

**CITY OF LAREDO  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**A-2018-SC-05  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1110 HOUSTON STREET  
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040  
June 12, 2018  
12:00 P.M.**



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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**IV. ROLL CALL**

**Citizen comments**

Citizens are required to fill out a witness card and submit it to the City Secretary no later than 12:15 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.

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

1. Appointment by Council Member George Altgelt to replace David Cardwell on the City Charter Revision Commission.

## **VI. MOTION**

1. Authorizing the City Manager to grant public firework permits for the City of Laredo at Uni-Trade Stadium located at 6320 Sinatra Pkwy, and Independence Hills Park located at 1102 N. Merida Dr. and the Max Mandel Municipal Golf Course located at 27700 FM 1472. The displays for Uni-Trade Stadium and Independence Hills Park will take place on the evening of July 4, 2018. The display for the Max Mandel Municipal Golf Course will take place on the evening of July 7, 2018. The technicians for the displays will be Magic in the Sky. Funding for the fireworks display at the Uni-Trade Stadium and Independence Hills Park will be paid for by the Parks and Leisure Services Budget. The fireworks display at the Max Mandel Municipal Golf Course will be paid for through sponsorships.
2. Consideration to award contract FY18-066 to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder R&A Construction, Laredo, Texas in the amount of \$294,877.00 for the renovations/rehab of Fire Station #5 located at 2601 N Bartlett Ave, Laredo, Texas. The project consists of renovation/remodeling and construction to include all labor, materials, and related appurtenances as per bid specifications. Contractor will be responsible to provide (and maintain current) payment and performance bonds, as well as builder's risk insurance throughout the duration of the project. The estimated time for completion of this project is ninety (90) working days; notice to proceed will be provided upon contract execution so that improvements could commence immediately. Funding is available in the 2017 CO Bond.

## **VII. 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.

## **VIII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. Request by Council Member George Altgelt**

1. Discussion and possible action to review practices at the Building Department for the purpose of permitting and construction on the downtown area; and any related matters incident thereto.
2. 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).
3. Discussion with possible action to pursue the Charter Revision Commission by selecting one of the two conflicting documents for creation, guidelines and procedures to follow.
  - a. The Priority Procedures for the Mayor and the City Council (second edition updated 2011) states that there shall be nine members and the Mayor shall nominate the chair and vice chair approved by the Council (I A 3 and 5).
  - b. The Code of Ordinances (current version dated Dec 20, 2017) states that the commission would consist of 18 members appointed by City Council and 2 by the County and they select their own chair and vice chair (sec 2-171 (a)).

### **B. Request by Council Member Roberto Balli**

1. Discussion with possible action to create a committee to help form a Community Based Development Corporation to build new housing and refurbish existing housing in Downtown, El Cuatro, and the St. Peter's Neighborhoods and any related matters.

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

1. Discussion with possible action to waive user fees at Independence Pool for the 4th of July City Sponsored Event taking place on July 4, 2018 from 12:00 to 8:00 p.m., and any matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez)**

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

1. Discussion with possible action to direct the Technical Review Board and the City Manager to direct city staff to review and recommend changes to the Laredo Development Code for the purpose of revising the dimensional standards setback requirements; and any matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to revert Bartlett Avenue back to its original traffic pattern in light of all the traffic accidents, traffic safety issues, and the petition that was generated through social media with more than a thousand signatures and comments for concerns; and any matters incident thereto.

**E. Request by Council Member Alejandro "Alex" Perez**

1. Status update on possible Secondary Water Source and progress of the Secondary Water Source Ad Hoc Committee. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez)**
2. Discussion with possible action on the placing of the Welcome to Laredo, Texas art structure to be built by Martin High School welding class at the corner of South Zapata Hwy and South Meadow TXDOT ROW; and any other matters incident thereto.

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

1. Discussion with possible action to re-name the K. Tarver Recreation Center as the Margarito Benavides Recreation Center and dedicating the following city buildings/parks contingent to the review of the Facility Naming and Recognitions Commission; and any other

matters incident thereto.

a. Laredo Police Substation on Springfield Avenue in memory of fallen Police Officer and lifelong District IV resident Pedro Ayala(+).

b. Eastwoods Park in memory of the late Arturo N. Benavides, Sr.(+) for his philanthropic contributions to the Laredo community.

2. Status Report on the Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program for current City employees; and any other matters incident thereto.

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

1. Discussion with possible action to initiate Debarment procedures against Antonio "Tony" Ayala, Sunset pools, and any of his agents, subsidiary or joint venture names due to the continuous breaches of contract and non-compliance at the Bartlett and Lazy River pool projects and any matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member George Altgelt)**

2. Discussion with possible action to establish a Capital Improvements Advisory Committee and any items incident thereto.


**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

This notice was posted at the Municipal Government Offices, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas, at a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times. Said notice was posted on Friday, June 8, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

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Jose A. Valdez, Jr.  
City Secretary