

CITY OF LAREDO SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**A-2017-SC-06
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
June 12, 2017
5:30 P.M.**



DISABILITY ACCESS STATEMENT



Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aid or services are requested to contact Heberto "Beto" L. Ramirez, Acting City Secretary, at (956) 791-7308 at least two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. The accessible entrance and accessible parking spaces are located at City Hall, 1100 Victoria Ave.

Out of consideration for all attendees of the City Council meetings, please turn off all cellular phones and pagers, or place on inaudible signal. Thank you for your consideration.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

IV. ROLL CALL

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.

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Communiqués

1. Presentation by The Southwest Shootout (SWSO) on their annual regional poetry competition that invite teams and individual poets from the southwest region of the United States. This event changes host cities every year. This year, Laredo will be hosting a two-day poetry festival where 10 teams and 16 individuals from New Mexico, Louisiana and Texas will come together on Friday and Saturday, June 23rd & 24th in Historic Downtown Laredo. The culmination of the event is the Final Stage where the winners from Friday's events will compete for a second time to be named 2017 SWSO Champions at LCC's Guadalupe & Lilia Martinez Fine and Performing Arts Center.

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez of Jose C. Gonzalez to the Board of Adjustments.
2. Appointment by Mayor Pro-Tempore Alejandro "Alex" Perez of to the Facility Naming & Recognition Commission.
3. Appointment by Council Member Roberto Balli of Joe Maldonado to the Economic Advisory Committee.
4. Appointment by Council Member Roberto Balli of Minerva Villarreal to the Facility & Naming Committee.
5. Appointment by Council Member Roberto Balli of Angelica Trevino to the Animal Care Facility Advisory Committee.

VII. MOTIONS

1. Consideration for acceptance of the Neighborhood Recreational Swimming Pool (5,330 S.F.) at Bartlett Avenue Soccer Field Complex located at 6002 Thomas Avenue as complete, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$58,820.00 to Sunset Pools, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in association with South Texas Testing Laboratories, Inc., Laredo, Texas, Aquatic Excellence, Georgetown, Texas, and Williams Architects/Aquatics, Itasca, IL. Final construction contract amount is \$1,176,400.00. Funding is available in the 2009 C.O, 2010 C.O., 2014 C.O., and 2015 C.O.

2. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to grant a public firework display permit for the Tres Laredos park on July 4, 2017. The technicians for this display will be Magic in the Sky.

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

3. Presentation by the Laredo Development Foundation regarding the economic development activities including events, prospects and any other matters incident thereto, with possible action.
4. Status report on the proceeds from the sale of the Civic Center in the amount of \$15,951,737.00 and its financial reporting as requested by City Council on May 22, 2017.
5. Presentation by Internal Audit on the summary results and recommendations of unannounced cash and inventory audits conducted from October 2016 through March 2017.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed, as 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 551.086 (Economic Development).

X. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Request by Council Member Roberto Balli

1. Discussion with possible action to call a Special Council Meeting for presentations from designers/architects to present qualifications to Council on Boulevard of the Americas and any matters related thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action for a mural ordinance for downtown, District VIII, and other districts wishing to participate.
3. Discussion with possible action for redesign of the street around the "Four Corners" that are Park St., Santa Maria Ave., Garden St. and San Bernardo Ave. to improve parking, improve sidewalks, add cycling lanes, and enhance school

spirit with decorative school cross-walks. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.)**

4. **2017-R-70** Recognizing the threat of global climate change, supporting efforts to reduce anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions and committing to continue to implement and utilize strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.)

Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Alejandro "Alex" Perez

1. Discussion with possible action on a Pet Adoption Event on July 2, 2017.

Request by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.

1. Status update with discussion and possible action on the Laredo Energy Arena naming rights contract; and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to go out on request for proposals for a water park project in partnership with a private investor and/or exploring other recommended or adequate possibilities and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pro-Tempore Alejandro "Alex" Perez and Council Member Vidal Rodriguez)**
3. Discussion with possible action to implement a start time of 5:00 p.m. before each regular Council meeting to address all recognitions and presentations and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Roberto Balli)**
4. Designating and creating Neighborhood Empowerment Zone, Number Three, in the City of Laredo, and making the necessary findings of public benefit and public purpose to support the creation of the zone in District IV in the City of Laredo for the purpose of development and any other matters incident thereto.

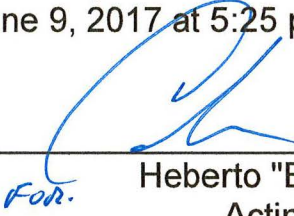
Request by Council Member Nelly Vielma

1. Discussion with possible action on directing Interim City Manager to establish procedures to place a vendor on temporary suspension if under criminal investigation, or to debar a vendor for just cause from consideration for award of contracts, or from acting as a subcontractor, sub-consultant, or supplier under future city contracts and any matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action on directing Interim City Manager to create an SOP or MOU to establish better inter-operability and radio communications with

local, state and county law enforcement agencies during emergencies and critical incidents and any matters incident thereto.

XI. 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 9, 2017 at 5:25 p.m.


FOR. Heberto "Beto" L. Ramirez
Acting City Secretary