

**CITY OF LAREDO  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**A-2018-R-12  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1110 HOUSTON STREET  
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040**

**August 6, 2018  
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 July 16, 2018 and July 20, 2018**

### **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. COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Recognizing Laredo Police Department Officers Noemi Cienfuegos and Tycola Moses for their law enforcement lip sync battle participation.
2. Presentation on Operation Crackdown 2018 scheduled for August 6 - 17, 2018. This year 15 properties are scheduled to be demolished.

## **VII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

1. Appointment by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez to replace Cristobal Rodriguez on the Ethics Commission.
2. Re-appointment by Council Member George Altgelt of Scott Roberts to the Municipal Civil Service Commission.

## **VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by repealing Ordinance No. 2018-O-017 and authorizing a Special Use Permit for Townhouses on Lot 1, Block 1, Hilltop Subdivision, Phase 1, located at 7406 Hilltop Rd; providing for publication and effective date.

Staff does not support the application and the Planning & Zoning Commission recommends approval of the Special Use Permit.

**ZC-63-2018**  
**District**  
**VII**

**(Recess)**  
**(Press Availability)**

## **IX. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES**

2. An ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 2, Article II, section 2-17, of the Code of Ordinances by incorporating the duties and responsibilities of the City Attorney into the Code of Ordinances; providing that the City Attorney shall report directly to the City Manager or Deputy City Manager; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date.
3. An ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 12, Article II, sections 12-17 and 12-36, of the Code of Ordinances by providing that the Fire Chief shall report directly to the City Manager or Deputy City Manager; providing a repealer clause; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date.
4. An ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 26, Article II, Division I, section 26-22, of the Code of Ordinances by providing that the Police Chief shall report directly to the City Manager or Deputy City Manager; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date.
5. Authorizing the City Manager to convey an easement and right of way to AEP Texas INC., located at, and to serve, the new blower building of the South Laredo Waste Water Treatment Plant Expansion, one (1) conveyance over a tract of land containing 0.09 acres, more or less, situated in Porcion 36, Webb County, Texas being out of a 84.794 acre tract conveyed to the City of Laredo, Texas, a municipality domiciled in Laredo, Webb County, Texas recorded in Vol. 709, pages 724-726, Webb County Deed Records, Webb County, Texas, as described in the easement conveyance attached as Exhibit A; and providing for an effective date. Transaction to be accounted for in the Fixed Assets System and Sewer Fund.

## **X. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

6. **2018-O-105** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 14.03 acres as further described by Metes and Bounds in Exhibit A, located Southeast of Casa Verde Rd., and East of Lucia Ct., from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District); providing for publication and effective date.

**ZC-54-2018**  
**District V**

7. **2018-O-106** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 4 & 5, Block 208, and 3,858.36 SF, part of former Malinche Ave., Eastern Division, located at 2019 Santa Clara St., and 1619 Meadow Ave., from B-1 (Limited Commercial District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

**ZC-61-2018**  
**District III**

8. **2018-O-107** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for a restaurant serving alcohol on Lots 3 and 4, Block 660, Eastern Division, located at 4220 McPherson Ave; providing for publication and effective date.

**ZC-59-2018**  
**District VI**

9. **2018-O-108** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 7, Block 1, Garza Cantu Subdivision, located at 4119 Blue Quail Rd., from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

**ZC-57-2018**  
**District VI**

10. **2018-O-109** Amending a Conditional Use Permit, C.U.P. for an amusement redemption machine establishment issued on Lot 1, Block 1, Anil and Associates Subdivision Phase 1, located at 9110 McPherson Road, Suite 2, by repealing Ordinance No. 2016-O-129 authorizing the original C.U.P. and authorizing the issuance of a revised C.U.P. changing the tenant; providing for publication and effective date.

**ZC-64-2018**  
**District VI**

11. **2018-O-110** Authorizing the City Manager to amend the Lease Agreement approved by Ordinance No. 2009-O-220 with Rz Communications – Laredo, Inc., as Lessee, and the City of Laredo as Lessor, to assign Lease Agreement to MPL Wireless Solutions, LLC dba Rz Communications Laredo, as Assignee for Building No. 146 consisting of approximately 5,632 square feet and situated on approximately 21,217 square feet of land located at 4601 Maher Avenue at the Laredo International Airport. Assigned lease will expire November 30, 2019 at \$1,128.29 per month as amended by CPI. All other terms and conditions remain the same in effect; providing for an effective date.

