

CITY OF LAREDO
RECOGNITION AND COMMUNICATION NOTICE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
October 7, 2019
5:00 P.M.

The Mayor will be presenting the following:

1. Recognizing Ms. Claudia Villarreal for her heartfelt love to our community and kindness towards her fellow citizens and the future generations to come. Her divine creativity has not gone unnoticed and we are proud to count you among the brightest of the shining stars here in Laredo and the greater South Texas area. We stand with you and your life's purpose of ending bullying in our lifetime.

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A-2019-R-16
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 **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

V. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of August 26, 27, 28, 29, 2019, September 3, 2019, September 6, 2019, and September 16, 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. INVITATION

1. Invitation by H-E-B on 31st Annual "Feast of Sharing" Thanksgiving Dinner.
2. Invitation by the Parks & Recreation Youth Council on the 4th Annual Anti-bully event the will be held on October 12, 2019 at the Blas Castaneda Park from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

VII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment by Mayor Pete Saenz of Rebecca Cavazos to the Historic Landmark Board.
2. Appointment by Council Member Rudy Gonzalez, Jr. of Adriana Alexander to the Ethics Commission.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Public Hearing** and possible action to consider facade improvements on the E 14 Varas of Lot 9, Block 26, Western Division, located at 813 Iturbide St in order to remove the existing Life-Tile Roofing system and replacing it with Asphalt Composition Roof Shingles.

The Historic District Landmark Board did not provide a recommendation due to a lack of quorum for the regularly Historic Board meeting of September 12, 2019. Staff supports the application.

HDLB-07-2019
District VIII

2. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the City of Laredo Land Development Code section 24.62.1(B) – Specific Use Zoning Overlay District to provide for reduced setback overlay districts; adding section 24.75 – Reduced Setback Overlay Zone to establish standards, minimum size requirements, and rules for the establishment of a reduced setback overlay district; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; providing for publication and effective date.

Staff **does not support** the Ordinance and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **denial**.

3. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the City of Laredo Land Development Code; Section 24.65.8 R-1A – Single Family Reduced Area District; Section 24.65.9 R-1B – Single Family High Density District; Section 24.77.2 (9) Front Yard Setbacks; Section 24.77.2 (11) Rear Yard Setbacks; and Section 24.77.1 Dimensional Standards Chart to modify the front yard, side yard, and rear yard setbacks in the City of Laredo; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; providing for publication and effective date.

4. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** authorizing Co-Interim City Managers to accept a grant award in the amount of \$103,080.00 from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division to fund the Special Investigations Unit Crimes Against Women Project for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020; and to amend the FTE's by adding one (1) Investigator position as awarded by the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division. This grant will fund salaries and travel/training for the Special Investigations Unit. The grant requires cash match in the amount of \$44,278.00 which is available as a transfer in from General Fund for a total grant amount of \$147,358.00. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund.

5. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Transit Department FY 2019-2020 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Position Listing by creating one (1) additional position for a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Officer (PTASP Officer) at a total estimated cost of \$60,000.00. Funding Available in EI Metro Operations Fund.

(Recess)
(Press Availability)

