

CITY OF LAREDO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A-2016-R-07

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1110 HOUSTON STREET

LAREDO, TEXAS 78040

APRIL 18, 2016

5:30 P.M.



DISABILITY ACCESS STATEMENT



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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of April 4, 2016

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Communiqués

- a. Presentation of Ride of Silence to honor those who have been injured or killed while cycling. The event is to raise awareness that we all need to share the road and are cordially invited on Monday, May 16, 2016 at the Laredo ISD Performing Art Center (Civic Center Grounds) at 7 p.m.
- b. Presentation by Raul Moreno, General Services Administration (GSA) on the construction update on the Juarez - Lincoln International Bridge Project, the improvements to Bridge I and the upcoming closure of North bound vehicular traffic.
- c. Presentation by Texas A&M International University and the City of Laredo on the Big Event held on April 2, 2016 in South Laredo.

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. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

1. **2016-O-047** Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement, with (SCAN) Serving Children and Adults In Need, Inc., to manage and operate a transitional housing project located on 1517 Washington St. Laredo Texas. The lease agreement term will be for an initial 15 years with a renewal option.
2. **2016-O-048** Amending the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, Chapter 33, Article VII entitled "Illegal Dumping" adding and deleting definitions in §33-453, adding environmental services director to §33-455, updating state agency in §33-474 (4), changing maximum penalty from two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) to reflect State Law in §33-475 (a), updating contact department and hotline in §33-477 and providing for severability, publication, and an effective date.

VII. RESOLUTIONS

3. **2016-R-47** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant budget summary to extend the FY2016 grant into the FY2017 year in the amount of \$979,727.00 to the Texas Auto Burglary & Theft Prevention Authority to fund the Laredo Auto Theft Task Force for the period of September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017. This grant pays for salaries and supplies for the LPD Auto Theft Division. The city's local match is approximately 35% which is available as a transfer in from General Fund. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**

4. **2016-R-48** Accepting the conveyance of the following fifteen (15) foot Public Utility and Utility Access Easement, for the right to install, construct, reconstruct, repair and perpetually maintain a 12" waterline and fire hydrant from:

The Texas Mexican Railway Company By: Douglas A. Banks, Vice President, Joint Facilities - Utility easement as follows:

A tract of land containing 2.14 Acres, more or less out of an 8.672 acre tract and a 50.00 acre tract in Webb County, Texas, situated in Porcion 31, Abstract 3116, and Porcion 32, Abstract 296, a copy of which conveyance is attached as Exhibits A & B:

And directing that said Easement be filed of record in official property records of Webb County, Texas. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**

5. **2016-R-49** Accepting the conveyance of the following fifteen (15) foot Public Utility and Utility Access Easement, for the right to install, construct, reconstruct, repair and perpetually maintain an 8" diameter sanitary sewer line from:

N21 One, LLC By: John E. Reinhart, Vice President - Utility easement as follows:

A tract of land containing 0.0337 Acres, (1,469 sq. ft.) more or less situated in Webb County, Texas, out and part of Lot 2, Block 1, a copy of which conveyance is attached as Exhibits A & B:

And directing that said Easement be filed of record in official property records of Webb County, Texas. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**

6. **2016-R-50** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$9,000.00 to the Texas Department of Transportation, for the enforcement of Vehicle Occupant Protection, during the "Click it or Ticket" Campaign. The grant period will begin April 29, 2016 through July 8, 2016. This grant is for overtime salaries and fringe benefits and is funded 100% by the Texas Department of Transportation. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**

7. **2016-R-51** Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) No. CSJ-0922-33-158 with the Texas Department of Transportation in the amount of \$600,000.00, including a local participation in the amount of \$135,000.00, for the City Wide Traffic Signal Upgrade - Synchronization Project. This project is being funded by Coordinated Border Infrastructure (CBI) funds. Funding is available in the Capital Grant Fund. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**

8. **2016-R-52** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a donation of \$5,850.00 from the Joe A. Guerra Family for the cost of new signage for the renaming of the Laredo Public Library to the Joe A. Guerra Laredo Public Library.

9. **2016-R-53** Authorizing the City Manager to accept additional funding from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission under the Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement 1115 Waiver in the amount of \$775,800.00 for the continuation of the preventive care clinic services to see more patients and for early detection approved through the regional health plan for indigent and uncompensated preventive health care. The City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) is implementing two (2) projects: 1) Primary Care Expansion (in women's health, STD/HIV, well child, prenatal care, early detection, cancer prevention, family planning and disease control) and 2) Expand Chronic Care clinic services integrating Disease Self Management to improve health, reduce risks (diabetes and hypertension) and prevent hospitalizations. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**

10. **2016-R-54** Consideration to grant fee waivers and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and Monica Hinojosa for the residential property located at 317 Mier St., being Lot 8 Block 103 Eastern Division. The proposed residential property eligible for property tax abatement includes an addition of a 624 sq. ft. structure in the total amount of \$7,354.81 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 five (5) year period and will consist of an estimated annual tax abatement total of \$46.85 and estimated total fee waiver of \$382.50 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.

11. **2016-R-55** Consideration to grant fee waivers and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and Oscar J. Montemayor for the residential property located at 1616 Garfield St., being Lot 9 Block 888 Eastern Division. The proposed residential property eligible for property tax abatement includes the new construction of a 1,418 sq. ft. structure in the total amount of \$52,866.00 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 five (5) year period and will consist of an estimated annual tax abatement total of \$336.76 and estimated total fee waiver of \$729.00 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.

