

CITY OF LAREDO

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A-2021-R-19

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CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1110 HOUSTON STREET

LAREDO, TEXAS 78040

November 1, 2021

5:30 P.M.



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Strategic Outcomes



Dynamic and Sustainable



Excellent and Connected



Planned and Moving



Welcoming and Equitable



Prosperous and Affordable



Healthy and Safe

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

IV. ROLL CALL

V. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of October 18, 2021

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. 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. RECOGNITION

1. Recognizing the lead partners and city departments in the 2021 Dia Del Rio/Make a Difference Day event at Las Palmas Nature Trail, which is one of Laredo's first natural landmarks.
2. Recognizing Fire Chief Guillermo Heard on the successful completion of the International Association of Fire Chiefs's Executive Development Institute program. During the program held in the Washington, DC, Metropolitan region, he learned from fire and emergency service experts/along with the private sector training in ethics, leadership in the new era, emerging concepts in organizational design and delivery, effective use of science and data, budgeting and spend management, as well as labor-management relations.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

VIII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment by Mayor Pro-Tempore Rudy Gonzalez, Jr. of Adriana Alexander to the Ethics Commission.
2. Appointment by Mayor Pro-Tempore of Rose Magaña to the Municipal Civil Service Commission.
3. Appointment by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez of Osvaldo Guzman to the Ethics Commission.

4. Appointment by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III of Martha Valdez to the Laredo Commission for Women.
5. Appointment by Council Member Ruben A. Gutierrez of Yu-Hsien Huang to the Planning & Zoning Commission.
6. Appointment by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa of Elena Holloway to the Cemetery Committee.
7. Appointment by Mayor and City Council of three members to the five-member board of Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Two, which is designated as The Coves at Winfield Development, a 1,027 acre development located in northeast Laredo. Board members will serve two-year terms; terms can be staggered. As the entity that designated the zone, the City of Laredo annually appoints a member of the board to serve as chairman, limited to a 1-year term.

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Community Development - Municipal Housing (MH) FY21-22 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) position listing by adding one (1) Construction Superintendent, R37 position. Funding is available in the Municipal Housing Enterprise Fund.
2. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the FY21-22 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Position Listing by adding one (1) Administrative Assistant I, R32, position for the City of Laredo Community Development Department Housing Rehabilitation and HOME Investment Affordable Housing Programs Division. Funding is available in the Housing Rehabilitation and HOME Grants.

(Recess)
(Press Availability)

X. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

3. Authorizing the City Manager to sell the "Surface Only" of a section of McPherson Avenue at the appraised market value of \$28,500.00 to Mr. Pablo Diaz. It is described as a 5,711 square foot tract of land more or less, out of McPherson right-of-way, situated in the Eastern Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas; generally described in the metes and bounds attached as exhibit "A" and depicted in survey. The City of Laredo reserves any and all visible and apparent easements recorded or not recorded; approving and providing for an effective date.
4. Authorizing the City Manager to sell the "Surface Only" of a section of McPherson Avenue at its fair market value of \$28,500.00 to Rio Grande Cartage Co. It is described as a 5,711 square foot tract of land more or less, out of McPherson right-of-way, situated in the Eastern Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas; generally described in the attached metes and bounds as exhibit "A" and depicted in survey. The City of Laredo reserves any and all visible and apparent easements recorded or not recorded; approving and providing for an effective date.
5. Authorizing the City Manager to amend Ordinance 2021-O-149, a lease agreement by and between Laredo Transit Management, Inc., (lessor) and the Community Development Department, (lessee) to enter into a lease agreement by and between the Laredo Transit Management Inc. (lessor) and the City of Laredo Department of Community Development (lessee) for leased building space at the Laredo Transit Center located at 1301 Farragut St. of 9,309.61 square feet, second floor east and west wings and third floor east wing. The term will be for three (3) years with two (2) one-year renewal options commencing December 1, 2021. The monthly rent is \$6,442.25 (\$.6920 per square foot). The prorated shared cost of 20% of the electric and water bills will remain the same.

