

CITY OF LAREDO
RECOGNITION AND COMMUNICATION NOTICE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023
5:00 P.M.

The Mayor will be presenting the following:

1. Recognition of Dr. Milton Haber for his contributions to Laredo. Dr. Haber's contributions to medicine throughout his career and clinical research during the Worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, were invaluable. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Ruben Gutierrez, Jr.)**
2. Recognizing the United Longhorn Football Team for their District Title (certificates to be distributed at respective schools).
3. Recognition of the Boys and Girls Championships Runner-Up teams.
4. Recognition of the Laredoans that were trapped in Israel and individuals that assisted them with getting evacuated safely.
5. Recognizing Mrs. Ofelia Martinez for her 100-year celebration. She was born November 10, 1923, and is a member of the Mayor's Century Club.
6. Recognition of Ivanna Rosell, Miss Jr Laredo, TX 2023 and a 6th grader at George Washington Middle School where she's a member of the Sparklers Dance team and U-STEM Academy. Throughout her reign as Miss Jr Laredo, she has been able to help her community in various ways, including:
 - reading books to preschool and elementary kids
 - raising funds for Teleton USA
 - raising funds for the March of Dimes
 - organized a book drive for her elementary school's Little Free Library
 - Volunteered with Casa Reptile during the summer
 - Donated clothes, food and toys to local shelters, hospitals and non-profit organizations

Ivanna is currently organizing and hosting a Christmas toy drive to benefit the children of Laredo, Rio Bravo and El Cenizo. Moreover, for the past two years, Ivanna has been collaborating with Allie's Bird Project, a local non-profit organization focused on helping families who have their babies hospitalized in the neonatal intensive care unit, by organizing fundraisers and hosting workshops. Through her platform, Ivanna wants to inspire the youth to always follow their dreams. For Ivanna,

the crown is a symbol of courage, pushing her outside her comfort zone to overcome her struggles. Hard work, dedication and staying true to yourself are key to succeeding.

**AS AMENDED
CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
A-2023-R-19**

**LIVE WEB LINK: <http://laredotx.swagit.com/live>
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** 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 Section 30.06 Penal Code (trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun.

Pursuant to Section 30.07 Penal Code (trespass by license holder with an openly carried handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a handgun that is carried openly.

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- IV. ROLL CALL**
- V. MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes of October 16, 2023.

Citizen comments

Citizens can participate through in-person and written comments submitted through an online form. Citizens wishing to provide in-person comments 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. Speakers may not pass their minutes to any other speaker. Citizens wishing to submit a written public comment must submit here or visit <https://www.cityoflaredo.com/council-agendas.html> by 12:00 noon of the Council meeting day. All comments should be relevant to City business and delivered in a professional manner. No derogatory remarks will be permitted.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Recognition of City of Laredo Employees who are celebrating "Milestone" years of service during the month of November.
2. In collaboration with the Texas Health Institute, the first Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) was released. The culmination of this process is the development and publication of a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), which serves as a comprehensive guide for translating the insights garnered from the CHNA into tangible actions that provide a strategic framework to address health disparities and challenges in our community.

VII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment by Mayor Pro-Tempore Vanessa Perez of Cindy Guerra to the Laredo Commission for Women.
2. Appointment by Mayor Pro-Tempore Vanessa Perez of Michelle Romani to the Convention & Visitors Bureau Advisory Committee.
3. Appointment by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa of Francisco Diaz to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for a reception hall (outdoor) on Lots 9 and 10, Block 143, Western Division, located at 1519 Matamoros Street.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **approval** of the proposed conditional use permit with the conditions of removing landscaping condition from the CUP and to allow acoustic music under 70 decimal levels for Friday and Saturday evenings, and staff **supports** the application.

ZC-101-2023
District VIII

4. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo authorizing the issuance of a Planned Unit Development District (P.U.D.) overlay for townhomes on an approximately 8.04 acre tract of land, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit B, located south of Juan Escutia Boulevard and west of Cavatina Drive.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **approval** of the proposed Planned Unit Development District (P.U.D.) overlay and staff **supports** the application.

ZC-107-2023
District VI

5. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning an approximately 15.32 acre tract of land, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit B, located south of State Highway 359 and east of Old Milwaukee Road, from 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-109-2023
District III

6. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for Industrial - Warehousing on an approximately 15.32 acre tract of land, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit B, located south of State Highway 359 and east of Old Milwaukee Road.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **approval** of the proposed conditional use permit and staff **supports** the application.