IX. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

6. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to amend the lease agreement approved by Ordinance No. 2001-O-042 as amended between D & P Enterprises, A Nevada Corporation, as Lessee, and City of Laredo, as Lessor, as for assignment of lease agreement to 6552 BBL TX, LLC, as Assignee, for Tract No., 8 containing approximately 2.82 acres of property located at the Laredo International Airport. All other terms and conditions remain the same in effect; providing for an effective date.
7. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to amend the City of Laredo FY 2020 Airport Construction Fund Budget to accept and appropriate the Federal Aviation Administration Grant No. 3-48-0136-089-2019 in the amount of \$9,856,303.00 funding for the rehabilitation of Cargo Apron Phase 13 at the Laredo International Airport. The City's local match in the amount of \$1,095,145.00 (10%) is available in the Airport Construction Fund Budget. Total project cost is \$10,951,448.00.
8. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, providing for the Laredo Public Art Program and delineating the administration of the same; authorizing the allocation of two percent (2%) of the construction costs of eligible Capital Improvement Projects for art; establishing criteria for review of suitable capital projects and establishing a method for calculating art appropriations for capital projects; providing for qualifications, term limits, and additional duties for the Fine Arts and Culture Commission; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date.
9. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Section 2-5 of the Code of Ordinances "City Council Meetings" to provide the rules governing public comments at city council meetings in accordance with House Bill 2840; to allow members of the public three (3) minutes to address the city council before the city council's consideration of an agenda item or under the agenda item "citizen comments" for non-agenda items; to direct the City Secretary of the City of Laredo or designee to develop an online registration system to allow members of the public wishing to address the city council to fill out the required witness registration card electronically; providing a cumulative and repealer clause; providing a severability clause; and providing for related matters.

10. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, providing for participation in the Texas Municipal Retirement System for persons who hold and are regularly engaged in the performance of duties of an elective office that normally requires actual performance of services in a participating department of the municipality for not less than 1,000 hours a year in accordance with Section 852.107, Title 8, Texas Government Code, as amended; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date.

11. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to execute a lease agreement with Laredo Crime Stoppers Inc. (LCS) for the use of office space located at Police Substation No. 9, 320 E. Ryan St., Laredo, Texas, 78041, described as Lot 5 Block 494, situated in the Eastern Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas for a term of ten (10) years at an annual rate of one dollar (\$1) and contingent on satisfaction of City insurance requirements, and providing for an effective date.

12. Authorizing Co-Interim City Managers to execute all documents for the purchase of the following three (3) tracts of land: 0.54 Acre tract, 0.25 Acre tract, and 0.11 Acre tract out of the Property Legally described as a 2.0 Acre (87,120 square feet) tract of land out of a called 2.000-Acre tract of land Recorded in Volume 1927, Page 53, W.C.D.R. , City of Laredo, Texas, being out of Porcion 22, Dona Maria Jesus Sanchez, Original Grantee, Abstract 277, Webb County, Texas, otherwise known as 8801 Mines Road, as depicted on Exhibits "A", "B", and "C" from Jose C. Resendez in the negotiated amount of Three Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$340,000.00). Acquisition is needed for the West Laredo Corridor – Phase II Realingment of Las Cruces and Flecha Lane to address traffic, drainage and public safety; and would bring Condemnation Case 2015EDA000004C3 to a resolution; Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund-West Laredo Corridor-Phase II grant; and providing for an effective date.

13. Amending Article VI [Investment Policy] of Chapter 2 [Administration] of the Code of Ordinances in order to:
 1. Update Investment Officers Titles;
 2. Adjust / Update the current Broker / Dealer List and;
 3. Provide for an effective date

14. Amending Ordinance 2011-O-019 and authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to allow the Utilities Department to sell water and sewer capacity to future landowners that are using their platted lot or tract as multifamily, commercial, industrial or combination of commercial-residential inside of the 15 colonias listed in the interlocal agreement and did not participate in the oversizing of the water and sewer extensions that will serve future developers inside and outside of the colonias; and providing for an effective date.

X. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

15. **2019-O-160** Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to accept the Federal Aviation Administration Grant No. 3-48-0136-088-2019 in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 of discretionary funding for the 14 CFR Part 150 Noise Abatement Program at the Laredo International Airport. The City's local match in the amount of \$111,112.00 (10%) is available in the Airport Construction Fund Budget. Total project cost is \$1,111,112.00.

16. **2019-O-161** Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to accept and execute a contract from the community based organization PILLAR. Funding is from the United States Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Amending the FY 2018-2019 Budget by appropriating additional revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$195,131.00 for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) HIV and Behavioral Health Services for the term from September 30, 2019 through September 29, 2020. **(AS AMENDED)**

17. **2019-O-162** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 13, "Food and Food Products," Article II "Food Products Establishments" of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, providing an update for the adoption of rules, regulations and associated fees for food trucks and food establishments; providing for a cumulative clause; providing a severability clause; and providing for publication and an effective date.