XI. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

6. **2021-O-217** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning of Lot 1-B, a 0.631-acre tract of land, conveyed to Jose Manuel Ochoa and Norma Ochoa, as described in Vol. 3005, Pg. 407- 409, D. R. W. T., situated in Porcion 32, Antonio Trevino, Abst. 296, W.C.T., located at North of US Hwy. 359 and Northwest of Veterans Blvd., from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-1 (Community Business District).

The applicant originally requested a B-4 (Highway Commercial District) zone change, but subsequently amended his application in favor of a B-1 (Limited Commercial District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **denial** of the proposed B-4 (Highway Commercial District)

and recommended **approval** of a B-1 (Limited Commercial District). Staff **supports** the amended application.

ZC-056-2021
District II

7. **2021-O-218** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 1060, Eastern Division, located at 2905 US Highway 83, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District).

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **approval** of the proposed zone change and staff **supports** the application.

ZC-068-2021
District II

8. **2021-O-219** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 11.6 acres, out of a 53.4 acre tract of land conveyed to L91 BC Properties LLC, as described in deed recorded in Volume 4430, Page 282-289, Official Public Records, Webb County, Texas, situated in Porcion 28, E. Martinez, Abstract 241, Webb County, Texas, located south of east of Saunders Street and west of Bob Bullock Loop, from B-3 (Community Business District) and R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District).

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **approval** of the proposed zone change and staff **supports** the application.

ZC-071-2021
District IV

9. **2021-O-220** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 7, North Laredo Land Irrigation and Water Company Plat, located at 1600 Island Street, from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **approval** of the proposed zone change and staff **supports** the application.

ZC-067-2021
District VII

10. **2021-O-221** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 7, Block 873-A, Villa del Rio Subdivision, located at 2402 Burnside Street, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District).

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **approval** of the proposed zone change and staff **supports** the application.

ZC-065-2021
District VIII

11. **Excellent and Connected**



2010-O-222 Amending the City of Laredo Capital Improvements Fund, General Fund and Health Department Fund. Appropriation of fund balance in the Capital Improvement Fund will be used to supplement funding for the General Fund (Fire Department) and Health Department in the amount of \$4,809,000.00. Transfer to General Fund and Health Department Fund will be appropriated for personnel expenses, machinery and equipment, automotive equipment, building improvements and other services.

12. **Excellent and Connected**



2021-O-223 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement between the City of Laredo, as LESSOR, and B & B Communications Ltd., LESSEE, for building No. 962 consisting of approximately 5,672 square feet of building space and parking lot located at 1816 Pappas Street at the Laredo International Airport. The lease term shall be for one (1) year commencing on October 1, 2021 and ending on September 30, 2022 with two (2) one-year options to extend ending in September 30, 2023 and September 30, 2024. The monthly rent shall be \$4,976.18 and will be adjusted annually according to changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

13. **2021-O-224** Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to purchase the "Surface Only" of 1012 1/2 Hidalgo street. A 2,057.75 square foot tract, being all the west one third of Lot 3, Block 46, Western Division of the City of Laredo, as per the original plat of the City of Laredo, being the same tract of land described in volume 4541, page 174, official public records of Webb County Texas and being more particularly described on metes and bounds and depicted in survey as exhibit " A ", for the amount of \$135,000.00. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement fund.

14. **2021-O-225** Authorizing the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents to acquire the property located at 302 San Enrique Ave. legally described as Lot 5 Block 74 Western Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas in the amount of \$62,500.00. Funding will be from the HOME Investment Partnership Program.

