

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**A-2019-R-11
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040**

**July 1, 2019
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 June 10, 2019 and June 17, 2019.

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. Should there be more than three (3) people who wish to speak on a particular issue, they need to select not more than three (3) representatives to speak for them and the presiding officer may limit the public comments further in the interest of an orderly meeting. 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. VETERAN RECOGNITION

1. Honoring Veteran of the Month Juan Tovar Jr. as a member of the United States Marines and recognizing his distinguished service to our country.

VII. RECOGNITION

1. Recognizing American Airlines Laredo station employees for winning the Customer Cup that demonstrated the strongest performance in Customer Experience at the Laredo International Airport. Competing against other American Airlines Group stations of same size and operational likeness in areas of Departure Dependability, Turn Dependability, Baggage Performance, Customer Feedback, and Overall Airport Experience.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment by Mayor Pete Saenz of Romy Garza Limon to the Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee.
2. Appointment by Mayor Pete Saenz of Poncho Ruiz to the Parks & Leisure Services Advisory Committee.
3. Appointment by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez of Jose Luis Villarreal, Jr. to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Public Hearing** allowing interested persons to comment on the 2019-2020 One Year Action plan which identifies the projects proposed to be funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The City anticipates receiving \$3,730,742.00 in 45th Action Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, \$1,085,399.00 through the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and \$316,494.00 through the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). An additional \$2,800.00.00 is anticipated to be received through CDBG program income, \$72,000.00 in Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan funds, and \$260,000.00 in HOME program income. The following projects are proposed to be funded:

45th AY Community Development Block Grant		
1	Community Development Administration	\$746,148
2	Housing Rehabilitation Administration	\$306,308
3	Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program	\$593,676
4	Code Enforcement	\$505,182
5	Graffiti Removal Program	\$30,671
6	Downtown Senior Recreational Program	\$151,557
7	Ejido/Lomas del Sur Traffic Light Project	\$150,000
8	Downtown Rental Rehabilitation Program	\$275,000
9	Downtown Neighborhood Access Improvements	\$100,000
10	District I – Ejido/Pita Mangana Traffic Light Project	\$125,000
11	District II – Cigarroa Park Splash Pad	\$225,000
12	District III – Design of South Laredo Nature Center Trails	\$25,000
13	District IV - Sidewalks	\$125,000
14	District V – De Llano Park Improvements	\$125,000
15	District VII - Neighborhood Bike Lanes	\$125,000
16	District VIII - Sidewalks	\$125,000
	TOTAL	\$3,733,542

Revolving Loan		
17	Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Administration	\$7,027
18	Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program	\$64,973
	TOTAL	\$72,000

HOME Investment Partnership Grant		
19	HOME Program Administration	\$107,139

20	Down Payment Assistance Program (PI)	\$260,000
21	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	\$390,000
22	Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)	\$162,810
23	Inner City Affordable Rental Housing	\$425,450
	TOTAL	\$1,345,399

	Emergency Solutions Grant	
24	ESG Program Administration	\$16,258
25	Emergency Shelter – Shelter Operations	\$95,000
26	Emergency Shelter – Essential Services	\$45,000
27	Street Outreach	\$9,884
28	Rapid Re-Housing	\$82,352
29	Homelessness Prevention	\$60,000
30	Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	\$8,000
	TOTAL	\$316,494

2. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending Chapter 7, Buildings and Building Regulations, Section 7-2 of the Code of Ordinances and Chapter 24, Appendix D, Permit Fees, to establish new building permit and plan/checking fees for residential construction in accordance with HB 852; providing a cumulative and repealer clause; providing a severability clause; providing for publication; providing for a penalty; and declaring an effective date of September 1, 2019.

3. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending Chapter 31, (Utilities), Article III (water) Division 3 (rates and charges), of the City's Code of Ordinances related to the establishment of a new rate schedule for different categories of wastewater effluent sales; providing a savings clause; providing a severability clause; providing a penalty provision and providing an effective date.

4. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** ratifying the execution of a contract amendment from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), amending the FY 2018-2019 budget by appropriating additional revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$70,000.00 for a total of \$205,000.00 for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Healthy Texas Mothers and Babies Program (formerly Healthy Texas Babies) to promote maternal child health

services for the term from September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2020.

5. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Laredo (City), the Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority (WC-CL RMA), and the Webb County Drainage District No. 1 (Drainage District) for the development of a new arterial road, as further identified in attached Exhibits 3 and 4, extending from the intersection of Loop 20 (Cuatro Vientos Road) and Los Presidentes Avenue to its intersection with the extension of Concord Hills Boulevard. Also authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to amend the FY2018-2019 Capital Grants Fund Budget by appropriating the estimated total project cost of \$3,070,000.00, which will include: design, permitting, construction, construction oversight, Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) coordination, and environmental clearance. The Laredo District of the Texas Department of Transportation (“TxDOT”) has committed to construct acceleration and deceleration lanes on Loop 20 (Cuatro Vientos Road), which will provide access to the project, at a cost of approximately \$730,000.00. Contributions toward the total estimated \$3,070,000.00 project cost are as follows: \$1,400,000.00 by the City, \$600,000.00 by the Drainage District, and \$1,070,000.00 by the WC-CL RMA. Funding is available in the Capital Grants Fund.

6. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers 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 development of turn lanes, as further identified in attached exhibit, to be located at the intersection of Killam Industrial Boulevard and Farm to Market Road 1472 (Mines Road). Also authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to amend the FY2018-2019 Capital Grants Fund Budget by appropriating the estimated total project cost of \$2,700,000.00, which will include design, permitting, construction, construction oversight, and environmental clearance. Killam Development, Ltd. (“Killam”) has committed to donating the required right-of-way (“ROW”) to the project. Contributions towards the total estimated \$2,700,000.00 project cost are as follows: \$1,600,000.00 by the City, and \$1,100,000.00 by the WC-CL RMA.

7. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2019 Financial Task Force and Police Trust Fund budgets by transferring revenues, expenditures and fund balance of \$3,644,140.00 to the Police Trust Fund. These amendments are transferred to the Financial Task Force equitable sharing funds to the Police Trust Fund due to the new equitable sharing guidelines that became effective this fiscal year.

(Recess)
(Press Availability)

X. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

8. Accepting the donation from Riverhills Investment LLC, of a 18.785 acre tract of land, more or less, situated in Porcion 35, Abstract 546, Jose M. Diaz, Original Grantee and Survey 2149, Abstract 594, R.H. Raines, Original Grantee, within the City Limits of the Laredo and Webb County, Texas, out and part of the New Santa Fe, LTD. (71.986 Acre) Tract I, recorded in Volume 4394, Pages 566-572 of the Webb County deed records. This property has an appraised value of \$410,000.00 based on the Independent Appraisal Report by State Certified Appraiser Byron B. Hinton from JDH Valuation Group, Fredericksburg, Texas.

9. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 2, Article II, Division 1, of the Code of Ordinances by repealing Section 2-29, "Reimbursements," and replacing with a new comprehensive Section 2-29, to be entitled "Compensation of Mayor and Council Members," to provide for all the compensation, allowable expenses, and any other benefits of the members of the City Council; providing for procedures for reimbursement of expenses; providing that business expenses associated with transportation/vehicle, home office, and cell phone will be reimbursed to members of the governing body under a non-accountable plan; providing that a member of the governing body may elect to be reimbursed under an accountable plan for the actual and necessary expenses associated with transportation/vehicle, home office, and cell phone with the corresponding expense substantiation on a form to be provided by the director of financial services; providing for a cumulative clause and repealer clause; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date.

10. An Ordinance amending Section 2-157 of the Laredo City Code to provide that committee members shall automatically forfeit their appointed position for failure to attend four (4) regularly scheduled meetings only in one calendar year; to provide that a committee member who forfeits an appointed position for failure to attend four (4) regularly scheduled meetings is not eligible for appointment to any committee until the expiration of the current term of the appointing member of the city council; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; and providing for an effective date.

11. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, adopting the revised City of Laredo Priority Procedures Handbook for City Council and City boards, commissions, and committees; adopting rules governing the manner in which City Council meetings are conducted; providing for a cumulative clause; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date.

XI. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

12. **2019-O-099** Final Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 19, Motor Vehicle and Traffic, Article VIII, Stopping, Standing or Parking, of the Laredo Code of Ordinances Section 19-355, by adding time limits to subsection (b); Sec. 19-360 subsection (a) (1) by revising boundaries; subsection (a) (3) by revising length of time, subsection (a) (4) by excluding boundaries, and adding subsection (5); subsection (b) by revising hours of operations, providing for publication and effective date.
13. **2019-O-100** Establishing rental rates and tenant policies at the Fernando A. Salinas Elderly Rental Housing projects located at 1803 and 1806 Juarez Avenue; providing for rents to be in compliance and charged at HOME program 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 serve basis.
14. **2019-O-101** Amending Ordinance No. 2015-O-131 which provides for the rental rate structure of the Downtown Elderly Duplexes located at 1901 Farragut Street. This amendment increases the monthly rental fee amounts effective October 1, 2019 and establishing the following rates: \$425.00 for a one bedroom unit and \$500.00 for a two bedroom unit. It is necessary to increase the existing monthly rates in order to cover for additional operational costs associated with maintenance, repairs, and improvements for current duplexes; providing security deposits for new tenants on or after October 1, 2019 will be established at the same rate as the rental amount; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

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.

15. **BUILDING:** STAFF SOURCE VICTOR LINARES, ACTING BUILDING DIRECTOR
- a. **2019-R-96** Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a Tax Abatement Agreement between the City of Laredo and Garcia Realty & Investments L.L.C. for a proposed project located at 811 Iturbide St., lot 8; block 26; western division that consists of Commercial/ Rehabilitation, in accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ). This agreement will be for a five (5) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$22,653.00, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$143.63 and permit fees to be waived. Project is situated in District VIII. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information.
- b. **2019-R-97** Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a Tax Abatement Agreement between the City of Laredo and Javier Sanchez and Raquel R. Sanchez for a proposed project located at 1419 Fremont St, lot 7 & E 1/2 of 8; block 783, eastern division that consists of new residential/construction, in accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ). This agreement will be for a five (5) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$200,000.00, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$1,838.60 and permit fees to be waived. Project is situated in District III. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information.
- c. **2019-R-98** Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a Tax Abatement Agreement between the City of Laredo and Mercedes I. Sanchez for a proposed project located at 1819 S US Highway 83, lot 8; block 216; eastern division that consists of new commercial construction of a car lot, in accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ). This agreement will be for a ten (10) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$44,938.00, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$284.91 and permit fees to be waived. Project is situated in District II. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information.
16. **CITY ATTORNEY:** STAFF SOURCE KRISTINA L. HALE, CITY ATTORNEY

- a. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Laredo, Webb County, and Laredo Crime Stoppers establishing the Laredo-Webb County Animal Cruelty Task Force to streamline and improve the process for reporting animal cruelty in Webb County, and ensure maximum coordination in the investigation and management of allegations of abuse or neglect of animals.

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

- a. Consideration for approval of the selection of a consultant for the Max Mandel Municipal Golf Course Master Planning hike/bike/birding trails located at 27700 FM 1472 and adjacent areas, and authorization to negotiate a professional services contract. A total of seven (7) firms responded to the request for qualifications. The evaluation committee recommends the selection of the top ranked firm: JHS Metaform Studio Architects, Laredo, Texas in association with Nicholson Innovations, Schertz, Texas, S&B Infrastructure, Laredo, Texas, Trinity MEP Engineering, Weslaco, Texas, Synergy Structural Engineering, Inc., Laredo, Texas, and Core Design Studio, Houston, Texas. There is no financial impact at this time.
- b. Consideration for approval to award a professional services contract to Slay Architecture, Laredo, Texas for an amount not to exceed \$86,300.00 for the Barbara Fasken Community Center to include a public special purpose outdoor swimming pool to provide recreational and instructional activities, a kid's tree house, a natural feature, lighting, cameras, and other amenities located at 15201 Cerralvo Dr.; Funding is available in the 2017 CO-District VII Priority Funds.