18. **2019-O-163** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending chapter 15, "Health and Sanitation," Article I "In General," and Article IV "Tire Business Registration Program" of the Laredo Code of Ordinances to provide clarification and alignment of fees associated with various services rendered by the City of Laredo Health Department; providing a severability clause; providing for publication and an effective date. **(AS AMENDED)**

19. **2019-O-164** Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to accept funds in the amount of \$314,120.00 from the South Texas 9-1-1 Regional Administration Division to cost share personnel at the Laredo Police Department Public Safety answering point (PSAP) in accordance with section 771.0751 of the Texas Health and Safety Code and rule 251.3 use of revenue in certain counties from the commission on state emergency communications; and amending the FY2018 - 2019 General Fund Budget of the City of Laredo by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$314,120.00 for Laredo Police Department Communications Division salaries.

20. **2019-O-165** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for Oil and/or Gas Extraction and Production (Plug/Abandonment of Well) on approximate .8324 acres out of Porcion 38, Abstract 472, T. Sanchez Tract, located at South of Don Camilo Blvd; providing for publication and effective date.

ZC-54-2019
District III

21. **2019-O-166** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for Oil and/or Gas Extraction and Production (Plug/Abandonment of Well) on approximate .8324 acres out of Porcion 38, Abstract 472, T. Sanchez Tract, located at South of Don Camilo Blvd; providing for publication and effective date.

ZC-55-2019
District III

22. **2019-O-167** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 7, Block 299, Eastern Division, located at 2318 Marcella Ave., from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

ZC-64-2019
District IV

23. **2019-O-168** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for a townhouse on Lot 1, Block 4, Hilltop Subdivision, Phase II, located at 401 Michigan Ave; providing for publication and effective date.

ZC-65-2019
District VII

24. **2019-O-169** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, establishing and adopting new bylaws for the Laredo Commission for Women; providing eligibility and selection guidelines for the Laredo Commission for Women's Biennial Hall of Fame; providing for scoring and rating procedures to evaluate nominees to the Hall of Fame; providing for a cumulative clause; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date.

25. **2019-O-172** Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to amend the City of Laredo FY 2018-2019 Parkland Acquisition and Park Improvement Fund budget to appropriate revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$355,814.85. Revenues are from park improvement fees and/or cash payment in lieu of land paid by the developers of Cuatro Vientos East, Lomas Del Sur, Phoenix Village, Los Presidentes Unit 1, Sunset Heights, Monaco Phase II, and RW Ranch Subdivisions. The expenditures will be utilized as per Ordinance 2008-O-058 Section 24.56.2.E and Amended Ordinance 2019-O-036 Section 24.56.2.C for park improvements.
(AS AMENDED).

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

26. **2019-R-157** Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to approve a sub-lease between L.A. Ventures, Inc., as Lessee, and Federal Express Corporation, as Sub-lessee. FedEx shall pay Sub-Lessor \$3,500.00 per month rent for a term of one (1) year, to lease no less than 50 but up to 144 parking spaces within the 3.64 acres of land known as Tract 9, Lot 1, Block 1 leased by Lessee at the Laredo International Airport. The lease between the City of Laredo, as Lessor and L. A. Ventures, Inc. as Lessee, was approved by Ordinance No. 2005-O-113 on May 23, 2005. Subleasing is allowed as per Article VII, with written Lessor's consent; such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged and in effect; providing for an effective date.
27. Consideration to ratify the issuance of an emergency purchase orders by the Co-Interim City Managers in the amount not to exceed \$60,620.52 to Wunderlich-Malec Systems, Inc, Eden. Praire, MN for Airport Security System Services and related Software Maintenance Support for the City of Laredo International Airport. These services are obtained using Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative pricing under contract HGAC SE05-18. Funds are available in the International Airport Funds.
28. Consideration to award contract FY19-097 Modification/Removal of Baggage Handling System to sole bidder G & S Mechanical USA Inc., Wichita, KS in the amount of \$177,891.00. This project involves the modification to the existing airport terminal outbound Baggage Handling System due to the relocation of Transportation Security Administration (TSA) CT-80 scan machine from the terminal lobby. Funds are available on the International Airport Funds.