XII. 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.

CITY ATTORNEY: STAFF SOURCE ANA SOPHIA GARCIA, INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

15. Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate the execution of a first amendment to the executed Joint Use Lease Agreement between the City of Laredo and United Day School for use of outdoor tennis courts. The Amendment is to include additional facility usage, remove improvements to be completed by the City and increase the monthly rental fees from \$3,000.00 to \$3,800.00 per month. Funding is available in the General Fund/Parks Budget.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: STAFF SOURCE TINA MARTINEZ, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

16. Consideration to award contract FY22-005 to the sole bidder Ruby's A/C, Laredo, TX, for the purchase and installation of complete central air conditioning and heating units for 20 properties located in the Noise Abatement area in the total amount of \$104,711.00. Ruby's A/C will be required to furnish a satisfactory Payment and Performance Bond in the amount of 100% of the total contract price. Funding is available in the Municipal Housing Fund - AEP Texas Central Target Low Income Weatherization Program Grant.
17. Authorizing the City Manager to award, execute contract and increase funds to the 3rd Party Funding budget in the amount of \$6,000.00. The recipient organization will be Literacy Volunteers of Laredo (LVL). Funding is available in General Fund.

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU: STAFF SOURCE AILEEN RAMOS, CVB
DIRECTOR

18. Authorizing the City Manager to donate: one ambulance (unit 241) to Jalpan de Serra, Queretaro and one ambulance (unit 233) to San Mateo Atenco, Estado de Mexico. Both vehicles will be used for emergency related purposes. The City of Laredo donates these vehicles as is and does not assume any liability associated with the use after they have been transferred. Unit 241 was purchased with CDBG funds and unit 233 was purchased with 2007 Certificate of Obligation Bond proceeds. Both vehicles have a book value of zero (0).

19. **Welcoming and Equitable**



Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute contracts with Mexico and U.S. billboard, print, electronic, digital and other media vendors for event activations, media management and familiarization tours for influencers. Media plan advertisements for the Laredo Convention & Visitors Bureau will be placed beginning January 2022. The total amount is not to exceed \$1,494,738.00 comprised of \$725,748.00 for Mexico and \$768,990.00 for U.S. promotions. Funding is available in the CVB Fiscal Year 21-22 Budget.

20. **Welcoming and Equitable**



Authorizing City Management to pursue a Partnership Agreement with the State of Nuevo León, Mexico; given the amount of international trade and the importance of tourism and business travelers coming to our destination.

21. Authorizing the City Manager to donate end of life computer equipment that is unusable for City purposes and has a book value of zero to qualifying communities. The City of Laredo donates the equipment as is and does not assume any liability associated with its use after the equipment has been transferred.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: STAFF SOURCE TECLO J. GARCIA, ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

22. **2021-R-246** Discussion with possible action authorizing the City Manager to approve and enter into a professional services agreement between the City of Laredo, Texas ("City"), and LiftFund, Inc, ("Service Provider") a nonprofit corporation of the State of Texas; and providing an effective date, to provide a Zero Percent Loan Program for qualifying small businesses and entrepreneurs. Total funding for this program is in an amount up to \$1 Million. Cost-share by the City is in an amount not to exceed \$217,075.00. The amount provided by the City will be used to "buy down" the interest rate to zero percent (0%) on each individual loan. LiftFund, Inc, has received funding from the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation and will administer the program in accordance to terms and conditions set forth by the Dell Foundation. Funding is available in the General Fund Budget.

ENGINEERING: STAFF SOURCE RAMON E. CHAVEZ, CITY ENGINEER

23. **Dynamic and Sustainable**



Consideration for approval of the Community Development Municipal Housing Office finish-out located at 5511 Thomas Avenue as complete, approval of change order No. 1 that is a decrease of \$14,828.00 for the project credits from allowances, to add thirty (30) working days to the construction time, release of retainage and approval for final payment in the amount of \$28,033.80 to Zertuche Construction Texas, LLC. The final construction contract amount with this change order is \$560,676.00 and a total one hundred thirty (130) working days. Funding is available in the FY 2022 Municipal Housing Fund.

ENVIRONMENTAL: STAFF SOURCE JOHN PORTER, ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTOR/ INTERIM SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR

24. Consideration for approval of the selection of Scheibe Consulting LLC, Austin, Texas, based on Request for Qualification (RFQ) received and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate a professional services contract for engineering and modeling services for a Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) funded study of the Manadas and Zacate Creek Watersheds. There is no cost involved in this part of the Request for Qualifications process.