18. **FINANCE**: STAFF SOURCE JOSE F. CASTILLO, ASSISTANT FINANCE DIRECTOR

- a. Consideration to renew contract FY14-048 with Southern Sanitation, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$73,627.44, to provide trash collection services for large volume containers. These services will be required for various city operations such as the Airport, Bridge System, Parks and Leisure, Public Access, Fleet Management, Traffic, Transit, Municipal Housing, Environmental Engineering, Utilities, and Solid Waste Departments. The contract vendor is also required to provide these containers for special events such as the Household Collection Event. There was no price increase during the last extension period. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. This is

the last extension period for this contract. Funding for these services are available in various departmental funds.

19. **FLEET MANAGEMENT**: STAFF SOURCE RONALD MILLER, ACTING FLEET DIRECTOR

- a. Consideration to renew contract number FY14-062 with Lozano Body Shop, Laredo, Texas, in an annual amount of up to \$225,000.00 to provide automotive and truck body shop repair services for the Fleet Department. The contract is for a three (3) year term and is subject to future appropriations. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the last extension period for this contract. All repair services will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.
- b. Consideration to renew annual service contract FY17-046 with Fox Truck World LLC., San Antonio, TX, in an amount up to \$150,000.00 for original equipment manufacturer (OEM) truck repair services for the City's automated side loader trucks. 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 second of four extension periods. All services will be secured on an as needed basis. The City shall provide the parts. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.
- c. Consideration to award contract FY19-071 to the low bidder Octane Forklifts, Denver, Colorado, for the purchase of one (1) heavy duty forklift in the amount \$97,751.00 for the Utilities Department. This forklift will be utilized for the unloading of oversize diameter pipe for the Utilites Warehouse. Funding is available in the Water 2018 PPFCO and the Utilities Department Fund.
- d. Consideration to renew a two year contract FY17-044 with CABCO Auctioneering Services, Laredo, Texas for auctioneer services for the sale of city surplus vehicles and equipment; CABCO's auctioneer (commission) fee is 20% of the gross sales. The intent of this contract is to conduct turn key public auctions, in accordance to Laws of the State of Texas (TX Department of License and Regulation), for disposal of surplus items on an as needed basis. This is the first of two - two year extension periods. There was no price increase during the last two year extension period.

20. **HEALTH:** STAFF SOURCE DR. HECTOR GONZALEZ, HEALTH DIRECTOR
- a. **2019-R-95** Ratifying the execution of a contract from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Office of Border Public Health in the amount of \$14,600.00 for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) to conduct binational meetings, training, health promotion and vector control events for the term from June 4, 2019 through August 31, 2020.
 - b. Ratifying the purchase of a Carrier Chiller from Temprite Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$81,500.00 for emergency replacement and repair of the City of Laredo Health Department Laboratory HVAC system, which is critical and essential for laboratory services and operations. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund.
21. **PARKS & LEISURE:** STAFF SOURCE ANITA STANLEY, ASSISTANT PARKS DIRECTOR
- a. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to grant a public fireworks permit for the City of Laredo at Uni-Trade Stadium located at 6320 Sinatra Pkwy; and authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to execute a service agreement with Magic in the Sky, LLC, for the fireworks display at the Uni-Trade Stadium in the amount of \$5,000.00. The display will take place on the evening of July 4, 2019. Funding is available in the Sports & Community Venue Fund.
 - b. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to grant a public fireworks permit for the City of Laredo at Independence Hills Park located at 1102 N. Merida Drive; and authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to execute a service agreement with Magic in the Sky, LLC, for the fireworks display at Independence Hills Park in the amount of \$10,000.00. The display will take place on the evening of July 4, 2019. Funding is available in the Parks & Recreation Department Budget.
22. **UTILITIES:** STAFF SOURCE RIAZUL MIA, UTILITIES DIRECTOR
- a. Consideration to renew contract FY15-030 with Core & Main, LP, San Antonio, Texas in an amount of up to \$1,395,114.27 for the purchase of AMI/AMR turbine water meters sizes 3" to 8", meter kits, (register/endpoint/antenna) and Unitizing Measuring Elements (UME's) for the Utilities Department. 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. There was no price increase during the last extension period. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. Funding is available in the WaterWorks System Fund.

