

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

A-2017-R-02

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1110 HOUSTON STREET

LAREDO, TEXAS 78040

February 6, 2017

5:30 P.M.



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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of January 17, 2017

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Invitations

1. Invitation to officially invite the Mayor and City Council to the 85th Annual Border Olympics Event by Gabriel Goldaracena, President of Border Olympics and Border Olympics Board of Directors.

Recognitions

1. Recognizing the Trautmann Middle School Cheerleaders for all of their accomplishments and especially winning NCA National Champions for 2017.
2. Recognizing the J.B. Alexander High School Cheerleaders, their coach Elizabeth Torres Guerrero, and their principal Ernesto Sandoval, for winning the largest and most competitive NCA National Championship Title and for being named the Herkie High Point Winner for having the highest overall score of more than 100 teams from all across the country.

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. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr. of Judith G. Gutierrez to the Convention & Visitors Bureau Advisory Committee.
2. Appointment by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr. of Estela Quintanilla to the Drug & Alcohol Commission.
3. Appointment by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr. of Christina Davila Villarreal to the Historic District/Landmark Board.
4. Appointment by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr. of Mercurio Martinez to the Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee.
5. Appointment by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr. of Rodolfo Rodriguez to the Airport Advisory Board.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the City of Laredo FY 2017-2018 Capital Grant Fund annual budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$615,000.00, which includes \$480,000.00 awarded by Texas Department of Transportation and a local participation of \$135,000.00, to initiate the City Wide Traffic Signal Synchronization Project and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget. Local participation requirement will be funded through the 2016 C.O.

(Recess)
(Press Availability)

VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

2. An ordinance amending Chapter 21, Article XII, Section 21-256 of the Laredo Code of Ordinance regarding Aggressive Solicitation to prohibit handing over of money or other goods from a vehicle that is not legally parked. Providing for a penalty; providing for publication; providing for effective date.
3. Amending Chapter 19, Motor Vehicle and Traffic, Article VIII, Stopping, Standing or Parking, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Laredo, specifically adding Sub-Section 19-364 (20) which establishes the East and West side of the 2300 Block of Martin Avenue, between Clark Boulevard and O'kane Street, as a "No Parking Anytime/Tow Away" Zone; providing severability and for an effective date and publication.

IX. SECOND READING

4. Authorizing the City Manager to grant a non-exclusive franchise to Disposal Services of Laredo, Inc. to use the present and future streets, avenues, alleys, roads, highways, sidewalks, easements and other public right-of-ways of the City of Laredo, Texas for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating a commercial container refuse gathering and disposing services setting forth terms and conditions to govern the franchise; providing a severability clause, savings clause and an effective date.

X. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

5. **2017-O-001** Designating a geographic area within the City of Laredo as Reinvestment Zone Number One, City of Laredo, Texas, for Tax Increment Financing purposes pursuant to Chapter 311 of the Texas Tax Code; creating a board of directors for such zone; containing findings and provisions related to the foregoing subject; and providing a severability clause.

6. **2017-O-006** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a contract with the South Texas Development Council (STDC) through funding from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to provide HIV preventive services in the amount of \$132,749.00 for the term period of September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017 and a rebate amount of \$152,498.00 for the term period of September 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017 for a total of \$285,247.00 and amending the FY 2016-2017 Full Time Equivalent Position Listing by creating one (1) Administrative Assistant I, R32 position and one (1) Clerk III, R27 position for the continuation of City of Laredo Health Department HIV/Health & Social Services to provide medical care, treatment, case management, testing, social services and supportive care.

7. **2017-O-007** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a Bar, on Lot 2, Block 1, North Plantation Plaza Subdivision, located at 9653 McPherson Rd.; providing for publication and effective date. District VI

8. **2017-O-008** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 3.54 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit A, located at SW corner of Del Mar Blvd. and John B. Alexander Parkway, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District); providing for publication and effective date. District V

9. **2017-O-009** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for a Restaurant Serving Alcohol, on Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 3, Khaledi Heights Subdivision, located at 3910 E Del Mar Blvd., Unit 3, Suite 201; providing for publication and effective date. District VI

10. **2017-O-010** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots, 16 and 17, Block 12, Lomas Del Sur Subdivision, Unit V, located at 3618/3704 S Ejido Ave., from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date. District I

11. **2017-O-011** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 8.1450 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located at SE corner of Riata Drive and State Highway 359, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date. District II

12. **2017-O-012** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 4.0462 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located west of Cuatro Vientos Rd. and North of Wormser Rd., from R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

13. **2017-O-013** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for a restaurant serving alcohol on Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Manadas Development, located at 9413 McPherson Rd., Ste.1; providing for publication and effective date.

