

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

A-2019-R-18

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

November 4, 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

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. 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. RECOGNITION

1. Honoring Veteran of the Month Juan Alejandro as a member of both the United States Marine Corps and the U.S. Army National Guard and recognizing his distinguished service to our country.

VII. INVITATION

1. Presentation by Dr. Hector Farias on the Tomas Sanchez De La Barreda Y Gallardo Celebration of his Life-244th Anniversary scheduled on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at San Agustin Plaza at 9:00 a.m and to request for City participation on this event.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** ratifying the execution of a contract amendment from the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) in the amount of \$5,891,111.00 for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program to continue to provide nutrition education and food supplemental services to women and children with nutrition and health risks for the term from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.
2. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** designating the City Limits and ETJ (five miles outside city limits) as the Tax Abatement Reinvestment Zone for commercial/industrial tax abatements; establishing the boundaries thereof and other matters relating thereto; declaring findings of fact; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date of December 1, 2019.

(Recess)

(Press Availability)

X. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

3. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 2, Article II, Division 3, Section 2-61(a) "Military Leave" to authorize differential pay for city employees in a reserve component called to active duty in support of a national emergency if the employee's military pay is less than the employee's city base pay; providing for a cumulative clause; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date.

4. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 2, Article II, Division 1, by adding a new Section 2-20 of the Code of Ordinances to establish the City of Laredo grants office as a division of the Economic Development Department; providing for a cumulative clause; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date.

5. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 6 "Animals and Fowl," of the Code of Ordinances, specifically Sections 6-1 "Definitions" and 6-61 "Keeping Restricted" allowing for a person to keep, harbor, house, corral or otherwise maintain pigs within the city limits pursuant to a special permit for bona fide educational purposes when sponsored by a licensed educational institution or authority; adding a new Section 6-69 providing for regulations pertaining to keeping of project animals, livestock or fowl by school children for educational purposes when sponsored by a licensed educational institution or authority; providing a severability clause; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date.

6. Amending the City of Laredo Waterworks Construction Fund FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating fund balance and increasing the El Pico Water Treatment Plant account in the amount of \$2,531,707 to be used for repairs at El Pico Water Treatment Plant.

XI. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

7. **2019-O-184** Amending the Community Development Department FY 2019-2020 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Position Listing by creating one (1) additional position for an Administrative Assistant I at a total estimated cost of \$53,000.00 including benefits. Funding is available in the 45th Action Year Community Development Block Grant 2019 Fund.

8. **2019-O-185** Amending the Community Development's Laredo Municipal Housing division FY 2019-2020 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Position Listing by creating one (1) additional position for an Administrative Assistant I at a total estimated cost of \$53,000.00 including benefits. Funding is available in Laredo Municipal Housing Enterprise Fund.

9. **2019-O-186** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for a commercial Billboard on approximate .0137 acres out of Lot 1, Block 1, Trinity Plaza Subdivision, located at 1815 Shiloh Dr; providing for publication and effective date.

**ZC-56-2019
District VI**

10. **2019-O-187** Authorizing the Co-Interim City Manager's to execute all documents for the purchase of "Surface Only" for the following tracts of land; 1420 Houston Street legally described as Lots 1, 8, 9, 10 & W20' of 7 & W27.45' of 2 & E28.11' of N3.31' of 2 & N3.31' of 3, Block 126, Western Division, Laredo, Webb County, Texas in the Central Business District with owner of record Frank Group Properties Limited Partnership and 819 Santa Maria Avenue legally described as Lots 8, 9, and 10, Block 139, Western Division, Laredo, Webb County, Texas with owner of record Minimall of Laredo, Inc.; located at the NE corner of Houston Street and Santa Maria Avenue, in the negotiated amount of two million three hundred thousand and zero cents (\$2,300,000.00) from Julian Rotnofsky, General Partner of Las Plazas Laredo and Frank Group Properties Limited Partnership; for the purpose of the relocation of the Building Services department and Planning and Zoning departments to improve the efficiency and accessibility to promote optimal customer service to the daily customers; Funding is available in the 2016 Certificate of Obligation Taxable and Tax Exempt Bonds; and providing for an effective date.

11. **2019-O-188** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning West One-Half of Lot 7, Block 355, Eastern Division, located at 417 East Frost St., from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

**ZC-67-2019
District IV**

12. **2019-O-190** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by repealing Ordinance 2018-O-077 and authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for a Restaurant Serving Alcohol, on Lot 3, Block 1, Falcon Centre of McPherson, located at 7718 McPherson Rd. Suite 105 G; provided for publication and effective date.

**ZC-70-2019
District VI**

13. **2019-O-191** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing a one-time waiver in the month of October of the minimum water charge for residential (\$10.52) and commercial (\$39.61) accounts of customers in the area affected by the water boil notice issued by the City of Laredo on September 28, 2019, more particularly described in Exhibit A, excluding fire hydrant, irrigation, and agriculture accounts; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; and declaring 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.