BRIDGE: STAFF SOURCE YVETTE LIMON, BRIDGE DIRECTOR

29. Consideration to award a contract to sole source provider, TransCore L.P., for the purchase of 10,000 Automatic Vehicle Identification (AVI) sticker tags in the amount of \$125,000.00. These AVI sticker tags are TransCore's Amtech Technology eGo® Plus Windshield sticker tags; have a protocol of 915 Mhz radio frequency; are programmable beam powered; are windshield dash mounted tags and used for the Laredo Bridge System Electronic Toll Collection System. Funding is available in the Bridge System Fund.

BUILDING: STAFF SOURCE ARTURO GARCIA, ACTING BUILDING DIRECTOR

30. **2019-R-142** Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a Tax Abatement Agreement between the City of Laredo and Juan Ordonez for a proposed project located at 2403 Ventura St, lot 3 & 6; block 625; western division that consists of 4bd house, 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 \$160,000.00, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$1,014.15 and estimated total fee waivers of \$3,474.00. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information.
31. **2019-R-143** Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a Tax Abatement Agreement between the City of Laredo and Capra Investments Inc. For a proposed project located at 1919 Hidalgo St, lot 10; block 288; western division that consists of 4 units 2 bdrm apartments, 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 \$178,842.00, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$1,133.86 and estimated total fee waivers of \$6,027.00. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information.
32. **2019-R-162** Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and Jose A. Lopez for a proposed project located at 1220 Garfield St, lot 5 & east 23.11 feet of lot 6; block 692; eastern division that consists of addition, 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 \$80,000.00, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$507.20 and estimated total fee waivers of \$1,354.00. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information.

CITY ATTORNEY: STAFF SOURCE KRISTINA L. HALE, CITY ATTORNEY

- 33. Presentation by Earthjustice on lawsuit filed on behalf of the Rio Grande International Study Center (RGISC) and other individuals and entities challenging President Trump's National Emergency Declaration, with possible action.
- 34. Rescinding Ordinance introduced July 1, 2019, accepting donation 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.

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU: STAFF SOURCE AILEEN RAMOS, CVB
DIRECTOR

- 35. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to execute payments to Laredo Trade and Travel Center, DBA Casa Laredo, for the Monterrey office's daily operations. Total budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 is \$150,000.00 and expenses will not exceed this amount. Funding is available in the Convention & Visitors Bureau Department budget.
- 36. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to negotiate and execute contracts with U.S. and Mexico billboard, print, electronic and other media vendors. Media plan advertisements for the Laredo Convention & Visitors Bureau will be placed beginning January 2020. The total amount is not to exceed \$1,185,256.00, comprised of \$624,516.00 for Mexico and \$560,740.00 for U.S. promotion. Funding is available in the CVB FY 2019-2020 budget.

ENGINEERING: STAFF SOURCE RAMON E. CHAVEZ, CITY ENGINEER

- 37. Consideration for approval of the selection of additional consultants for the Construction Materials Quality Testing and Subsurface Exploration Services FY2019 – FY2020 and authorization to negotiate a professional services contract for each respective project assigned on a rotation basis.

Four (4) additional firms responded to the request for qualifications on Friday, August 6, 2019, at 4:00 P.M. and will be included in the current list of consultants.

1. Castle Engineering & Testing, LLC., Laredo, Texas
2. Caballero Engineering, LLC., Laredo, Texas
3. Carrillo & Associates, Inc., Laredo, Texas
4. CMT-Tec, LLC., Laredo, Texas

Funding will be determined as projects are awarded.

