

CITY OF LAREDO SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**A-2019-SC-03
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
April 4, 2019
5:00 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 Jose A. Valdez Jr., 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 5:15 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. RESOLUTIONS

1. **2019-R-43** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas opposing the closure of land ports along the U.S. / Mexico border that will: (1) restrict the continuation of trade and movement of consumer goods throughout the United States causing immeasurable financial concerns to U.S. Border States and Ports of Entry, affecting the cost of goods and wages of millions of Americans; (2) encourage illegal entry into the United States; and (3) create chaos at border ports as prompted by the surge of persons seeking asylum; supporting comprehensive immigration reform that grows the economy through commerce and trade, balances workforce supply and demand, and expedites the processing of asylum seekers by increasing the number of immigration judges and providing the necessary procedures, resources, and infrastructure to quickly process asylum claims at the border and away from the border.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

2. Presentation by consultant Dan Jackson from Willdan Financial Services on the proposed utilities rate increase to fund the Utilities Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), with possible action.

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. 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

Monday, April 1, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary

City Council-Special

Meeting Date: 04/04/2019

Staff Source: Yvette Limon, Bridge Director

SUBJECT

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PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

N/A

BACKGROUND

N/A

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

N/A

Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Year:

Budgeted Y/N?:

Source of Funds:

Account #:

Change Order: Exceeds 25% Y/N:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

City Council-Special

Meeting Date: 04/04/2019

Initiated By: Robert A. Eads, Co-Interim City Manager

Staff Source: Riazul I Mia, P.E., CFM, Director Utilities

SUBJECT

Presentation by consultant Dan Jackson from Willdan Financial Services on the proposed utilities rate increase to fund the Utilities Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), with possible action.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

On March 18, 2019, the City Council instructed the City Manager to hold the workshop.

BACKGROUND

N/A

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

N/A

Fiscal Impact

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No Financial Impact.
