

**AMENDED
CITY OF LAREDO
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
A-2017-SC-09
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
August 14, 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. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

- 1. Ratifying the City Manager’s approval of the amendment to the lease agreement between the City of Laredo and the United States Postal Service for the rental of office space at the Old Federal Courthouse located at 1300 Matamoros to authorize a temporary license agreement providing for the placement of a trailer on the street in front of the building for a period of five (5) months from August 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 due to the emergency abatement, remediation and reconstruction of the Postal Service first floor area. The customary rental rate of \$8,000.00 monthly will be suspended to allow for the lease payment of \$1.00 during this same period.

VI. RESOLUTIONS

- 2. **2017-R-88** Authorizing the City Manager to accept the Department of Homeland Security, Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant in the amount of \$3,276,320.00. The 2016 Safer Grant is for a three (3) year period to hire twenty-four (24) firefighters. The grant performance period is from January 28, 2017 to January 27, 2021. The City is required to contribute a cost match in the amount of \$2,036,632.00. Also, further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents related to the same.

**CITY OF LAREDO
 WORKSHOP
 A-2017-W-02
 CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
 1110 HOUSTON STREET
 LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
 August 14, 15, 16, 2017
 5:35 P.M.**

SPECIAL NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

During this budget workshop, the budgets of each of the departments of the City of Laredo, as hereinafter listed, will be discussed; however, there may be an occasion when the order of discussion may be changed by the City Council. Under review will be the number of employees in each department, their classifications, positions, salaries and benefits of employment; such as: health and life insurance, retirement benefits, licensing and continuing education. Also to be discussed, will be the matter of supplies and materials, land acquisitions, contracted services, equipment, capital improvements, and other charges and matters necessary to the functioning of each department in the accomplishment of its goals and objectives.

I. STAFF REPORTS

Discussion with possible action regarding the proposed fiscal year 2017-2018 annual budget.

1. **INTRODUCTION**
Horacio A. De Leon Jr., City Manager
2. **PRESENTATION BY “WHAT WORKS CITIES”**
Lena Geraghty, Center for Government Excellence
3. **PRESENTATION OF CITY DEBT**
Noe Hinojosa, Estrada Hinojosa Investment Bankers
4. **PRESENTATION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP)**
Rosario Cabello, Financial Services Director
5. **PROPOSED BUDGET & GENERAL FUND HIGHLIGHTS**
Martin Aleman, Budget Director
6. **BRIDGE**
Yvette Limon, Acting Bridge Director
7. **HUMAN RESOURCES**
Monica C. Flores, Human Resources Director, and
Randy McGraw, Insurance Consultant
8. **PUBLIC WORKS**
 - A. **Department Presentation**
John Orfila, Public Works Director
 - B. **Street Maintenance Fee**
Robert Eads, Assistant City Manager
9. **UTILITIES**
Riazul Mia, Utilities Director
10. **TRANSIT**
Claudia San Miguel, Transit Acting General Manager
11. **POLICE**
Claudio Trevino, Jr., Police Chief
12. **PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES**
Celina Rivera, Acting Parks & Leisure Services Director
13. **THIRD PARTY FUNDING**
Diana Fullerton, Non-Profit & Volunteer Coordinator
14. **FIRE**
Steve Landin, Fire Chief
15. **TRAFFIC**
Roberto Murillo, Traffic Director

16. AIRPORT

Mario Maldonado, Acting Airport Director

17. LAREDO ENERGY ARENA

Xavier Villalon, SMG General Manager

- 18. FUNDING AND OPERATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENTS (INCLUDING DIVISIONS)** of the Mayor and Council, City Manager, Animal Care Services, Budget, Building Development Services, City Attorney, City Secretary, Community Development, Convention & Visitors Bureau, Engineering, Environmental Services, Financial Services, Fleet, Health, Information Services & Telecommunications, Library, Municipal Court, Planning and Zoning, Solid Waste, Tax, and the proposed Economic Development Department, and all other related matters.

II. 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).

III. 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 Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.



Heberto "Beto" L. Ramirez
Acting City Secretary