ZC-110-2023

District III

7. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning an approximately 2.64 acre tract of land, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit A, located at 7607 North Bartlett Avenue from B-3 (Community Business District) to R-1B (Single Family High Density District).

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

ZC-112-2023

District V

8. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, 2, and 3, Block 819, Eastern Division, and an approximately 0.028-acres tract of land as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit A, located at 1501 Chihuahua Street, from R-O (Residential/Office District) to B-1 (Limited Business District).

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

ZC-113-2023

District III

9. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for a Contractor's Office/Sales, No Outside Storage on Lots 4 and 5, Block 763, Western Division, located at 2805 Salinas Avenue.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **approval** of the proposed conditional use permit and staff **supports** the application.

ZC-114-2023

District VIII

IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

10. **2023-O-221** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, Amending Chapter 2, Article II, Division 1, Section 2-16, "Departments of the City" of the code of ordinances by adding the "Detoxification Department"; Repealing all ordinances or part of ordinances in conflict therewith; Providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; Providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date.

11. **2023-O-222** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement with the Laredo Film Society for the use of office space located at 510 San Agustin Avenue, Suite B, Laredo, Texas 78040, for a term of three (3) years at an annual rate of one (\$1) dollar, with an option to renew for an additional three-year term, contingent on satisfaction of City insurance requirements, providing that the Laredo Film Society shall be responsible for all costs related to daily maintenance, utilities, and property taxes associated with the leased premises, and providing for an effective date.
12. **2023-O-223** An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2023-O-101 and updating the criteria governing tax abatements by the City of Laredo pursuant to the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ) program created under Resolution 2013-R-023, and making the necessary findings of public benefit for the purposes of promoting development of retail food stores; and providing an effective date.

X. 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.

AIRPORT: STAFF SOURCE GILBERTO SANCHEZ, AIRPORT DIRECTOR

13. Consideration to approve contract renewal for FY22-082 with Vector Airport Systems, Herndon, VA for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 per year, which includes a percentage range (4% to 17%), charted at the point of billing all aircraft landing fees for Flight Tracking/Automatic Billing System. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This contract can be renewed with four (4) additional one (1) year extensions, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available from the Airport Budget Fund.
14. Authorizing the City Manager to purchase the Excess Aviation Insurance for the Laredo International Airport, including coverage for General Liability, Terrorism Risk Insurance Act and War, with (Chubb Insurer) Victor O. Shinnerer & Co, Inc, in the total amount of \$53,077.36 for coverage from October 1, 2023, through October 1, 2024. Funding is available in the Airport Operations Fund.

CITY MANAGER'S: STAFF SOURCE JOSEPH W. NEEB, CITY MANAGER

15. **2023-R-222** A Resolution authorizing and advancing the funding to the Laredo Webb County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) the amount not to exceed \$376, 504.25 (three hundred seventy-six thousand five hundred and four dollars and 25/100) (the "funds") for the payment of WSP USA, Inc. for consulting services for the development of the 2025-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) update project which said sums are 100% reimbursable from federal funds

supplied to the MPO as per the fiscal agreement between the City of Laredo and the MPO. Funding is available in the General Fund - Planning MPO Grant.

CITY SECRETARY: STAFF SOURCE JOSE A. VALDEZ, JR., CITY SECRETARY

16. Discussion with possible action to appoint a Mayor Pro Tempore as per Ordinance 2011-O-029, and any other matters incident thereto.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: STAFF SOURCE TINA MARTINEZ, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

17. Consideration to approve contract renewal FY22-004 with Ruby's Air Conditioning, Inc., Laredo, TX for an estimated annual amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 for various housing properties for the Laredo Municipal Housing Department. This contract establishes an hourly service rate and cost percentage for parts. The term of this contract shall be for period of two (2) years beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This is the last extension period for this contract. There was no price increase during the last extension period. In All repair services will be purchased on an as-needed basis and funding is available in the Laredo Municipal Housing Budget.
18. **2023-R-221** Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to purchase the "Surface Only" of a 1.53 acre tract from Geronimo Santos for \$353,721.00, plus closing costs. The parcel being out of east 20.3527 acres, Records of Webb County, Texas. Situated in Porcion 23, Abstract 283, Original Grantee Leonardo Sanchez Webb County, Texas. Being more particularly described and depicted in the attached Exhibit "A". Providing for an effective date. Funding is available in the 2022 C.O. Issue.