FIRE: STAFF SOURCE GUILLERMO HEARD, FIRE CHIEF

25. **2021-R-248** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$245,000.00 to fund the Laredo Fire Department- Fire/EMS Division. The initiative is funded by the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grants Division. If award is granted, funding will be used to purchase a rescue truck. The grant performance period is from March 1, 2022, through August 31, 2022. No local match is required.
26. Consideration to award a contract to Frazer, LTD, in the amount of \$443,775.00 through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC)-Cooperative Purchasing Program, for the purchase of three (3) replacement ambulances. Anticipated delivery date is expected within 6 months of order date. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund.
27. Consideration to award a contract to Metro Fire Apparatus Specialists, Houston, Texas, in the amount of \$1,192,036.00 through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC)-Cooperative Purchasing Program, for the purchase of two (2) replacement fire trucks. Anticipated delivery date is expected within 10-11 months of order date. Funding is available in the Capital Improvements Fund.

FLEET MANAGEMENT: STAFF SOURCE RONALD MILLER, FLEET DIRECTOR

28. Consideration to award contract FY22-002 for the purchase of recapped tires for the City's fleet vehicles to Southern Tire Mart, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$250,000.00. This vendor is being recommended for a contract award based on the best value evaluation criteria. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This contract may be extended for three (3) additional one (1) year periods upon mutual agreement of the parties. All recapped tires will be purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.

HEALTH: STAFF SOURCE RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, HEALTH DIRECTOR

29. **Healthy and Safe**



2021-R-242 Ratifying the execution of a contract from the Texas Department of State Health Services in the estimated amount of \$165,000.00 with no match for the City of Laredo Health Department, Infectious Disease Control Unit/Surge Texas Epidemiology Capacity

Expansion Grant Program for infectious disease surveillance and epidemiology activities for the term period of September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2023.

30. **Healthy and Safe**



2021-R-243 Ratifying the execution of a contract with Every Body Texas in the amount of \$115,067.00 with no match for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department Family Planning Services for the term period from April 1, 2021, through March 31, 2022.

31. **Healthy and Safe**



Authorizing an office lease agreement at 6909 Springfield Avenue Suite #202 in the total amount of \$275,185.92 for the term period of December 1, 2021, through November 30, 2025, for City of Laredo Health Department operations with the option to extend for another year, contingent on funding availability. Funding is available through the WIC Funds.

INFORMATION SERVICES & TELECOMMUNICATION: STAFF SOURCE HOMERO VAZQUEZ-GARCIA, IST DIRECTOR

32. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA"), attached hereto as exhibit A, between the South Texas Development Council ("STDC") and the City of Laredo for the Management of the South Texas Regional Radio System ("STRRS") and the Advance System Key ("ASK"). For one (1) year term beginning October 1, 2021, at an annual fee of \$40,000.00 to be paid by STDC; payable quarterly in four (4) equal payments of \$10,000.00.

PARKS & RECREATION: STAFF SOURCE JUAN J. GOMEZ, JR., PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR

33. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents to acquire the 40 acres for the development of the multi-purpose Sports Complex from Cuatro Vientos South, LTD. Property is valued at \$2,359,000.00 and is situated partially in Abstract 546, Porcion 35, Abstract 594, Survey 2149, R.H. Rains and Abstract 473, Porcion 36, Webb County, Texas. Allowing for a park improvement fee credit to Cuatro Vientos South, LTD of \$825,000.00 to be used for future parkland dedication obligations, and satisfying any future land dedication requirements.

POLICE: STAFF SOURCE CLAUDIO TREVINO, CHIEF OF POLICE

34. **Healthy and Safe**



2021-R-227 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$66,830.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the funding of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program FY21 for the performance period of October 01, 2021, through September 30, 2024. The Bureau of Justice Assistance mandates that this grant allocation be divided equally between the City of Laredo and Webb County; \$33,415.00 will be allocated for the LPD Network Specialist and \$33,415.00 for Webb County Sheriff's Office equipment, supplies, and contractual services that enhance department operations. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund.