12. **2018-O-111** Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo, Chapter 19, motor vehicles and traffic, Article VIII, stopping, standing or parking, by specifically adding Subsection 19-364 (25) which establishes a section of the east side of Main St., from Matamoros to Zaragoza St. as a "No Parking /Tow-Away" zone, providing for severability, effective date and publication.

## **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.**

### **XI (a) RESOLUTIONS**

13. **2018-R-97** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Federal Aviation Administration in an amount not to exceed \$9,200,000.00 for the Laredo International Airport and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents resulting from the award offer. The purpose of the grant is to provide funding for the reconstruction of Cargo Apron Phase 11. The City's local match in the amount of \$1,022,222.00 (10%) is available in the Airport Construction Fund. Total estimated project cost is \$10,222,222.00.
14. **2018-R-98** Ratifying the submission of a grant application to the Federal Aviation Administration in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 for the Noise Abatement Program at the Laredo International Airport and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents resulting from the award. The purpose of the grant is to provide funding for acquisition, soundproofing of residential structures and for the acquisition of aviation easements. The City's local match in the amount of \$222,222.00 (10%) is available in the Airport Construction Fund Budget. Total estimated project cost is \$2,222,222.00.
15. **2018-R-99** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Texas Department of Transportation – Aviation Division under the Routine Airport Maintenance Program in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the purpose of airside and landside maintenance at the Laredo International Airport and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents resulting from the award. The local match in the amount of \$50,000.00 is available in the Airport Construction Fund. Total estimated project cost is \$100,000.00.
16. **2018-R-100** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a Memorandum of Understanding between the Consulate General of Mexico in Laredo and The City of Laredo Health Department for the continuation of the "Ventanilla de Salud" Program, a bicultural health care education, advocacy and assistance program that has been conducted since 2010 for the term beginning January 1, 2018 with no expiration but reviewed each year for continuation.

17. **2018-R-101** Authorizing the City Manager to accept the contract amendment with the Texas Department of State Health Services through the South Texas Development Council (STDC) in the amount of \$121,737.00 for a total award of \$201,076.00 for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department's Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids Project (HOPWA) to assist with housing and utilities for the term of February 1, 2018 through January 31, 2019.
18. **2018-R-102** Authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services through the South Texas Development Council (STDC) in the amount of \$416,367.00 for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department Ryan White Program to provide health care and medical case management for person with HIV/AIDS for the term of April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019.
19. **2018-R-103** Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Planning Agreement between the Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the City of Laredo, which serves as the MPO's fiscal agent, and the Texas Department of Transportation.
20. **2018-R-104** Authorizing the City Manager's submission of a grant application to the South Texas Development Council (STDC) in the amount of \$20,000.00 with no matching funds. Funds will be used to promote the "Love Laredo, Bag It Green" campaign to reduce the impact of single-use plastic bags and to continue beautification efforts for the city.
21. **2018-R-107** Ordering and proclaiming a general city election to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018; designating polling places; providing for publication; and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Webb County Elections Administrator for the purpose of conducting a joint election with the County of Webb, City of Rio Bravo, City of El Cenizo, Laredo Community College District, Laredo Independent School District, United Independent School District, and the Webb Consolidated Independent School District.
22. **2018-R-108** Calling a special election to approve a sports complex venue project; providing for the conduct and the giving notice of the election; providing for publication; and enacting other matters relating thereto. The proposed sports complex venue project to be paid from the previously approved sports venue tax proceeds with no additional sports venue tax to be imposed.

23. **2018-R-109** Calling a special election to approve a convention center venue project, a five percent (5%) short-term motor vehicle rental tax pursuant to section 334.102 of the Texas Local Government Code, and a new and additional two percent (2%) hotel occupancy tax pursuant to section 334.252 of the Texas Local Government Code; providing for the conduct and the giving notice of the election; providing for publication; and enacting other matters relating thereto.