14. **2017-O-014** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by repealing Ordinance No. 2016-O-122 authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a Pawn Shop, Pay Day and Car Title Loan, on the E 35' of Lot 7, Block 1693 and N 62.4' of Lot 8, Block 1693 and 34.39' of Lot 7, Block 1693, Eastern Division, located at 2305 N Arkansas Ave. and 2816 Clark Blvd.; providing for publication and effective date.

15. **2017-O-015** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for a restaurant serving alcohol on 15,432.35 SQ FT N of Block 1878 and S of Block 1877, Eastern Division as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located at 3000 Jaime Zapata Memorial Hwy.; providing for publication and effective date.

16. **2017-O-016** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Salinas Key Subdivision, located at 8526 and 8528 Michigan Ave., from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District).; providing for publication and effective date.
17. **2017-O-017** Amending the City of Laredo's FY 2017 annual budget by appropriating additional revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$150,025.00 in the Police Trust Fund, for the payment to Sig Sauer for the trade-in service weapons that were purchased by officers. Funding is available in the Police Trust Fund.
18. **2017-O-018** Amending Chapter 7-9 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo by adopting the 2015 edition of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), repealing all ordinances and/or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for publication and effective date. This will be effective for all residential, commercial and industrial construction that is not single family residential or a duplex in accordance with House Bill 1736.
19. **2017-O-020** Amending Chapter 2 (Administration), Article II (Departments, Officers, and Employees), Division 5 (Civil Service) by adding and removing language to the Municipal Civil Service Rules and Regulations for City employees not covered by a Collective Bargaining Agreement; as recommended by the Municipal Civil Service Commission for improvement of the existing disciplinary procedures and appeal, and grievance process for classified City employees; repealing conflicting ordinances providing that this ordinance is cumulative; providing a severability clause and providing an effective date.
20. **2017-O-022** Authorizing the City Manager to exercise the third option to extend the lease for a five year renewal option for the lease agreement by and between the City of Laredo (the "Landlord") and Greyhound Lines, Inc. / Valley Transit Company Joint Venture, a Texas Joint Venture (the "Tenant") for a certain premise of 5,000 square feet of commercial area together with a bus parking area containing approximately 18,000 square feet, located at 1301 Farragut Street, Laredo Block Number 49, located in the Western Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas. The term of the lease shall commence July 1, 2017, and end June 30, 2022, with one (1) additional five (5) year renewal option period remaining. This new lease agreement raises the monthly rate by four percent (4%), from \$9,955.04 per month to \$10,353.24.

XI. RESOLUTIONS

21. **2017-R-03** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a non-financial agreement between the Laredo Community College - Adult Education & Literacy and the City of Laredo - Laredo Public Libraries to provide ESL (English as a Second Language), El Civic and GED instructions to improve literacy levels in surrounding communities.

22. **2017-R-07** Authorizing City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$50,575.48 to the Texas Department of Transportation for Traffic Safety Community Outreach Program. The grant period will begin October 1, 2017 and runs through September 30, 2018. This grant is for salaries and travel expenditures. The City of Laredo will need to match 20% of the grant funds.

23. **2017-R-12** Authorizing the City manager to sign a water rights agreement, between the City of Laredo and Brownsville Irrigation District whereby the City agrees to purchase the right to divert and use 1013.15 acre feet per annum of Class B Irrigation water rights to the Rio Grande River at \$1,200.00 per A/F for a purchase price of \$1,215,780.00 and further authorizing the City Manager to sign and file necessary application(s) with Texas Commission of Environmental Quality on behalf of the City requesting that said water rights be severed from Certificate of Adjudication no. 23-843 of the seller and combined with Certificate of Adjudication no. 23-3997 as amended by the City and that the point of diversion, purpose and place of use of said water rights be changed as required by the City. Funding is available in the Water Availability Fund and the Water Operating Construction Fund.