35. **Healthy and Safe**



2021-R-228 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$52,886.20 from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the FY22 General Victim Assistance Program Grant under the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) for the period of October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022. This grant will fund the salary of the Crime Victims Service Coordinator position, travel/training, and supplies affiliated with the grant program. The City of Laredo is responsible for a match of \$13,400.00 for a total grant amount of \$66,286.20. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund.

36. **Healthy and Safe**



2021-R-229 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$25,910.64 from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the Violence Against Women Justice and Training

Program Grant for the period of October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022. This grant will fund equipment, supplies, and travel/training for the Special Investigations Unit Crimes Against Women Project. The City of Laredo will be responsible for a match of \$11,104.56 for a total amount of \$37,015.20. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund.

37. **Healthy and Safe**



2021-R-230 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$29,057.99 from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Department for the funding of FY 2022 Justice Assistance Grant Safe Streets Initiative for the period of October 01, 2021, through September 30, 2022. This funding will provide overtime salaries for the Criminal Investigative Division to fortify the capacity of prevention, detection, investigation, apprehension, and prosecution of criminals leading to more convictions of violent offenders in the Laredo and Webb County area. This program does not require a local match. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund.

38. **Healthy and Safe**



2021-R-231 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$33,000.00 from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the FY2022 First Responder Mental Health Program, Peer Support. The City of Laredo will utilize this funding to obtain a professional service contract for clinical advisory for trauma and work related counseling for the period of October 01, 2021, through September 30, 2022. The City of Laredo is responsible for a match of \$8,250.00 for a total amount of \$41,250.00. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund.

39. **Healthy and Safe**



2021-R-232 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$26,882.05 from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division to fund the FY 2022 Project Safe Neighborhoods Program for the period of October 01, 2021, through September 30, 2022. This funding will provide overtime for the Juvenile and Gang Enforcement Team which will utilize target enforcement techniques against criminal and

transnational organizations responsible for violent criminal activity. This program does not require a local match. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund.

40. **Healthy and Safe**



2021-R-233 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$20,194.20 from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Department for the funding of FY 2022 Justice Assistance Grant LPD Technology Enhancement Project for the period of October 01, 2021, through September 30, 2022. This funding will be utilized to acquire innovative technology designed to promote a healthy setting to resume emergency operations center activities, in person roll call briefings, continue education classes and facilitate remote distance learning. This program does not require local match. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund.

41. **Healthy and Safe**



2021-R-238 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$178,200.00 to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, to fund the FY2022 Body-Worn Camera Program for the period of March 01, 2022 through February 28, 2023. The purpose of this program is to aid municipal police departments in establishing or enhancing body-worn camera programs. The City of Laredo will be responsible for a required 25% match of total project cost. The grant will be accounted for in the Special Police Fund.

42. **Healthy and Safe**



2021-R-239 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$23,500.00 from the Office of the Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division for the purpose of funding the State Homeland Security Program-Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities Grant. This funding is to acquire an HD2-S Doberman Surveillance Robot. The robot will be utilized for LPD's ERT as a remote surveillance robot in response to high-risk situations or hazardous devices to reduce exposure from threats to first responders. No local match is required. Funding is available in the

Special Police Fund.

43. **Healthy and Safe**



2021-R-240 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$500,000.00 to the Office of the Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division for the purpose of funding the 2022 Operation Lone Star Grant Program. Funding will be used to pay for overtime and equipment to reduce border-related criminal activity in Texas. This grant does not require matching funds. Grant will be accounted for in the Special Police Fund.

44. **Healthy and Safe**



2021-R-241 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$19,887.05 to the U.S. Department of Justice Programs for the purpose of funding the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant for FY 2022. The funds will be utilized to replace approximately 48 vests that have exceeded the recommended life expectancy. The Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program will require 50% match for a total grant amount of \$39,774.10. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund.

45. **Healthy and Safe**



2021-R-245 Authorizing the City Manager enter into an agreement and accept reimbursement from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection/U.S. Border Patrol Treasury Forfeiture Fund of up to \$300,000.00 for joint operations for overtime expenses. The City of Laredo required match will be \$96,000.00 for a total amount of \$396,000.00. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund.