## **XI (b) MOTIONS**

24. Authorizing the City Manager to advertise the public sale of the "surface only" of 3015 Santa Maria Avenue, legally described as Lot Number Three (3), in Block Number Eight Hundred Three (803), Western Division, situated in the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, as per plat recorded in Volume 1, Page 54, Plat Records of Webb County, Texas. This lot is located in District VIII.
25. Consideration for approval of the selection of consultant for the Skate Park for John Valls Park (at North Central Park); and authorization to negotiate a professional services contract. A total of seven (7) firms responded to the request for qualifications and the top three (3) firms made presentations before the Evaluation Committee on Friday, August 3, 2018. There is no financial impact at this time.
26. Consideration for approval of the selection of consultant for the Santa Maria Avenue Bicycle Lane Project; and authorization to negotiate a professional services contract. A total of three (3) firms responded to the request for qualifications and the three (3) firms made presentations before the Evaluation Committee on Thursday, July 26, 2018. There is no financial impact at this time.
27. Consideration for approval of the selection of consultant for an Art Sculpture to be built by the Martin High School welding class to be located at the corner of South Zapata Hwy. and South Meadow (TxDot Right-of-Way); and authorization to negotiate a professional services contract. One (1) firm responded to the request for qualifications. There was a presentation and a interview with the consultant and staff recommendation is to select LNV, Inc., Laredo, Texas. There is no financial impact at this time.
28. Consideration for approval of the selection of consultant for the City of Laredo Solid Waste Department Truck Wash Facility; and authorization to negotiate a professional services contract. A total of two (2) firms responded to the request for qualifications. The two firms were evaluated and based on the scoring of both firms and a difference of one (1) point, staff concurred in recommending LNV, Inc., Laredo, Texas since they received most of the first place scores. There is no financial impact at this time.

29. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a renewal contract with Dr. Arturo Garza-Gongora, M.D. to serve as Medical Director / Supervisor of Pre-Hospital care for the City of Laredo Fire Department. Request for Qualifications (RFQ's) were posted with only one (1) submission received, Dr. Garza-Gongora, thus staff is recommending Dr. Garza-Gongora for this contract. Contract would be for an amount of sixty-five thousand (\$65,000.00) dollars for the 1<sup>st</sup> year to be adjusted annually in an amount of no more than seventy-five thousand (\$75,000.00) dollars per year. The initial term of the contract is three (3) years with two (2) one (1) year options to renew and shall commence upon the execution of a mutually agreed services contract. This agreement shall be renewable at the expiration of said term by the mutual consent of both parties, and as needed may be extended on a month to month basis. Funding is available in the General Fund - Fire Department operating budget.
30. Authorizing the drafting of Annexation Agreements and Service Plans for the following voluntary annexation requests and refer to Planning and Zoning Commission and further authorizing the City Manager to enter into Water Supply, Sanitary Sewer Service and Controlled Development Contracts with the owners of the eligible proposed annexation tracts:
- Tract 17: Martinez Tract - 84.47 acres, more or less, located east of Bob Bullock Lp. and north of SH 359.
- Tract 18: Killam #1 Tract - 298.26 acres, more or less, located east of I-35 and north of Union Pacific Railroad Yard (west of Port Drive Extension).
- Tract 19: Killam #2 Tract - 140.95 acres, more or less, located east of I-35 and north of Union Pacific Railroad Yard (east of Port Drive Extension).
31. Consideration to ratify the purchase order in the amount of \$8,900.00 for an ADA Caboose with ramp and ADA approved tied down system to be added to the Bella Tori Diesel Train previously purchased for Parks & Leisure Service Department. The total purchase amount of the entire train equipment is \$58,675.00. Funding is available in the 2017 CO.
32. Authorization to select and negotiate a contract with consulting firm based on Request For Qualifications FY18-048 for the Master Plan of the City of Laredo International Bridge System. Two submittals were received from firms LNV Inc, Laredo, TX and Arup Texas Inc, Houston TX. This master plan scope of services include but are not limited to: current and projected traffic trends, including capacity ratios and wait times, for the four (4) existing and future international bridges of the Laredo Bridge System in order to forecast and prepare the needed infrastructure to efficiently process pedestrian, non-commercial and commercial traffic traveling to and from Mexico and the United States. The master plan will also include a toll rate



study to address future revenue projections, including toll rate adjustments based on traffic projections, operational expenses, debt service and required infrastructure improvements. There is no financial impact with this motion.

33. Consideration to award contract FY18-072 to the low bidder Nueces Power Equipment, Laredo, Texas in the total amount \$167,737.50 for the purchase of one (1) front wheel loader for the Utilities Department. This front wheel loader will be replacing unit # 14147 which has already reached its useful life. Funding is available in the 2017 Sewer Revenue Fund.
  