24. **2017-R-13** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a contract amendment from the Women's Health and Family Planning Association of Texas (WHFPT) in the amount of \$9,200.00 for a total of \$112,203.00 for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department Title X Family Planning Women's Preventive Health Programs as well as an additional \$10,000.00 in funds for Zika data collection for the term through March 31, 2017.

25. **2017-R-14** Authorizing the City Manager to rescind Resolution No. 2013-R-017 which was to provide a loan in the amount of \$1,710,000.00 thru the City of Laredo's subsidiary corporation (Laredo Housing Finance Corporation) to the Laredo Housing Authority (LHA)/ River Bank Village, LTD., in order to assist in the development of an affordable housing development. LHA has advised the City the loan will no longer be needed.

26. **2017-R-15** Amending Resolution #2017-R-05 by adding one (1) additional Memorandum of Understanding (*Webb County District Attorney's Office - Traffic Safety Program*) to the list of cooperative working agreements/mutual assistance agreements/memorandums of understanding between the City of Laredo Police Department and various federal, state and local agencies, including but not limited to: Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), SCAN, *et al.*, a comprehensive list is attached hereto as "Exhibit A". The Police Department's participation is part of the community service provided to our citizens, with no cost to the City of Laredo.
27. **2017-R-18** Authorizing fee waivers and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and Frank Group Ltd. for the commercial property located at 1302 Houston St. & 1312 Houston St. being Lots 3, 4 & 5, Block 127 Western Division respectively The proposed commercial property eligible for property tax abatement includes rehabilitation of the existing structure of approximately 6,160 sq. ft. in the total amount of \$269,066.75 which is equal to or in excess of 20% of the Base Value of the property in accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ). This agreement will be for a ten (10) year period and will consist of an estimated annual tax abatement total of \$1,713.96 and estimated total fee waivers of \$1,765.00 based on capital investment for the purpose of economic development. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information.
28. **2017-R-19** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a continuation grant application and execute any award granted to the City of Laredo Health Department to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in the amount of \$165,000.00 for surveillance and epidemiology activities for all notifiable, infectious conditions especially for highly infectious diseases, new and emerging diseases for the term from September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2019 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from this award.
29. **2017-R-20** Authorizing the City Manager to submit continuation grant applications in the estimated amount of \$1,215,455.00 to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to continue the City of Laredo Health Department Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP), Office of Public Health Practices (OPHP), Immunization, and Tuberculosis-State programs in order to provide public health prevention, detection, treatment and education, disease control, food safety, and local public health system support and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of these grants.

30. **2017-R-21** Accepting the conveyance of a platted tract of land located within the San Isidro Northeast Subdivision by Special Warranty Deed from San Isidro Northeast Ltd., to the City of Laredo for municipal purposes in partial fulfillment of subdivision development obligations.

31. **2017-R-22** Adopting a program under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 380 and authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement made pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 380 with Laredo Town Center LP, relating to the development of approximately 88.970 acres located across from the main entry to the Laredo International Airport as a Retail-Mixed Use, Multi-Family Development.

XII. MOTIONS

32. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the proposed Amendment to the Management Agreement between First Transit, Inc. and the City of Laredo. This contract is to provide automobile liability coverage and general liability coverage for Laredo Transit Management, Inc., its employees and volunteers with a combined single limit of \$10,000,000.00 per occurrence, that will name the City of Laredo as an additional insured and waiver of subrogation endorsements in both general liability and automobile liability. Estimated annual premium not to exceed \$500,000.00 depending on actual miles realized. The above mentioned insurance terms will be for a period of one (1) year with a two (2) one (1) year options to renew and with a sixty (60) day cancelation notice.

33. Authorizing staff to advertise the sale of "The Surface Only" of a surplus tract of land containing 9,375 sq ft more or less, identified as Lot 8 in Block 10 of Belmont Plaza Subdivision Plat, Unit I, recorded in page 195, volume 2, in the map records of Webb County in the City of Laredo, Texas and located at 109 Sage Drive.