SOLID WASTE: STAFF SOURCE JOHN PORTER, INTERIM SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR/ ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTOR

46. Consideration to authorize the purchase for garbage/refuse carts, lids and accessories to Toter Inc., Statesville, North Carolina in the amount of \$622,090.56. This purchase is utilizing the Omnia Cooperative Purchasing Contract. These waste containers are designed for household garbage and can be used with both semi-automated and automated systems. A total of 9,408 (96 gallon) garbage/reuse carts, 2,400 lids and other accessories will be purchased. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Operations Fund.

TAX: STAFF SOURCE DORA MALDONADO, TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

47. **2021-R-247** Casting 1,006 votes for Council Member Vanessa Perez, the City of Laredo's candidate to the Webb County Appraisal District Board of Directors for the 2022-2023 Term as per Section 6.03 of the Texas Property Tax Code; and directing the City Secretary to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Chief Appraiser of the Webb County Appraisal District before December 15, 2021.

UTILITIES: STAFF SOURCE ART GARCIA, P.E., UTILITIES DIRECTOR

48. Authorizing the City Manager to award a professional services contract to Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. in the amount of \$115,300.00 for operations and maintenance management consulting services to review, develop recommendations and create metrics and key performance indicators (KPIs) in the water treatment operations at Jefferson and El Pico water plants. The study will include recommendations on staffing levels and skill sets, along with policy and procedure changes. Funding is available in the Waterworks System Fund.
49. Consideration to renew annual supply contract FY21-007 with Aguaworks Pipe & Supply, Brownsville, Texas, in an amount up to \$298,975.90 for the purchase of dry barrel fire hydrants and repair kits for the City of Laredo's Utilities Department. This contract will be for a one-year period and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. There was a price increase of 10% due to a nationwide cost increase on iron materials. This contract can be renewed for two (2) additional one (1) year extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Fund.

50. **Dynamic and Sustainable**



Motion to ratify emergency purchase order to Precision Pump Systems Buy-Board contract # 589-19 in the total amount of \$109,588.21 for the

parts, materials, repair labor and delivery for one (1) Vertical Turbine Pump at the intermediate pump station within the El Pico water treatment plant, and one (1) Horizontal Split Case Fairbanks Morse Pump at the MHOC Booster Station. Funding is available in the Waterworks Construction Fund.

51. Consideration to renew annual supply contract FY21-008 with Metropolitan Compounds, Pembroke Pines, Florida, in an amount up to \$100,000.00 for the purchase of asphalt pot hole patch materials used during emergency street repairs caused by water line breaks. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This contract may be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year periods upon mutual agreement. All the asphalt material will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Water Works Fund.

52. **Dynamic and Sustainable**



Motion to award purchasing contract to Precision Pump Systems Buy-Board contract #589-19 in the total amount of \$120,000.00 for additional parts, materials, repair labor and delivery as needed at the El Pico Water Treatment Plant, Jefferson Water Treatment Plant and Booster Stations as needed. Funding is available in the Waterwork Fund.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XIII. STAFF REPORTS

53. Discussion with possible action on ongoing audits and/or irregularities identified by the Internal Auditor including the potential assignment of other and/or additional auditing duties; and any other matters incident thereto.
54. Status update on current COVID-19 information as presented by Local Health Authority, Health Director and Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC); and any other matters incident thereto.
55. Status report by the Utilities Department regarding low water issues by HWY 359 area with possible action, and any other matters incident thereto.

56. Request from Texas National Guard on using city property to store equipment used for border security.
57. Presentation by the Department of Public Safety requesting an opportunity to present a border fence proposal offered by the State of Texas in an effort to deter human smuggling, human trafficking, and drug trafficking. The State would like to build a border fence at no cost to the City to provide enhanced border security for the residents of Laredo, TX.
58. Discussion with possible action to change the amount for small business grants approved by Council under the City's American Rescue Plan funding from \$3 million to \$2 million and re-appropriate the \$1 Million for workforce development and skills certification training programs, and any other matters incident thereto. Laredo College tentatively agreed to match the City's funding with \$1 million of its own for the joint workforce training initiative.
59. Status report on the Public Arts Master Plan, and any other matters incident thereto.