34. Consideration to renew annual supply contract number FY15-052 with the following bidders:
  1. Emperor Services LLC, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$281,090.00 for the purchase of the following paving, and construction materials:
    - a. Sand delivered to Public Works and Utilities Job Site - \$14.58/ton;
    - b. Sand picked up by City Trucks - \$7.50/ton;
  
  2. Vulcan Materials, San Antonio, Texas in an amount up to \$246,440.00 for the purchase of the following paving, and construction materials:
    - a. Asphalt Cold Laid delivered to Public Works and Utilities Job Site - \$61.61/ton.

This contract is for the purchase of materials required for all city paving and construction projects. 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 third of five extension periods. There was a price increase in the delivery of sand of \$1.33 per ton by Emperor Services during the last extension period. If the pricing remains the same or price adjustment has mutual agreement from both parties and the City agrees to extend the contract, the contract shall automatically renew for another one year period. All materials are purchased on an as needed basis and funding is available in the Public Works Department, Utilities Department and various construction project budgets.

35. Consideration to renew annual supply contract FY17-049 to the low bidder, Anderson Columbia, Lake City, Florida, in an amount up to \$3,000,000.00 for the purchase of black base and asphalt hot mix used for street paving projects. Any price changes to this contract will be governed by an index made up of the composite posted prices in the Laredo area of those companies published in the daily publication of Oil Price Information Service (OPIS). All materials are purchased on an as needed basis utilizing the construction project budgets. This is the first of four extension periods. There was a price increase during the last extension

period. Funding is available in the Public Works construction project budget.

36. Consideration to renew existing contract FY13-054 to Rotex Truck Center, Laredo, Texas for an amount up to \$60,000.00 for the purchase of International Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) automotive parts for the City's medium size 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 but the vendor is offering new contract pricing for this extension period. This is the last extension period for this contract. All parts will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.
37. Consideration to renew existing contract FY14-070 to Gutierrez Machine Shop, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$750,000.00 for professional welding services for the Utilities Department. The services requested include site repairs to various water and wastewater treatment plants, lift stations, and other municipal utility facilities. There will be no price increase during this extension period. 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 fourth of six extension periods. All services will be requested on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Budget.
38. Consideration to renew existing contract FY17-002 with Family Chevrolet, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$65,000.00 for the purchase of (OEM) Original Equipment Manufacturer parts for the City's fleet vehicle repairs. 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 second of four extension periods. If pricing remains the same or price adjustment has mutual agreement from both parties and the City agrees to extend the contract, the contract shall automatically renew for another one year period. All parts will be requested on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Management Fund.
39. Consideration to renew contract FY16-060 with La Flecha Materials, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$152,000.00 for the purchase of red top soil and fill dirt for the Parks & Leisure Department. 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 second of four extension periods. There was no price increase during the last extension period. If the pricing remains the same or price adjustment has mutual agreement from both parties and the City agrees to extend the contract, the contract shall automatically renew for another one year period. All soils will be purchased on an as needed basis. The Parks & Leisure Department will use these soils for the maintenance of its Parks. Funding is available in the Parks & Leisure Department Fund.

40. Consideration to renew supply contract number FY16-059 with the following bidders:

1) City Ready Mix, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$2,300,000.00 (Primary Vendor);

2) Mobile-Crete, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$ 1,000,000.00 (Secondary Vendor),

for the purchase of ready mix cement (job site delivered) for various City Departments. This is the second of three extension periods. There was no price increase during the last extension period. If the pricing remains the same or price adjustment has mutual agreement from both parties and the City agrees to extend the contract, the contract shall automatically renew for another one year period. All materials shall be purchased on an as needed basis utilizing the Utilities, Parks and Leisure Services and Public Works Departments - construction projects budgets.

41. Consideration to award contract FY18-076 to the low bidder CSJ Group (Caslee Investments), Edinburg, Texas in the amount of \$77,056.00 for the remodeling of City of ROMA's 911 Center located in ROMA, Texas. The project consists of remodeling and construction to include all insurance, payment bond, labor, materials, and related appurtenances as per bid specifications. The estimated time for completion of this project is ninety (90) working days. This project shall commence on October 1, 2018. Funding is available in the 911 Regional Fund.