38. Consideration for approval of the selection of consultant for the Asbestos Containing Building Materials Investigations/Abatement FY2019 – FY2020 and authorization to negotiate a professional services contract for each respective project assigned on a rotation basis.

Six (6) firms responded to the request for qualifications on Friday, September 6, 2019, at 4:00 P.M. as follows:

1. Castle Engineering & Testing, LLC., Laredo, Texas
2. Millennium Engineers Group, Inc., (MEG), Laredo, Texas
3. Astex Environmental Services, San Antonio, Texas
4. TTL, Inc., San Antonio, Texas
5. Terracon Consultants, Inc., Laredo, Texas
6. O'Connor Engineering & Science, Inc., Laredo, Texas

Funding will be determined as projects are awarded.

39. Consideration for approval of Amendment No. 1 an increase of \$33,350.00 to the professional services contract with Slay Architecture, Laredo, Texas, for the Barbara Fasken Community Center. This Amendment No. 1 is to incorporate Cortes Studio into the project scope of work for the design of the Tree House. Consultant is providing credits for the original treehouse design and parking lot section. Current contract amount with this amendment is \$119,650.00. Funding is available in the 2017 CO – District VII Priority Funds – Project # D71830.
40. Consideration for approval of Amendment No. 5 an increase in the amount not to exceed \$373,650.00 to the professional services contract with Structural Engineering Associates, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, for the World Trade International Bridge US Customs Exit Booth Expansion for Bi-National Agency Coordination, and Participation at Governmental Agency Meetings in different USA cities and Mexico City. Current engineering contract amount with this amendment is \$2,370,887.48 with time extension to June 30, 2021. Funding is available in the Bridge Construction Fund.
41. Consideration for approval of award of construction contract to the lowest bidder ALC Construction, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$117,950.00 (reduced base bid) for the Bartlett Sports Complex Park Amphitheater Project 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. Completion date for the project is scheduled for December 2019. Funding is available in the 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 CO Bond.

42. Consideration for approval of the selection of consultant THC, Inc., Duluth, GA, for the Noise Abatement Sound Insulation Program and authorization to negotiate a professional services contract. A total of four (4) firms responded to the request for qualifications. Funding will be available in FAA Grant 80.

ENVIRONMENTAL; STAFF SOURCE JOHN PORTER, ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTOR

43. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to sign a joint-funding agreement with U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) for the Texas Data Collection Program, during the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2024 in the amount of \$274,500.00 (\$54,900.00 per year). Under the program, USGS will maintain four (4) stream monitoring stations in Zacate & Manadas Creek and will be responsible for the upkeep and calibration of the stations. These monitoring stations provide real-time rainfall, flooding, flow, and video data to the department as well as to the Traffic, Fire and Police Departments for better response during flooding events. This is a renewal of this agreement. Funding is available in the Environmental Services Department.
44. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to sign Amendment 2, for the additional engineering services contract with Crane Engineering- Laredo, Texas in the amount of \$37,607.18. The total contract amount with this amendment is \$65,907.18 for the Riverbend Project. Amendment #2 proposes to perform an update to proposed trail design, design a parking lot and educational lookout, prepare plans, specifications, and cost estimates as well as provide bidding phase services. Funding is available in the 2015 C.O. Bond.

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

45. **2019-R-160** Expressing official intent to reimburse General Fund with Tax- Exempt Obligation proceeds for costs associated with the acquiring municipal equipment and municipal vehicles for the City Transit Department.
46. **2019-R-161** Resolution directing publication of notice of intention to issue City of Laredo, Texas combination tax and revenue certificates of obligation, in one or more series, in the maximum principal amount of \$44,500,000.00, for the purpose of:
- (1) Planning, constructing, improving and repairing city streets, sidewalks, and drainage improvements, together with right-of-ways acquisition, traffic and street signalization, landscaping, and lighting improvements;
 - (2) Acquiring, constructing and improving municipal parks and recreational facilities;
 - (3) Constructing, acquiring, equipping, renovating and improving city owned buildings,