34. Consideration for approval of the Chacon Creek Pedestrian Trail: Phase 2 CSJ – 0922-33-142 as complete, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$57,800.00 to Davila Construction, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, pending concurrence from Texas Department of Transportation. Final construction contract amount is \$1,156,000.00. Funding is available in the Parks Capital Grant.

35. Consideration for approval of the CDBG Sidewalk Project District VII (12 Blocks) as complete, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$18,677.49 to ALC Construction, Inc., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$186,773.50. Funding is available in the Community Development Block Grant/Sidewalks District VII.
36. Consideration for approval of change order no. 1, per staff request of an increase of \$34,135.29 to the construction contract with Altus Construction, Laredo, Texas, for the Zacate Creek Channel Improvements to include additional channel excavation (\$7,575.29) for the purpose of adding a gravel base below the concrete surface to expedite dewatering process and construction progress, adding filter fabric (\$11,680.00) between the gravel base and fabric form material to prevent possible rupture from the gravel during concrete pours, additional temporary sediment control fencing (\$1,586.91) to minimize erosion and protect surrounding private property fences and walls, addition of weep holes (\$5,625.00) to improve on concrete base functionality and stability, and extra concrete and structure removals (\$7,668.09) for collapsed existing storm system removal and disposal. This change order is also to add forty-six (46) working days to the construction contract time. Current contract amount with this change order is \$1,332,497.75. Completion time for the project is scheduled for May 2017. Funding is available in the 2016 Environmental Services CO.
37. Consideration for approval of the Santo Nino Community Center Roof Structure as complete, approval of change order no. 2, a decrease of \$15,000.00 for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$26,200.00 to Davila Construction LLC., San Antonio, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$524,000.00. Funding is available in the Santo Nino Community Center 40th Action Year/2014 Grant.
38. Consideration for approval of the CDBG Maryland Toddler Park Shade Structure as complete, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$6,390.00 to ALC Construction, Inc., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$63,900.00. Funding is available in the CDBG 39th Action Year/2013.
39. Authorizing the City Manager to select a consulting firm and negotiate contract FY17-010 for the Telecommunication Consulting and Related Services. Best value criteria was considered by the evaluation committee to review all submittals. After review, the committee's top recommendation was Best Best & Krieger LLP, Washington D.C. Telecommunication Consulting and Related Services include, but not limited to:

- Advise and assist on the city's current reconfiguration (re-banding) of its 800 MHz Public Safety Radio System contract with Sprint/Nextel.
- Advise and assist the city in negotiation and preparation of franchise agreements, telecommunications license agreements, small cell agreements and contracts to ensure the most remunerative and best use of the city's public rights-of-way.
- Advise and assist the city in the preparation/development of Wireless Ordinances/Standards.
- Advise and assist the city in preparation/development of Wireless Site Zoning and Planning.
- Advise and assist the city on any video and cable television issues and transactions.
- Advise and assist the city on cable franchise and PEG (Public, Educational and Governmental) issues.
- Advise and assist the city on any and all telecommunications issues as necessary and requested by the city.

Funding is available in the Information Services and Telecommunications Department.

40. Consideration to renew existing annual contract FY15-048 for the purchase of automotive parts for the Fire Department to the following vendors:

- 1.) Gonzalez Auto Parts, Laredo, Texas for an amount up to \$73,581.55
(Primary Vendor)
- 2.) O'Reilly Auto Parts, Laredo, Texas for an amount up to \$54,000.00
(Secondary Vendor)
- 3.) Andy's Auto Air, Laredo, Texas for an amount up to \$40,000.00
(Secondary Vendor)
- 4.) Napa Auto Parts, Laredo, Texas for an amount up to \$20,000.00
(Secondary Vendor)
- 5.) Interstate Battery, Corpus Christi, Texas for an amount up to \$7,556.00
(Secondary Vendor)
- 6.) Rotex Truck Auto Parts, Laredo, Texas for an amount up to \$4,854.30
(Secondary Vendor)

These repair/replacement parts will be purchased on an as needed basis for all Fire Department fleet operations. This contract for approximately \$200,000.00 includes: oil/fuel filters, front end parts, hoses, clamps, belts, lamp/bulbs service lubricants and brakes for one (1) year, beginning the date of execution. The contract may be extended for one additional one (1) year period upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Fire Department's Budget.