DETOX: STAFF SOURCE DR. VIVIANA MARTINEZ, DIRECTOR

19. Consideration to award contract FY24-015 to the sole bidder, Victoria's Catering, Laredo, Texas, for an annual amount not to exceed \$307,216.00 for providing meals for the detoxification department. The term of this contract is subject to future appropriations and will commence on December 1st, 2023; the contract shall be for a two-year period beginning at the date of execution, with an option to renew for two additional years. Funding for this contract is available in the ARPA budget.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: STAFF SOURCE MIRIAM CASTILLO, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

20. Consideration to award service contract FY23-087 to LiftFund, Inc., Laredo, TX in the amount of \$500,000.00 to provide micro-lending services to the City of Laredo. LiftFund assists in buying down interest rates on individual loans in order to assist qualifying small and micro-businesses in the City of Laredo that have suffered financial losses as a result of COVID-19. Services provided by this contract utilizes grant funding and the term of contract shall be for a period of one year, subject to future appropriations and may be extended for one additional one-year period. Funding is available in the American Rescue Act Plan Fund.
21. Consideration to award service contract FY23-088 to LiftFund, Inc., Laredo, TX. In the amount of \$500,000.00 to provide micro-lending services. LiftFund will provide grants to qualifying small and micro-businesses in the City of Laredo and that have suffered financial losses as a result of COVID-19. Services provided by these contracts utilize grant funding and the terms of the contract shall be for a period of one year, subject to future appropriations and may be extended for one additional one-year period. Funding is available in the American Rescue Act Plan Fund.
22. **2023-R-211** Authorizing the City of Laredo to nominate Laredo Texas Hospital Company, L.P. D/B/A Laredo Medical Center to the Office of the Governor, Economic Development and Tourism ("OOGEDT") through the Economic Development Bank as an enterprise project under the Texas Enterprise Zone Program. Laredo Medical Center proposes to invest at least \$12.5 million over the next five years in additional capital expenditures for new equipment and renovation projects to its cath labs, inpatient rehabilitation unit, and its interventional radiology lab. This nomination will have no financial impact on the City of Laredo.

FIRE: STAFF SOURCE GUILLERMO HEARD, FIRE CHIEF

23. **2023-R-216** Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to purchase the "Surface Only" of a 2.01 acre tract from Cuatro Vientos South Ltd. for \$730,000.00 plus closing costs. The parcels are 1.70 acres out of a 9.39 acre tract, Porcion 35 J.M. Diaz and a 0.31 acre tract out of a 490.78 acre tract recorded in vol. 4225 pg. 242, Webb County Official Public Records. Being more particularly described and depicted in the attached exhibit "A". Providing an effective date. Funding is available in the 2022 CO Bond.
24. Consideration to approve a purchase with Siddons Martin Emergency Group, LLC, Denton, TX, for the amount of \$713,190.00 to purchase two ambulances that will replace two 2017 front-line units as part of the Laredo Fire Department's Emergency Vehicle Replacement Program. We are utilizing Buyboard Contract # 650-21 for this purchase. Funding is available in the 2023 CO Bond.

25. Consideration to approve a purchase with Silsbee Ford, Inc, Silsbee, TX, in the amount of \$958,303.50 to purchase twenty vehicles to replace emergency and non-emergency staff vehicles as part of the Laredo Fire Department's Emergency Vehicle Replacement Program. Funding is available in the 2023 CO Bond. TIPS contract # 210907 is being utilized for this purchase.

HEALTH: STAFF SOURCE DR. RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, HEALTH DIRECTOR

26. **2023-R-217** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services Office of Border Public Health and accept the amount of \$9,999.00 for the City of Laredo Health Department to conduct binational meetings, trainings, health promotion and vector control events for the term from September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024.
27. **2023-R-218** Authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a contract with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services for the amount of \$12,574.00 with no match for the City of Laredo Health Department Nurse Family Partnership Program for the term period from September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024.
28. **2023-R-219** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration in the estimated amount of \$450,000.00 per year for a total amount of \$2,250,000.00, with no match for the City of Laredo Health Department to implement Transition for Youth with Autism and/or Epilepsy Demonstration Projects for the term period from September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2029.
29. Consideration for approval of the purchase of a new Class C RV Mobile Medical Unit from CGS Premier through GSA Contract #47QMCA21D000U for the City of Laredo Health Department in the amount of \$371,546.00. Funding is available through allocated ARPA funds to enhance delivery public health services.
30. Consideration for approval of the purchase of thirty Dell 16" Precision 5680 Mobile Workstations and thirty Dell Thunderbolt 4 Dock Stations in the amount of \$84,714.80 for the City of Laredo Health Department. Funding is available through allocated ARPA funds for public health preparedness and response.