- (4) Purchasing land located in the southeastern quadrant of the city for municipal landfill facilities,
- (5) Purchasing land located in the city's downtown area for municipal parking and
- (6) Paying legal, fiscal, and engineering fees in connection with such projects

- 47. Consideration to renew annual service contract number FY18-092 with LED Electric and Lighting Contractor, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$600,000.00 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. This is the first 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.
- 48. Consideration to award contract number FY19-094 to a Consulting Firm to provide Federal Legislative and Lobbying Consulting Services for the City of Laredo. The contract amount shall be announced/determined at City Council Meeting and is subject to future appropriations. This contract shall be for one (1) year with three (3) one-year renewal options, as approved by City Council and upon mutual agreement of the parties. All legislative and lobbying consulting services will be on a continuous basis. Funding is available through Utilities, Solid Waste and General Fund.

FIRE: STAFF SOURCE STEVE LANDIN, FIRE CHIEF

- 49. Consideration to award contract FY19-085 to Fire Recovery USA, Roseville, CA for professional services of an outside agency to assist in the recovery of emergency fire/rescue responses and extrication services provided by the City of Laredo Fire Department during the a motor vehicle accident. Fire Recovery will be responsible for obtaining reimbursement for services provided by our Fire Department utilizing expertise with Medicare and private insurance companies. Fire Recovery USA will charge the City 20% of all collections received as a result of their billing activities. The term of this contract is for two (2) years with an annual performance review, and the option to renew for one (1) two (2) year period to be negotiated with selected firm.

FLEET MANAGEMENT: STAFF SOURCE RONALD MILLER, FLEET DIRECTOR

- 50. Consideration to renew the existing annual contract FY18-085 with Gonzalez Auto Parts, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$115,000.00, for the purchase of automotive batteries for the City's Fleet vehicles. All batteries will be secured 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. This is the first of three extension periods. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.

HEALTH: STAFF SOURCE DR. HECTOR GONZALEZ, HEALTH DIRECTOR

51. **2019-R-153** Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to enter into contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services through the South Texas Development Council (STDC) in the amount of \$131,516.00 for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department State Services Program for HIV prevention and education for the term of September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020.
52. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to enter into a continuation lease agreement between the City of Laredo and Gloria Barrera to allow the City of Laredo to continue to operate on the property located on 515 W. Viggie Street in Hebbronville, Texas 78361 for the City of Laredo Health Department Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition, supplemental and health promotion programs. The term of the agreement shall be for \$1,387.50 per month for three (3) years and with an option to renew for an additional two (2) years for a total of \$83,250.00 beginning September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2024, contingent on funding availability. Funding is available through the Health Department WIC Budget.

HUMAN RESOURCES: STAFF SOURCE MELINA BERMUDEZ, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

53. **2019-R-156** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, adopting a Lactation Policy enabling employees to express milk during working hours in an adequate and private place, other than a restroom, in accordance with section 619.003 of the Texas Government Code; and providing for an effective date.

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

54. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to enter into and execute contract payments with vendors AT&T and Western States Communications (WSC) for providing the existing 9-1-1 telephone network and wireless/equipment maintenance for the South Texas Region, including Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb and Zapata Counties, in the total amount of \$415,510.00 (an annual amount of \$207,755.00 per year for a two year period) from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021. Funding is available in the 9-1-1 Regional Fund.

POLICE: STAFF SOURCE CLAUDIO TREVINO, CHIEF OF POLICE

55. Consideration to authorize the purchase of two (2) patrol units from Lake Country Chevrolet, Jasper, Texas in the amount of \$86,478.96. The purchase of these vehicles shall be made utilizing the Goodbuy Contract Pricing Program. Funding is available in the 2018 Operation Stonegarden Grant-Special Police Fund.