- b. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to purchase the Wireless Flow Monitoring Equipment required to calculate the hydraulic model and design the sanitary sewer of the City, from ADS Environmental Services from Huntsville, Alabama in the amount of \$83,176.20. Funding is available in the Sewer 2018 PPFCO and Utilities Department, Wastewater Division Operational Budget.
- c. Authorizing Co-Interim City Managers to award and execute the construction contract to System Controls & Instrumentation, LLC (SCI), New Braunfels, Texas in the amount of \$1,342,072.00, for the City of Laredo High Service Pump Variable Frequency Drive(VFD) and Power Factor Correction at the Jefferson Street Water Treatment Plant. Construction time is two hundred and seventy (270) working days for final completion. Contract Award is subject to Texas State Energy Conservation LoanSTAR Agreement Amendment approval. Funds are available in the Water Fund - State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) Loan.
- d. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to sign the permit with Kansas City Rail Road (KCS) to construct the sewer interceptor line from Zacate creek sewer treatment plant to the Chacon creek sewer interceptor. Funding is available in the 2017 Sewer Revenue Bond to pay the permit fee in the amount of \$9,375.00.
- e. Consideration to award a contract, for the purchase of computer data storage, servers and networking equipment for the Utilities Department, to Network Alliance, LLC., San Antonio,Tx., through Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) contract pricing, in the amount of \$487,803.25. Funding is available in the Water and Sewer Construction Funds, Utility I.S. Improvement projects.
- f. Consideration to renew annual supply contract number FY18-056 for the purchase of copper pipe type K and crosslinked polyethylene (PEXAa) pipe for the Utilities Department. These materials are purchased on an as needed basis by the Utilities Department- Water Operations for construction and repair projects. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one year. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the first of two extension periods. Funding is available in the Utilities

Department Fund.

1. Section I - Core and Main, LLC., St. Louis, Missouri, in an amount up to \$150,000.00; and
2. Section II - Tenoch Distribution, LLC., San Antonio, Texas, in an amount up to \$100,00.00.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XIII. STAFF REPORTS

23. 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.
24. Discussion with possible action to initiate a Sister Cities agreement with the State of Jalisco and authorize a signing on July 9, 2019.
25. Discussion with possible action on the funding and in-kind support of the 2019 PONY Annual Baseball Tournament (Bronco & Palomino categories) expecting visitors from the U.S., Asia and Europe from August 1-5, 2019; and any other matters incident thereto.
26. Discussion with possible action on the funding and in-kind support for the 2019-2020 Texas World Series Tournaments; and any other matters incident thereto.
27. Discussion with possible action to approve the name change of Santa Maria Avenue between 4200 and 4500 Santa Maria Avenue to "Canizalez Avenue" after brothers Orlando and Jose "Gaby" Canizalez.

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.

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

28. **2019-RT-05** Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to accept and execute the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Grant Application No. TX-2019-063-00 in the amount of \$196,853.00. Funding will be for the purchase of Rolling Stock (2 Vans) for the Laredo Transit El Lift Department (1) and Bethany House of Laredo (1). The required local match in the amount of \$29,529.00 for the Laredo Transit El Lift is funded with the Transit Sales Tax in the amount of \$18,274.00. Local match in the amount of \$11,255.00 for Bethany House of Laredo will be in cash from Bethany House.

29. **2019-RT-09** Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to execute Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) no. CSJ-0922-33-181 with the Texas Department of Transportation in the amount of \$200,000.00 including an estimated local participation in the amount of \$76,000.00 including overruns for the city improvement of ADA Bus Stops and Bicycle Plazas Project. The required local match is funded from the Transit local sales tax.

30. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to establish a Transit Advertisement Program. In line with the Five Year Comprehensive Transit Development Plan, the Transit Department currently has fifty (50) bus stop advertisement benches that can generate revenue opportunities that will be 100% allocated for bus stop improvements.

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

GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Request by Council Member Rudy Gonzalez, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action to replace existing bleachers with larger bleachers and to include shades at the Independence Park Baseball Field; and any matters incident thereto. Funding available in District I Priority Funds.

B. Request by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III

1. Discussion with possible action on amending Chapter 31 of the Code of Ordinances in order to establish a separate category for water/sewer rates applicable to multi-family properties when supplied through a single or shared meter, and any other matter incident thereto.

C. Request by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action to amend Section 6-19 of the Code of Ordinances to (a) prohibit transporting animals within the open bed of a moving pickup, flatbed or similar vehicle where the animal is directly on a metal surface without sufficient protection when temperatures exceed 90 degrees; and (b) provide that the animal must be transported in a manner that its face cannot extend past the sides of the bed and thus bite, or attempt to bite, a passerby; and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to bring back the Cemetery Committee that was dissolved and motioned on June 7, 2004; and any other matters incident thereto.
3. Discussion with possible action to clarify action taken on \$125,000.00 allocated for cemetery improvements from District I, II, III, IV, and VI District Priority Funds; and any other matters incident thereto.

D. Request by Council Member Nelly Vielma

1. Discussion with possible action to rename the Convention and Visitors Bureau as Office of International Relations to Foster Tourism, Economic Development, cultural and global initiatives;

and any other matters incident thereto.

2. Discussion with possible action directing the Co-Interim City Managers to explore an Inter-governmental Contracting Agreement with the Webb County Tax Assessor Collector; and any matters incident thereto.
3. Discussion with possible action directing the Co-Interim City Managers to develop a plan of attrition, digitalization and streamline of services to maximize budget savings at the Tax Assessor Department; and any matters incident thereto.

E. Request by Council Member Dr. Marte A. Martinez

1. Creation of a Directors Cabinet in order to plan, review, promote and process ideas for future legislative sessions with possible action; and any matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to update the Future Land Use and Long Range Thoroughfare plans for the City of Laredo in accordance with Section 9.03 of the City Charter; and any other matters incident thereto.
3. Discussion with possible action to establish a local government corporation pursuant to Chapter 431 of the Texas Transportation Code for the implementation of the City of Laredo and Webb County detox/triage center; and any other matters incident thereto.

F. Request by Council Member George Altgelt

1. Status update on the nationwide search for a City Manager, to include the total time spent by committee and City staff as well as cost, and in addition to request the Ad-Hoc Committee to recommend a compensation package including salary and incentives; and any matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to file a formal resolution complaining about TxDOT management in Laredo and their lack of

concern for pedestrians and cyclists and willingness to properly maintain on system routes and roads; and any matters incident thereto.

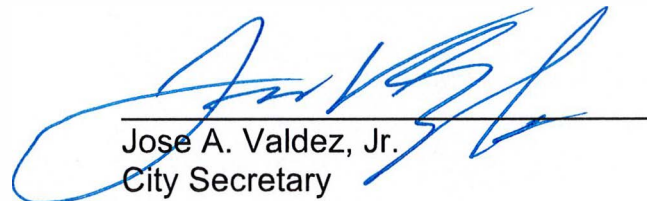
3. Discussion with possible action to direct staff to come up with an incentive program for the installation of irrigation meters; and any matters incident thereto.

G. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Roberto Balli

1. Discussion with possible action to instruct Co-interim City Managers to initiate negotiations for purchase of 1420 Houston Street, which is legally described as Lots 1, 8, 9, 10 & W 20' of 7 & W27.45' of 2 & E28.11' of N3.31' of 2 & N3.31' of 3 Blk 126 Western Division and 819 Santa Maria Avenue, which is legally described as Lots 8-9-10 Blk 139 Western Division; and any 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, June 26, 2019 at 8:45 p.m.



Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary

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