VIII. MOTIONS

12. To amend Resolution No. 2015-R-93 which was an addendum to Phase One of the Economic Development Agreement between the City of Laredo and the El Portal Center, LLC ("EPC") an Illinois Limited Liability Company that extended the tax receipt term from ten to twelve years, to now allow for the use of sales tax receipts for construction purposes in addition to the stated contractual uses for marketing and post-completion improvements as previously approved and outlined in Attachment "A" hereto. This amendment does not provide for any additional funds nor increases to the contractual bottom line.
13. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Texas A&M International University for the funding of a documentary entitled Rio Grande Rhapsody. The agreed upon one-time funding amount is \$195,000.00 for the production of a (1) one-hour film that will air on KLRN and feature the culture and talent of resident and visiting musicians at TAMIU. Funding is available in the Laredo Convention and Visitors Bureau FY 2015-2016 budget.

14. Consideration for approval of amendment no. 8, an increase of \$112,263.00 to the professional services contract with Arcadis, Laredo, Texas, for the West Laredo Corridor – Calton Road Railroad Grade Separation for analysis required by TxDot, Union Pacific Railroad, and Crown Enterprises from whom the City is acquiring Right-of-Way. We received a letter of approval from TxDot dated March 30, 2016, to proceed with the amendment. Current engineering contract amount including this amendment no. 8 is \$2,011,074.14. Funding is available in the Capital Grants Fund. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**

15. Consideration for approval of the Canizales Boxing Gym Expansion as complete, approval of change order no. 1, a decrease of \$6,752.50 for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$63,837.38. Final construction contract amount is \$1,276,747.50. Funding is available in the 2009 C.O. Bond. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**

16. Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$400,000.00 to the Texas Department of State Health Services for the Texas Healthy Women's Grant and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant. This project will further support the primary care, women's health and chronic disease prevention clinic services. If awarded, it will allow the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) to provide care for an additional 350 women.

17. Authorizing the City Manager to execute individual contracts with the following Little Leagues, Pony Leagues, Adult Leagues and Soccer Leagues.

N.W. Little League, Hillside Little League, National Little League, Rio Grande Little League, American Little League, Optimist Little League, Northside Little League, College Heights, Pony League, Babe Ruth Little League, Laredo Men's Baseball League, Adult Baseball League;

Foot Rap Lafayette League, Border Soccer League, Father McNaboe, Club Talento de Cristo, United Premier League, Laredo Soccer League.

18. Consideration to reject all proposals received for FY16-016 RFP for providing telemedicine provider services for the City of Laredo. All vendors failed to submit the required documentation needed for evaluation of proposals. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**

19. Consideration to award a contract to Rush Truck Center, Laredo, Texas in the amount \$ 149,316.20 for the purchase of one (1) truck/tractor with roll-off hoist for use by the Solid Waste Services Department utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Contract. This truck will be used for the landfill recycling program. Funding is available in the 2013 PFFCO Solid Waste Services Capital Outlay Fund. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**

 20. Consideration to renew service contract FY12-100 awarded to Quest Diagnostics, San Antonio, Texas, in an annual amount of \$330,000.00 for providing clinical laboratory testing services for the Health Department. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. There will be no price increase during this extension period and services will be secured on an as needed basis. This is the last extension period for this contract. Funding is available in the Health Department Fund. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**

 21. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts to be adjusted for the month of March 2016, represent a decrease of \$12,996.58. These adjustments are determined by the Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

 22. Consideration to authorize the installation of two (2) asphalt type speed humps along Longshadow Road, between McPherson Drive and Fenwick Drive, under the Special Provision of the Speed Hump Installation Policy. Project costs are estimated at \$4,000.00 and funding will be made available from District V Discretionary Funds. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**

 23. Authorizing City Manager to award a contract to LNV, Inc. of Corpus Christi, Texas in the amount of \$214,258.00 for the Feasibility Study on Ammonia Removal for Zacate Creek & Unitec Wastewater Treatment Plants. Funding is available in the 2010 Sewer Revenue Bond. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**

 24. Authorizing the City Manager to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Engineering Contract with Dannenbaum Engineering Company-McAllen, L.L.C., of Laredo, Texas, for the design of a 24 inch Water Line from El Pico/Mines Road connection to Hachar Loop northern boundary line. The purpose of this amendment is to add 365 calendar days to termination date of Phase 1. There will be no Financial Impact. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**
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IX. STAFF REPORTS

1. Presentation by the consultants designing the Natatorium regarding the progress of the project.

X. 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.

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

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

GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

25.

A. Request by Mayor Pete Saenz

- a. Discussion with possible action on increasing coverage, frequency and evening service of El Metro Transit System routes (9, 10, 14, 19 and 20) in the southern section of the City of Laredo, as well as the establishment of direct bus route connecting South Laredo to TAMIU. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Rudy Gonzalez, Jr.)**
- b. Discussion with possible action on the sale of long-term bus passes for students who ride El Metro Transit. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Rudy Gonzalez, Jr.)**

B. Request by Council Member Rudy Gonzalez, Jr.

- a. Discussion with possible action on improving lighting infrastructure and illumination at all city parks for evening use by constituents.

C. Request by Council Member Roque Vela, Jr.

- a. Discussion with possible action on the procedures for plate sale permits.

D. Request by Council Member George Altgelt

- a. Discussion with possible action (with a presentation by the City Manager's office) to implement a parks and recreation exchange program between the City of Austin and the City of Laredo wherein directors, managers and most importantly staff will be trained and cross trained in the area(s) of non-traditional sports and activities and how to sustainably program and finance them.
- b. Discussion with possible action on Rio Fest 2017 event.
- c. Discussion with possible action on a City hosted International Trade Conference and Expo 2017 event.

XIII. 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, April 13, 2016 at 6:50 p.m.

Doanh "Zone" T. Nguyen
Acting City Secretary