BUILDING: STAFF SOURCE ARTURO GARCIA, ACTING BUILDING DIRECTOR

14. **2019-R-135** Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a Tax Abatement Agreement between the City of Laredo and Nancy Martinez for a proposed project located at 3117 Garfield St, lot 8; block 26; western division that consists of a two (2) bedroom 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 \$109,000.00, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$691.05 and estimated total fee waivers of \$3,067.00. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information.

ENGINEERING: STAFF SOURCE RAMON E. CHAVEZ, CITY ENGINEER

15. Consideration for approval of the selection of consultant Able City, Laredo, Texas, for The Southern Hotel located at 1200 Matamoros and authorization to negotiate a professional services contract for project feasibility and readiness, project financial analysis and development, project development and implementation, design/engineering, financing and construction management for a multi-use, mixed income rental unit complex. A total of two (2) firms responded to the request for qualifications. No financial impact as this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL: STAFF SOURCE JOHN PORTER, ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTOR

16. Consideration to award contract FY19-093 for the Chacon Creek Hike & Bike Trail Maintenance to low bidder Nick Benavides, Laredo, TX for an annual amount of \$68,988.00 per year. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year with the option to renew contract for one (1) additional one (1) year period. Funding for this contract is available in the Environmental Services Department Budget.

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

17. Consideration to renew contract FY17-066 to Eye View Investigations & Security, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated annual amount of \$695,760.00 for providing city-wide security guard services at various municipal buildings/locations. The term of this contract renewal shall be for a period of two (2) years, subject to future appropriations, beginning November 2019. There is a 40 cents price increase request submitted by vendor for this extension period. Funding is available in the respective departmental budgets.

HEALTH: STAFF SOURCE DR. HECTOR GONZALEZ, HEALTH DIRECTOR

18. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to accept a contract with Televero Health, Inc. for telemedicine psychiatric services with Televero's telehealth platform for the City of Laredo Health Department in the amount of \$46,000.00 for primary care, women's health and chronic disease services and in the amount of \$14,000.00 for HIV services for a total cumulative amount of \$60,000.00 for the term of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, and may be renewed for another two (2) years, pending funding availability. Funding is available through the Health Department 1115 Waiver and Ryan White Part C Budget.

HUMAN RESOURCES: STAFF SOURCE MELINA BERMUDEZ, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

19. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to enter into a Work Experience/Subsidized Employment Worksite Agency Agreement with Workforce Solutions for South Texas for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act program. The purpose of this program is to increase, for individuals with barriers to employment, access to and opportunities for employment, education, training and support services needed to succeed in the labor market. Eligible individuals would be placed at different City departments for a maximum of 12 weeks paid by Workforce Solutions for South Texas. There is no financial impact.

20. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to enter into a Paid Work Experience Worksite Agreement with Workforce Solutions for South Texas, Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VR) to allow VR customers to be placed at City departments to complete short-term experience and gain skills that are transferrable to future long-term competitive integrated employment. Eligible individuals would be placed at different City departments for a maximum of 12 weeks (20 hours per week) paid by Workforce Solutions for South Texas, Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VR). There is no financial impact.

21. City Council confirmation of City employee's nominated member, Joe Barron to the Municipal Civil Service Commission, as per ordinance 2017-0-020.

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

22. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to enter into a one-year service agreement with Central Square Superior Public Sector, Lake Mary FL, for \$186,226.19. The service agreement is for software enhancements and maintenance on the financial applications residing on the City's IBM iSeries computer system for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. Funding is available in the Information Technology Fund.

MUNICIPAL COURT: STAFF SOURCE ANA CABALLERO-RODRIGUEZ, MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK

23. **2019-R-171** Resolution recognizing the importance of Municipal Courts, the rule of law, and the fair and impartial administration of justice; Recognition of Municipal Court Week November 4-8, 2019.
24. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to renew the existing annual software maintenance agreements with Tyler Technologies, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$66,761.91 and approve a new service agreement adding the Tyler Disaster Recovery Services in the amount of \$12,992.00, the Tyler Content Module in the amount of \$40,171.00, and the Online Record Search module in the amount of \$5,000.00 for a total of \$124,924.91. The annual software maintenance agreement begins October 1, 2019 and end September 30, 2020. Funding is available in the FY 2019-2020 Municipal Court Technology Fund budget.

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

25. Consideration to renew annual contract FY19-028 for the purchase of pool chemicals for the City's swimming pools/splash parks with Mayfield Pool Supply, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$120,000.00. All pool chemicals will be secured on an as needed basis. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the first of three extension periods. Funding is available in the Parks & Recreation budget.