XIV. 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.

60. Request for executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (1)(A) to consult with attorney on the discussion with possible action on determining whether the City of Laredo will sponsor the pension liability of Laredo Transit Management Inc., in order to enable a third-party management company to provide services.
61. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 (1)(A) to consult with attorney on pending litigation involving Cause No. 2021-CVK-001517-D1; City of Laredo v. Greg Abbott; pending in the Supreme Court of Texas and in the 49th District Court, Webb County, Texas; and return to open session for possible action.

62. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to discuss and create the evaluation tools necessary to evaluate the work performance of the City Manager on an annual basis, and any matter related thereto and return to open session for possible action.

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

63. **2021-RT-10** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Federal Transit Administration competitive FY2021 Section 5339(b) Bus and Bus Facilities Grant Program in the amount of \$7,000,000.00 with a local match of \$1,000,000.00 from the 2019 CO Bond proceeds and \$2,372,229.00 in land for the construction and completion of Phase I of the new El Metro Transit Administration, Operations, and Fleet Maintenance Facility.
64. Consideration to renew a one (1) year parts annual supply contract (FY19-090) to the listed vendors for providing bus and van fleet parts; by exercising the contract's one (1) year and last extension option. Funding is available in the El Metro Operations Fund.
65. Authorizing the City Manager to rescind the contract agreement with the City of Laredo (CITY) and South Texas Development Council (STDC) FY19 Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Grant Program due to STDC being unable to secure the required local match of \$14,542.00. The Federal funds awarded to STDC in the amount of \$58,166.00 will be added to the next Call for Projects Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors schedule in 2022.

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

66. **GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. **Request by Mayor Pete Saenz**

1. Discussion with possible action to follow up on the status of effectuating the Transportation Reinvestment Zone (TRZ) along the Cuatro Vientos Loop 20 corridor from U.S. 59 to U.S. Highway 83 South; and evaluating a TRZ corridor within the FM 1472 area, and

any matters incident thereto.

B. Request by Council Member Dr. Marte A. Martinez

1. Discussion with possible action regarding the cataloging and possible regulation of Homeowner Associations (HOA's), and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Vanessa Perez)**
2. Discussion with possible action on directing the Traffic Safety Department to explore any and all viable solutions for alleviating traffic congestion during school hours along and adjacent to the intersection of Del Mar Boulevard and Loop 20, and any other matters incident thereto.

C. Request by Council Member Vanessa J. Perez

1. Discussion with possible action authorizing management to negotiate access or possible acquisition of the La Bota Bike Trails in District VII to guarantee the usage and preservation of this vital component of our community, and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to instruct City Manager to authorize staff to install speed humps at the following locations under the Special Provision of the Speed Hump Installation Policy and to authorize the use of asphalt type speed humps instead of speed cushions which is currently required under the policy and any other matters incident thereto. City Council District VII Priority Funds will be used for this project.
 - Chalan Drive between 802 and 832

D. Request by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa

1. Discussion with possible action to temporarily suspend parking meter fees through November, and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to change hours for all parking meters from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and any other matters incident thereto.

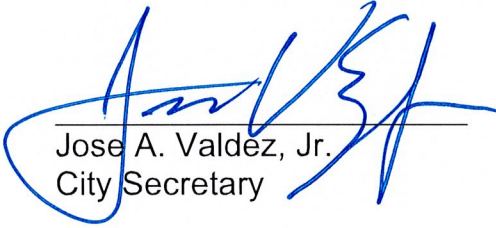
3. Discussion with possible action to halt negotiations related to Project LINK and continue with the Boulevard of the Americas with the Abrazo Project, and any other matters incident thereto.

E. Request by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez

1. Discussion with possible action to instruct management to review criteria set for bids and contractors, including point deductions for those who didn't meet previous timelines or set schedules; and any other matters incident thereto.

XVII. 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, October 27, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.



Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary

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