41. Consideration to renew the existing annual supply contract FY14-024 with Hesselbein Tire Southwest, San Antonio, Texas in an amount up to \$230,000.00, for the purchase of police pursuit tires and regular passenger tires for all city vehicles. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. This contract may be extended for one, additional one (1) year period each upon mutual agreement of the parties. This is the third of four extension periods. All tires will be purchased on an as needed basis. There will be no price increase during this extension period. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.
42. Consideration to renew contract FY14-038 to Industrial Disposal Supply, San Antonio, Texas, in an amount up to \$75,000.00 for the purchase of Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) parts/service for the City's street sweepers. All parts and services 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. The contract may be extended for one, additional one (1) year period upon mutual agreement of the parties. This is the third of four extension periods. There will be no price increase during this extension period. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.
43. Consideration to renew supply contract FY14-001 for the purchase of general office supplies for all City departments to the following vendors:
1. Executive Office Supply, Laredo, Texas (Primary Vendor)
 2. Patria Office Supply, Laredo, Texas (Secondary Vendor)
- This contract establishes discount percentage pricing for those office supplies most commonly utilized by City departments. Approximately \$500,000.00 is spent on office supplies and copy paper on an annual basis. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. This the last extension period for this contract. Funding for the additional extensions are subject to future budget appropriations. There will be no price increase during this extension period. All items will be purchased on an as needed basis and funding will be secured from the user departmental budgets.
44. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one (1) 6120E Cab Tractor, one (1) HX20 Flex-Wing Rotary Cutter and one (1) Z960M Commercial ZTrak from John Deere Government & National Sales, Cary, North Carolina in the total amount \$97,903.87 for the Airport Department. The purchase of this equipment shall be made utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program. Funding is available in the International Airport Fund.

45. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one (1) Broce self propelled sweeper from Nueces Power Equipment, Laredo, Texas in the amount of \$69,511.05. The purchase of this sweeper for the Solid Waste Services Department shall be made utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program. This sweeper is new a piece of equipment and shall sweep all asphalt and concrete areas at the landfill. Funding is available in the 2016 Public Property Finance Contractual Obligation Bond proceeds.
46. Consideration to renew contract number FY16-026 to Holguin Cleaners, Laredo, Texas in an amount of up to \$62,880.00 to provide laundry and dry cleaning services. The term of this contract shall be for a one (1) year period. This is the first of two extension periods for this contract. There will be no price increase during this extension period. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Budget.
47. Consideration to renew the existing annual contract FY13-019 for the purchase of truck tires currently awarded to Southern Tire Mart, LLC, Dallas, Texas, in an amount up to \$250,000.00. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. This is the last extension period for this contract. There will be no price increase during this extension period. All tires will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.
48. Consideration to authorize the purchase of two (2) trucks from Silsbee Ford, Silsbee, Texas in the amount of \$83,938.00. The purchase of these trucks for the Solid Waste Services Department shall be made utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program. These trucks will be replacing units# 2414 and 2415 due to deterioration from every day use. Funding is available in the 2016 Public Property Finance Contractual Obligation Bond proceeds.
49. Authorizing City Manager to sign a professional services contract with Terracon Consultants, Inc. of Laredo, Texas in the amount of \$177,030.00 for the Laboratory Testing Services for South Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant (SLWWTP) Expansion Project pending approval from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Funding is available in the 2012 Sewer Revenue Bond TWDB.

50. Authorizing the City Manager to award construction materials and engineering testing services contract in the amount of \$67,100.00 to Howland Engineering and Surveying Co., Inc. during the construction of the 3 Million Gallon (MG) San Isidro Subdivision Elevated Storage Tank (EST). Funding is available in the 2015 Water Revenue Bond.
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XIII. 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.

XIII (a) RESOLUTIONS

XIII (b) MOTIONS

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XIV. STAFF REPORTS

51. Report by Monica Flores, Human Resources Director on the Mayor and Council Member Salaries, with possible action.
52. Discussion with possible action regarding the funding options for the upcoming March 2017 Federal Legislative Trip to Washington, D.C.
53. 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 Jorge Leven.
54. Progress Update on Sludge to Energy Project by Andrew Carranco from Laredo Renewable Energy.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council hereby reserves the right to go into executive session at any time during this public meeting, if such is requested by the City Attorney or other legal counsel for the City, pursuant to his or her duty under Section 551.071(2) of

the Government Code, to consult privately with his or her client on an item on the agenda, or on a matter arising out of such item.