42. Consideration to renew contract FY14-076 for one (1) year between the City of Laredo and ComPsych Corporation, to continue providing an Employee Assistance Program (EAP). This program allows employees to receive confidential assistance in many areas without having to access their medical benefits. The City of Laredo provides EAP coverage to approximately 2,500 employees plus their dependents. Eligibility for a dependent is anyone living at home including but not limited to: spouse, child, and any other family member living in the same household. The types of services provided are: confidential counseling (stress, anxiety, depression, relationships, etc.), financial planning, legal support, smoking cessation to name a few. The program has a cost of \$43,992.00 per year; original contract was awarded for two (2) years on 08/18/2014 with option to renew for three (3) additional one (1) year periods. This is the last one (1) year extension period allowed by the contract. There is no price increase for this final extension period and this extension will be effective October 1, 2018. Funding is available in the Risk Management Fund - Human Resources Employee Health and Wellness Division.

43. Consideration to award an annual contract FY18-067 Health Stations to sole bidder Texas Medical Screening for an amount of \$32,000.00 per year. Texas Medical Screening is providing a minimum of ten blood pressure stations at various City of Laredo Departments. This is a one (1) year contract, subject to future appropriations and can be automatically renewed for four (4) additional one (1) year periods and upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding for this contract is available in the Risk Management Fund - Employee Health and Wellness

Division.

44. Consideration to award the purchase and installation of a diesel generator set to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder Romo Contractors, Laredo, TX in the amount of \$74,500.00 for the Telecommunications Building, 1101 Garden Street. This new generator will replace old generator unit which has reached its service limit; generator provides backup service for the entire fiber network, 3-1-1 and PAC operations. Funding is available in the Public Access-PEG fund.

45. Consideration to ratify the existing annual service contract FY16-002, currently awarded to Cantu Electric, Laredo, TX, by increasing the amount by \$60,000.00, for a total contract amount of \$461,951.00. This contract is currently utilized for the maintenance of the illumination systems along IH 35, Loop 20, FM 1472 and US Hwy 83/SH 359 interchange as well as to provide electrical operational needs for various city departments and related electrical improvement/services for city related projects.

Due to an increase in electrical service needs, this contract has reached contract amount limit and the City of Laredo is currently out on new bid solicitations to secure a new electrical service provider promptly. Funding is available in the respective department budget.

46. Approval of the 2018 Certified Appraisal Roll from the Webb County Appraisal District for the development of the City's tax roll; acceptance of the Effective and Rollback Tax Rate Calculations for Tax Year 2018; and setting of the Public Hearing dates of August 20th and September 4th, of 2018 for the proposed tax rate of \$0.637000/\$100 value. This will be the fifteenth year that the City adopts the same tax rate.

47. Authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1, an increase of \$111,112.50 to the original contract of \$163,560.00, to the professional architecture and engineering services contract with Sepulveda Associates Architects, Inc., for the Utilities Department Administration Building Expansion. This amendment includes HVAC test and balance audit to existing building, remodeling to existing restrooms/reception workstation at north entrance lobby, enclosing of the warehouse with HVAC system, and improvements to west side open air metal canopy-storage. The total new contract amount including this amendment is \$274,672.50. Funding is available in the 2011 Sewer Revenue Bond.

48. Consideration for approval of the selection of engineering consultant, Garver USA for the Sierra Vista Pump Improvements Project and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate a contract to provide turnkey design services including site civil, hydraulic, mechanical, and electrical engineering, pump selection, and instrumentation and controls. There is no financial impact at this time.

49. Authorizing the approval of Change Order #1 for a net decrease of (\$7,332.34) from the original contract sum of \$305,595.00, to a final total contract sum of \$298,262.66 and an extension of time of 81 calendar days from 28 to 109 calendar days, acceptance of the project, release of final payment including retainage in the amount of \$52,744.66 for the South Meadow Sewer Line Replacement project to Insituform Technologies LLC. Funding is available in the 2014 Sewer Revenue Bond.
  
50. Authorizing the City Manager to amend the 2003 LUE Participation Agreement term of annexation from 15 years to 25 years between the City of Laredo and 1.- Jesse Martinez, 2.- Francisco Guerra, Sr., 3.- Francisco Guerra, Jr., 4.- Vinateria Ranch Co. Ltd. and 5.- Pedro I. Saenz, Jr., respective owners of five parcels of the eight parcels of land described in the agreement for provisions of water and sewer capacity in the form of Living Unit Equivalency (LUEs). The provisions for water and sewer are made available through the oversizing of both the water and wastewater line extensions for the Colonias Project on SH 359 and the Texas Mexican Rail Road Right of Way.

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**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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**XII. STAFF REPORTS**

51. Discussion with possible action on ongoing audits and/or irregularities identified by the Internal Auditor including the potential assignment of other and/or additional auditing duties; and any other matters incident thereto.
  
