenue Bond.
47. Authorizing the City Manager to accept the Relocation of the 12-inch Water Line at Killam Industrial Park Boulevard Project as complete and release of retainage amounting to \$11,715.13 to Southern Trenchless Solutions, of Weslaco, Texas. Funding is available in the 2019 Water Revenue Bond.
48. Authorizing the City Manager to approve Change Order #2 - a credit in the amount of (\$58,148.00) to the contract for a final contract sum of \$5,876,756.00. Accepting the project as complete, and releasing retainage and final payment in the amount of \$293,837.80 to Landmark Structures I, L.P, Fort Worth, Texas for the 2.5 MG San Isidro Subdivision Elevated Storage Tank Project. There is no change to contract time. Closing final acceptance is subject to TWDB approval. Funding is available in the 2015 TWDB Water Revenue Bond.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XII. STAFF REPORTS

49. Discussion with possible action on the appointment of the Director for the City of Laredo Local Health Department in accordance with Section 121.033 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, and any other matter incident thereto.
50. Introduction of the City of Laredo's new Communication Administrator.

51. 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.
52. Status update on current COVID-19 information as presented by Local Health Authority and Health Director; and any other matters incident thereto.
53. Discussion with possible action to establish an Employee of the Quarter Program for City of Laredo employees; and any other matters incident thereto.
54. Presentation of the Plan of Finance by Noe Hinojosa of Estrada-Hinojosa & Company, Inc., as it relates to various proposed bond issuances including a Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue & Refunding Bonds and Sports and Community Revenue Bonds, with possible action.

XIII. 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.

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

55. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a contract with REEDER Distributors for the purchase of two (2) bus lifts for the El Metro Maintenance Department for a total amount of \$82,485.00. Procurement was accomplished through the Texas Buyboard – Automotive Parts, Fluids, Maintenance and Equipment Proposal #551-17. Funding is available through the FTA CARES Act grant number TX-2020-5307.

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

56. **GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. **Request by Mayor Pete Saenz**

1. Discussion with possible action on whether the City should recommend by Resolution or otherwise to Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to remove, all or some, of the current bridge crossing restrictions for non-essentials, or consider any other conditions or any other matters related thereto.

2. Discussion with possible action on the status of the 2020 Census count and the plan to take any additional steps to maximize the count until September 30, 2020; and any other matters incident thereto.

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

1. Discussion with possible action on improving the planning process for the City's Capital Improvement Plans; and any other matters incident thereto.

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

1. Discussion with possible action to conduct an inquiry, as per the charter, regarding the use of federal and city funds by the Laredo Fire Fighters Union, alias "La Union", and or the Fire PAC, to the advantage of certain elected officials, the legalities or illegalities thereof, the self-reporting requirements of the City to both federal and state officials; and any other matters incident thereto.

2. Discussion and possible action to direct city staff to draft an ordinance consistent with the Cities of Dallas, Houston, Austin and San Antonio to provide officer discretion to cite and release Citizens for certain non-violent victimless misdemeanors and any other matters incident thereto.

3. Discussion with possible action to use CARES Act funds for purposes of educating citizens to be certified for commercial driver's licenses at Laredo College; and any other matters incident thereto.

D. Request by Council Member Rudy Gonzalez, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action to instruct the City Manager to authorize staff to install speed humps at the following locations, under the Special Provision of the Speed Hump Installation Policy, and to authorize the use of asphalt type speed humps, instead of speed cushions, which is currently required under the policy; and any other matters incident thereto. City Council District I Priority Funds will be used for this project.

- **Speed Hump on Unknown Hero**

E. Request by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez

1. Discussion with possible action to instruct City Manager to authorize staff to install speed humps at the following locations under the Special Provision of the Speed Hump installation Policy and to authorize the use of asphalt type speed humps instead of speed cushions which is currently required under the policy and any other matters incident thereto. City Council District II Priority Funds will be used for this project.

- **Speed Hump on Thurman Street**
- **Speed Hump on Pine Street**
- **Speed Hump on Leon Street**

2. Discussion with possible action to create general templates in order to assist the general public regarding the approval and issuance of building permits for small projects not attached to a residence or home provided the floor area is not greater than 120 square feet; and any other matters incident thereto.
3. Discussion with possible action to immediately have council members voluntarily do a drug test monthly and post on the City's website to show transparency and professionalism to our community; and any other matters incident thereto.

F. Request by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III

1. Discussion with possible action to demolish and sell 1204 N. Meadow Ave., a city owned property; and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion and status on when Bridge non-commercial/ non-essential lanes will open and resume operations in order to alleviate traffic and wait times with possible action; and any other matters incident thereto.

G. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Alberto Torres, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action to waive alarm fees for non-profit organizations; and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to re-open or extend the deadline for small business assistance loans; and any other matters incident thereto.
3. Discussion with possible action on the sale through sealed bidding or public auction of all vacant property in District 4 that were acquired by the City through the Noise Compatibility Program, and any other matter incident thereto.

H. Request by Council Member Nelly Vielma

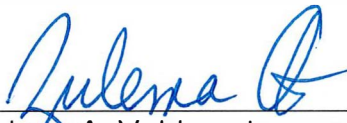
1. Discussion with possible action to provide a financial analysis, study in the Sports Venue Tax defeasance plan allocating the encumbered project amounts and different projected thresholds for pending projects such as the Sports Complex, Water Park, and maintenance fees; and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to initiate an impact fees study in order to take into account future annexations and financial strains on our utilities and services; and other matters incident thereto.

3. Discussion with possible action to instruct City Manager to authorize staff to install speed humps at the following locations under the Special Provision of the Speed Hump Installation Policy and to authorize the use of asphalt type speed humps instead of speed cushions which is currently required under the policy; and any other matters incident thereto. City Council District V Priority Funds will be used for this project. Total estimated project cost is \$2,500.00.

- **Speed Hump on Illinois Street**

XVI. 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 Friday, September 18, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.


For: Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary

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