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

- 55. **2017-RT-01** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$247,069.00 to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 MAP-21 Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Formula grant program for Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities. These funds will be used for the purchase of Capital for the Laredo Transit (El Lift) Paratransit Van Operations and Webb County Rural Transportation (El Aguila). The required local match for this grant is funded by Transit's Sales Tax and Grant funds from Webb County Rural Transportation.

- 56. Consideration to award a contract for the purchase of two (2) ADA Paratransit Vans for the El Lift Department in the amount of \$197,912.82 utilizing the TXSMARTBUY Cooperative Contract Pricing with Creative Bus Sales from Irving, Texas. Funding is available in the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Grant #TX-2016-052-00.

- 57. Consideration for approval of the El Metro Sidewalk Improvements as complete, approval of change order no. 1, an increase of \$11,052.00 for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place and to add ten (10) working days to the construction contract time, release of retainage, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$5,526.00 to ALC Construction, Inc., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$55,260.00. Funding is available in the Transit Capital Fund.

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

GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 58.

A. Request by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez

1. Discussion with possible action to initiate the development of guidelines, rules & regulations to consider allowing the consumption and/or sale of alcohol at the M.E. Benavides Sports Complex. **(Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pro-Tempore Alex Perez)**

B. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Alejandro "Alex" Perez

1. Discussion with possible action to construct speed humps at 2100 Aldama Street, 400 N India Avenue, and 2100 Pine Street, under the Special Provision of the Speed Hump Ordinance. Funding is available in District III/Bond Projects.

C. Request by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action on the much needed sidewalks in District 4; and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action on establishing a Facility Naming and Recognition Commission to serve the purpose of adequately naming and dedicating city facilities including but not limited to parks, buildings, and offices; and any other matters incident thereto.
3. Discussion with possible action on establishing an Animal Shelter Advisory Committee as required under Chapter 823.005 of the Texas Health and Safety Code; and any other matters incident thereto.
4. Status report regarding the City's Para Transit Advisory Committee; and any other matters incident thereto, with possible action.

D. Request by Council Member Nelly Vielma

1. Discussion with possible action regarding the availability of water line insurance provided by HomeServe USA covering connecting waterlines between individual meters and frontage property lines.
2. Discussion with possible action to modify the policy regarding

audiovisual materials to be presented at meetings requiring prior submissions to IT to verify content relevancy & appropriateness.

3. Discussion with possible action to create an online message board for Council messaging.

E. Request by Council Member Charlie San Miguel

1. Discussion with possible action regarding the Public's Health and Safety specific to the issuing and enforcement of plumbing permits.
(Co-Sponsored by Council Member George Altgelt and Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.)

F. Request by Council Member George Altgelt

1. Discussion with possible action to pass a resolution in favor of a virtual wall with extended lines of sight, control of river cane and use of technology to keep the United States secure and for said resolution to also oppose a border wall and unnecessary tariffs against Mexico in order to safeguard the Texas and Laredo economies. **(Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pete Saenz, Council Members Vidal Rodriguez, and Council Member Rudy Gonzalez)**
2. Discussion with possible action to pass a resolution in favor of comprehensive immigration reform for families, businesses and investors while deterring illegal human trafficking and illegal entry into the US.
(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Nelly Vielma and Council Member Charlie San Miguel)
3. Discussion with possible action to direct City Management to provide to each City Council Member a dedicated City staff member to assist with any and all constituent concerns and Council Member related responsibilities and directives. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Nelly Vielma)**

G. Request by Council Member Roberto Balli

1. Discussion with possible action to formulate a resolution in Support of NAFTA and free trade between the United States, Mexico and Canada.
(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.)

2. Discussion with possible action to solicit proposals for public private partnership for a downtown convention center & full service hotel to be located south of Grant St, and west International Bridge #2.
(Co-Sponsored by Council Member George Altgelt and Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.)

XVIII. 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, February 1, 2017 at 7:20 p.m.

For. 

Heberto "Beto" L. Ramirez
Acting City Secretary