52. Status report on a request by Love's Travel Stop and U.S Cold Storage to install traffic signal(s) on FM 1472 and North/South World Trade Center Loop.
  
53. Staff report regarding the 2018 PONY Softball South Zone World Series Tournament that was hosted from July 17-21, 2018.
  
54. Discussion with possible action to consider a first request for an extension of Injury Leave with pay in accordance with 143.073 (b) of the Texas Local Government Code for Patrol Officer Jesus A. Garcia Perez.

**XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any posted agenda item when authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security

Devices), and/or 551.086 (Economic Development). Following closed session, the open meeting will reconvene at which time action, if any, may be taken.

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

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

**55. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Request by Mayor Pete Saenz**

1. Discussion with possible action to prioritize the repair and/or construction of sidewalks particularly around schools, clinics, public places and downtown; and related costs.
  
2. Discussion with possible action on directing staff to work with Workforce Solutions of South Texas on an initiative to promote the employment of people with disabilities within the City of Laredo departments.

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

1. Status report on the creation of informative plan for releasing information on the various programs/projects from all different departments through the use of email and/or text messaging available to all residents who have signed up to receive the notification, and any matters incident thereto.

**C. Request by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.**

1. Status Report on the Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program for current City employees; and any other matters incident thereto.
  
2. Discussion with possible action to define the duties and purpose of the Secondary Water Source Ad Hoc Committee, and renaming the committee as the City Utilities Advisory Commission and charging the Commission with additional tasks; and any other matters incident thereto.

**D. Request by Council Member Nelly Vielma**

1. Discussion with possible action to establish a Capital Improvements Advisory Committee and any items incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to develop a Safety Assessment Plan and Protocol for access at City Hall.
3. Discussion with possible action to instruct the City Manager to authorize staff to install speed humps at the following locations, under the Special Provision of the Speed Hump Installation Policy, and to authorize the use of asphalt type speed humps, instead of speed cushions, which is currently required under the policy: and any other matters incident thereto. City Council District V Priority Funds will be used for this project.
  - a. Two (2) speed humps on Colorado Street., between Hawaii Circle and Nevada Circle \$4,000.00
  - b. One (1) speed hump on Hemlock Dr., between Poinsetta Dr. and Post Oak Dr. \$2,000.00.

**E. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Charlie San Miguel**

1. Discussion with possible action on the need for behavioral and mental health and substance use detox, treatment, and prevention services, teaming with Association for the advancement of Mexican Americans, (AAMA) and other stakeholders, and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to allow for the phrase "Answer your call to Greatness" to be included with the City logo on the new San Isidro water tower, and any other matters incident thereto.

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

1. Discussion with possible action to provide the necessary leave time and funding for all planners at the Planning Department to become accredited by the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).
2. Discussion and possible action to have Chief Landin explain to the public why the Former Laredo Fire Department Union President and current Fire Fighter is allowed to remain on paid leave and attend St. Mary's School of

Law and whether/how/what policies and/or collective bargaining contracts allow for taxpayers to subsidize someone's private education, impact to the current collective bargaining negotiations and any matters incident thereto.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding the adjustment and programming of the City of Laredo's budget to incorporate \$300,000.00 to be distributed over the next three years (\$100k installments per year) in order for the Ruth B. Cowl Rehabilitation Center to hire and enhance their physical therapy services to those who cannot afford them and who are most in need and any other matters incident thereto.

**G. Request by Council Member Roberto Balli**

1. Discussion with possible action to provide an emergency service elevator at the Hamilton Apartments that is large enough for a stretcher to allow emergency services personnel to provide proper service in case of emergencies and any matters incident thereto.

**H. Request by Council Member Rudy Gonzalez, Jr.**

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

a. Three (3) Speed humps on Santos Morales Drive between South Ejido Avenue and Fidel Padilla Drive \$6,000.00

2. Discussion with possible action to instruct the City Manager to authorize staff to install two (2) additional stop signs to make it a four (4) way stop on Santos Morales Drive and Unknown Hero Drive.

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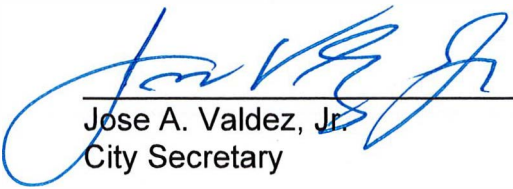
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