

CITY OF LAREDO SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A-2020-SC-08

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CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1110 HOUSTON STREET

LAREDO, TEXAS 78040

September 14, 2020

5:30 P.M.

DISABILITY ACCESS STATEMENT

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aid or services are requested to contact Jose A. Valdez Jr., City Secretary, at (956) 791-7308 at least two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. The accessible entrance and accessible parking spaces are located at City Hall, 1100 Victoria Ave.

Out of consideration for all attendees of the City Council meetings, please turn off all cellular phones and pagers, or place on inaudible signal. Thank you for your consideration.

Pursuant to the Texas Penal Code (trespass by holder of license to carry a handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (Concealed Handgun Law or Handgun Licensing Law), may not enter into the City Council Chamber while City Council is in session with a concealed or openly-carried handgun.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

IV. ROLL CALL

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
- **Video Participation:**
Submit contact information on above link no later than 12:00 noon the day of meeting
- **Telephone Participation:**
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.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** for the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.634000 per \$100 value for Tax Year 2020. The tax rate will provide revenue for the general fund and debt service. The rate includes \$0.491536 per \$100 value for Maintenance and Operation and \$0.142464 per \$100 value for Interest and Sinking Fund of the Debt Service and is estimated to generate a tax levy of \$96,355,698.00. The City Council is scheduled to vote on the tax rate on September 21, 2020 at 5:30 PM at City Council Chambers located at 1110 Houston St., Laredo, Texas.

VI. 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.

VII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Request by Council Member Roberto Balli

1. Discussion with possible action to assist downtown restaurants and bars with public outdoor spaces for services; and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Dr. Marte A. Martinez)**

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

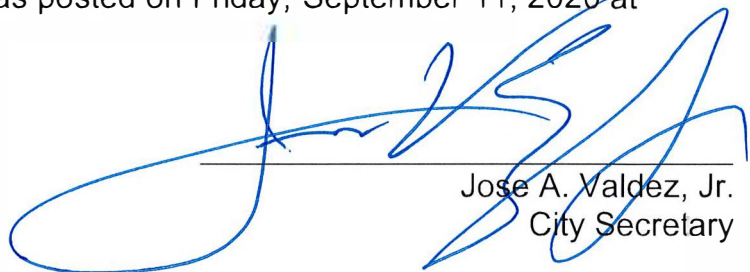
1. Discussion with possible action to temporarily waive Health Department permit fees for the duration of the Emergency Order on food preparation licenses such as application fees and employee fees; and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Nelly Vielma and Council Member Roberto Balli)**

C. Request by Council Member Nelly Vielma

1. Discussion with possible action to assist City-wide restaurants and bars with outdoor lounge and patio services; and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member George Altgelt)**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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 11, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.



Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary

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