SOLID WASTE: STAFF SOURCE STEPHEN GEISS, SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR

56. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one (1) 2019 Ford F-150 regular cab truck, one (1) 2020 Ford Explorer, three (3) 2020 Ford F-350 regular cab for the total amount of \$161,689.75 from Silsbee Ford, Silsbee, Texas through the GoodBuy and BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program contracts. These trucks are replacement vehicles for trucks which have already reached their useful life. The 2019 F-150 and 2020 Ford Explorer will be for Sanitation operations and the three (3) 2020 Ford F-350 will be for Landfill operations. All the trucks will be assigned to the Solid Waste Department for operations. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Funds.

TAX: STAFF SOURCE DORA MALDONADO, TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

57. **2019-R-154** Nominating Council Member Vidal Rodriguez as the City of Laredo's candidate to the Webb County Appraisal District Board of Directors for the 2020-2021 Term as per Section 6.03 of the Texas Property Tax Code and directing the City Secretary to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Chief Appraiser of the Webb County Appraisal District before October 15, 2019. Prior to December 15, 2019, City Council will cast its 934 Votes in any manner it wishes for those individuals listed on the ballot provided by the Chief Appraiser.

UTILITIES: STAFF SOURCE RIAZUL MIA, UTILITIES DIRECTOR

58. **2019-R-151** Ratification of the Co-Interim City Managers accepting the conveyance of a 15' Utility Easement, 26.255.4 Square Feet of land out of lot 1-F, Block 1, Re-Plat of Jacaman Ranch, Unit 1 Recorded in Volume 23, Pages 52-53, Map Records, Webb County, Texas., and being more particularly described by Metes and Bounds in attached Exhibit "B" & "C" and depicted on exhibit "A" attached hereto and made part hereof, area known as south of Jacaman road and west of Saldana avenue. The easement will serve as a Utility and Access easement for the purpose of; to install, construct, replace, repair, and perpetually maintain a water meter, water mains and the right of free, full and unimpeded access to grantee's equipment; and providing for an effective date.
59. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to release partial retainage amount of \$500,000.00 (46.6% of current 5% of retainage amount of workdone) to Pepper-Lawson Waterworks, LLC., Texas for the South Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant 12 MGD to 18 MGD Expansion Project, pending the approval of Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). The contractor has completed the project to substantial completion on August 8, 2019 and the expansion portion of the plant has been operation since then. The remaining of the retainage will be released upon completion of outstanding and punch list items. This project is funded by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Sewer Bond, Series 2015B. Funding for the partial release of retainage is available in the aforementioned bond.

60. Consideration to renew the existing annual contract FY18-004 with Metropolitan Compounds, Pembroke Pines, Florida, in an amount up to \$100,000.00, for the purchase of asphalt pot hole patch materials for the Utilities Department. All materials will be secured 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. This is the last extension period for this contract. Funding is available in the Water Works Fund.
61. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to approve and execute Change Order #2 amounting to a deduction of (\$78,740.00) for a final contract value amount to \$1,671,370.00, acceptance of the project, and release of retainage amounting to \$83,568.50 to Insituform Technologies, LLC. of Chester field, Missouri for the IH-35 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Phase 2 project. The project has been completed on July 2019. Funding is available in the 2015 Sewer Revenue Bond.
62. Consideration to select and negotiate with Plummer Associates, Inc. of Austin, Texas for the permit renewal with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for South Laredo Wastewater Plant (SLWWTP), Columbia Wastewater Treatment Plant (CWWTP), Sombretillo Wastewater Treatment Plant (SWWTP), Penitas Wastewater Treatment Plant (PWWTP), Manadas Wastewater Treatment Plant (MWWTP), and Parra & Company of San Antonio, Texas for the permit renewal for Zacate Wastewater Treatment Plant. Permits renewal packages for the plants must be submitted to TCEQ before March 2020. There is no cost involved in this part of the Request for Qualification/selection of consultant process.
63. Consideration to award contract FY19-092 to the low bidder Environmental Treatment Technologies, Georgetown, Texas in the amount of \$171,289.00 for the purchase and installation of a mechanical bar screen and screw conveyor at the North Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant for the Utilities Department. The estimated time for completion of this project is between fourteen and thirty working days. Funding is available in the 2014 Sewer Revenue Budget Fund.
64. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to purchase additional material as needed of 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 \$46,021.70. Funding is available in the Utilities Department, Wastewater Division Operational Budget.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XII. STAFF REPORTS