POLICE: STAFF SOURCE CLAUDIO TREVINO, CHIEF OF POLICE

26. **2019-R-164** Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to accept a grant in the amount of \$31,366.30 from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (CJD), for funding the 2020 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for the period of October 01, 2019 through September 30, 2020. This funding will be used to equip members of the Laredo Police Department Traffic Unit with Panasonic Tough pads to improve efficiency and effectiveness during critical situations. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund.
27. **2019-R-170** Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to accept a supplemental grant in the amount of \$16,267.78 from the Office of the Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) for the purpose of funding the 2017 Operation Stonegarden Grant (OPSG). This funding will be used for overtime and fringe benefit expenses for dispatchers used for

Stonegarden Operations. No local match is required.

28. **2019-R-172** Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to submit a grant application in the amount of \$28,125.00 to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. The funds will be utilized to provide Individual First Aid Kits (IFAKs) to officers to increase officer safety and lessen the chance of long-term serious injury during traumatic injury situations. There is no matching funds involved in the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation grant program.

TAX: STAFF SOURCE DORA MALDONADO, TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

29. **2019-R-169** Casting 934 votes for Council Member Vidal Rodriguez, 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 December 15, 2019.

UTILITIES: STAFF SOURCE RIAZUL MIA, UTILITIES DIRECTOR

30. Consideration to approve the issuance of a purchase order by Co-Interim City Managers in the amount of \$340,694.00 to Precision Pump Systems, Edinburg, Texas utilizing buyboard contract #589-19 for two (2) emergency Gorman-Rupp 10 inch X 8 inch booster diesel pumps and two (2) Gorman-Rupp 140 HP submersible pumps for the El Pico Water Treatment Plant. Funding available in the Water Works Construction Operations Fund.
31. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to award a professional engineering consultant services contract in the amount of \$119,700.00 to Plummer Associates, Inc. Austin, Texas for renewal of wastewater treatment plants (WWTP) permits, namely, South Laredo WWTP, Sombrettillo WWTP, Manadas WWTP, Columbia WWTP and Penitas WWTP, with Texas Commission on Environment Quality (TCEQ). Funding is available in the Sewer Construction Fund.
32. Authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers for the award of a construction contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Azar Services, Laredo, Texas in the amount of \$610,150.00 for the Unitec Wastewater Treatment Plant Concrete Staging Area Project. The contract time is one hundred (100) calendar days. Funding is available in the 2017 Sewer Revenue Bond.

33. Consideration to select the consultant and authorizing the Co-Interim City Managers to negotiate the contract for the Integrated Water Master Plan for the City of Laredo Utilities Department. There is no cost involved in this part of the Request for Qualification/selection of consultant process.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XIII. STAFF REPORTS

34. 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.

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.

35. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1)(a) to consult with City Attorney in connection to possible litigation related to Valero Development Corporation involving a lease with the City of Laredo, and to return to open session for possible action.
36. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to consult with City Attorney in connection to the ongoing contract with 2L4L Baseball, LLC, and to return to open session for possible action.
37. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1)(a) to consult with City Attorney in connection to the amicus brief directed to be issued or joined by the City in support of the lawsuit filed by Rio Grande International Study Center and other individuals and entities challenging President Trump's National Emergency Declaration, and return to open session for possible action.

38. 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 property for a downtown parking lot for the Plaza Theater on 1101 Matamoros, lots 6-10, block 61, western division; and to return to open session for possible action.

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

39. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one (1) 35 ft. low-floor Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) bus in the amount of \$508,611.00 from Gillig L.L.C ("Gillig") Hayward, California, through a Virginia State Contract. Funding is available through the Transit Sales Tax Fund and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities grant # TX-2019-057-00 in the amount of \$401,862.00 with local match in the amount of \$70,917.00 (15%). The remaining balance of \$35,832.00 will be covered with Transit Sales Tax Fund.

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

40. **GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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

1. Discussion with possible action on the status of the sports complex, and any matters incident thereto.

B. **Request by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III**

1. Discussion with possible action regarding the status and update of the Boil Water Notice that took place on September 28, 2019, and any other matters incident thereto.

C. Request by Council Member Nelly Vielma

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 other matters incident thereto. City Council District V Priority Funds will be used for this project.

a. (1) Speed Hump on 3617 Josefina Drive

2. Discussion with possible action on a feasibility study for a roundabout on Bustamante and Bartlett.

D. Request by Council Member George Altgelt


1. Discussion and possible action regarding the selection of the City's next City Manager, 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.
3. Status update regarding the City's implementation of vision zero with possible action, and any matters incident thereto.

E. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Roberto Balli

1. Discussion with possible action to designate portions of current State Highway in Laredo, as Business 83, and any matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action related to the status of Flashing red lights and four way stop at the intersection of Convent and Jefferson, 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, October 30, 2019 at 6:45 p.m.


For, Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary

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