- 65. 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.
- 66. Presentation of the Plan of Finance by Noe Hinojosa of Estrada-Hinojosa & Company, Inc., as it relates to various proposed bond issuances including a Certificate of Obligation Bond, Revenue Bond and General Obligation Refunding Bond, with possible action.
- 67. Discussion with possible action on the in kind support of the 2019 Jamboozie on November 2, 2019 at Montalvo Tres Laredos Park.

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.

- 68. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 551.072 to deliberate the value of real property pertaining to a potential purchase of parcels within the Central Business District at 1420 Houston and 819 Santa Maria; and to return to open session for possible action.

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

- 69. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to execute a contract for the purchase two (2) Low-Floor Light Duty Buses for the El Metro Department Neighborhood Circulator route in the amount of \$244,881.92 utilizing the Georgia DOAS Purchase State Contract # 99999-001-SPD0000138 with Alliance Bus Group, Incorporated from Lewisville, Texas. Funding is available in General Fund. **Motion is contingent on the approval of the reimbursement resolution.**

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

- 70. **GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Request by Mayor Pete Saenz

1. Discussion with possible action on the status on recent "water boil" advisory; and any matters incident thereto.

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

1. Discussion with possible action to clarify and catalog our current incentive packages in order to create standardized future incentive for target/novel industries, and any matters incident thereto.
2. Status update on the Detox Facility, and any matters incident thereto.

C. Request by Council Member George Altgelt

1. Discussion and possible action to create and or amend an ordinance that prohibits the city from bidding against itself by posting dollar amounts or stating them leading up to or during at staff presentation or request for funding for any purpose, and any matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion and possible action to have signage on City Hall to bear the name of Aldo Tatangelo, and any matters incident thereto.

D. Request by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez

1. Discussion with possible action to instruct the Co-Interim City Managers to authorize staff to install speed humps under the Special Provision of the Speed Hump Installation Policy, and to authorize the use of asphalt type speed humps, instead of a speed cushion, which is currently required under the policy; and any matters incident thereto. City Council District II Priority Funds will be used for this project.
 - a. (1) Speed Hump on 1000 block of North Ejido
2. Discussion with possible action to purchase land in order to construct a "Ground" tank to include a post chlorination system at Las Blancas Elevated tank and in the proposed Cuatro Vientos area to address the low water pressure; and any matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Rudy Gonzalez, Jr.)**

3. Discussion with possible action to issue a 25% discount on our water bill due to the inconvenience of our Boil Water Notice; and any matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Rudy Gonzalez, Jr.)**

E. Request by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III

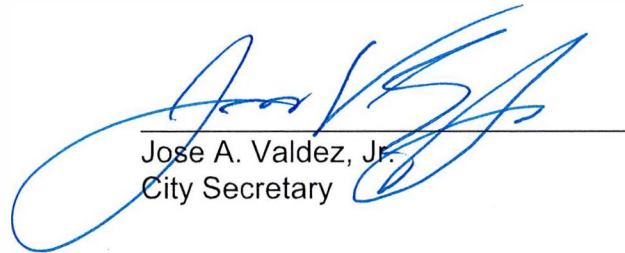
1. Discussion with possible action on the availability of adding sprinkler systems throughout our city parks; and any matters incident thereto.

F. Request by Council Member Nelly Vielma

1. Discussion with possible action to instruct staff to design and construct a right turn lane at the intersection of McPherson Road & Jacaman Road. Estimated construction cost is \$111,500.00. District Priority Funds will be utilized for this project upon funding availability.

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, October 4, 2019 at 5:20 p.m.



Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary

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