INFORMATION SERVICES & TELECOMMUNICATION: STAFF SOURCE JOSE C. RIVERA, IST DIRECTOR

31. 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, 2023, at an annual fee of \$40,000.00; Payable quarterly in four (4) equal payments of \$10,000.00.
32. Authorizing the City Manager to purchase IBMi Power 10 Servers from SPR VAR to replace our existing Power 8 servers for the amount of \$304,962.16. Funding is available through the 2016 CO Issue Bond, and the Information Technology Fund.
33. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a contract between Carbyne, Inc. and the City of Laredo to purchase renewal subscriptions for Carbyne Universe, a solution that helps agencies minimize response times and maximize efficiency during 9-1-1 calls. Features include enhanced location and video call capabilities. Services will be implemented throughout the South Texas Region (Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb, and Zapata Counties) and will be purchased through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Contract No. EC07-23 in the total amount of \$112,728.00 for a two-year period. Funding is available in the Regional 9-1-1 Fund.

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

34. Consideration to award service contract FY23-084 to Patriot Fire & Security (REMJ LLC.), Laredo, Texas for an amount up to \$50,000.00 for providing alarm monitoring, maintenance, and repair services for various Recreation Centers. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one year beginning as of the date of its execution. This contract may be extended for three, additional one-year periods upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Parks & Recreation Department Fund.
35. Consideration to approve a contract with GameTime c/o Cunningham Recreation, Charlotte, NC, in the total amount of \$135,556.05 for the purchase and installation of playground equipment amenities for the Parks & Recreation Department at Santa Fe Park. These purchases shall be made utilizing the OMNIA Cooperative Purchasing Contract Program. All labor, materials, equipment, insurance, and bonds are included in the total price. Funding for these playground amenities are available in the 2018 and 2021a C.O. District Priority Funds.

POLICE: STAFF SOURCE MIGUEL A. RODRIGUEZ, JR., CHIEF OF POLICE

36. **2023-R-212** Authorizing the City Manager to ratify the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$349,529.21 from the Office of the Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division for the purpose of funding the 2024 Operation Lone Star (OLS) 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 is accounted for in the Special Police Fund.
37. **2023-R-214** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$4,356,905.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the Community Oriented Policing Service (COPS) Program. The City of Laredo will utilize this funding to hire fifteen new police officers for a period of three years. The grant portion will fund the \$1,875,000.00 and the remaining \$2,481,905.00 must be provided as local match. Funding is available under the Special Police Fund - COPS Hiring Program.
38. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement between the Laredo Transit Management, Inc., (Lessor) and the City of Laredo Police Department (Lessee) for the lease of 340.72 sq. ft. of building space located on the first floor west wing of the Laredo Transit Center, 1301 Farragut Street, for a total monthly sum of \$400.00 for a term of three years commencing on January 1, 2024. Lessor covenants and agrees to allow the Lessee to occupy the premises beginning January 1, 2024, without paying rent until October 1, 2024. Funding is available in the Police General Fund.

PUBLIC WORKS: STAFF SOURCE JOHN ORFILA, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

39. Consideration to award annual supply contract FY24-005 to the following bidders:
- 1) CMC Commercial Metals, Laredo, Texas, for an annual amount of up to \$300,000.00 (Primary Vendor) and;
 - 2) Beaver's Source LLC, Laredo Texas, for an annual amount of up to \$100,000.00 (Secondary Vendor).

This contract establishes pricing for the purchase of construction materials such as lumber, tools for concrete/construction, steel, rebar wire and mesh needed for repairs and construction projects. All materials will be purchased on an as-needed basis. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one year and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This contract can be renewed with two additional one-year extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Public Works Department General Fund.

40. Consideration to award contract FY24-006 to sole bidder LG Concrete, Laredo, Texas, as a fourth supplier for the purchase of ready mix cement (job site delivered) for Public Works and various city departments for an annual amount of \$250,000.00. This contract will be for a one-year period and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one year beginning as of the date of its execution and may be extended for three, with an additional one-year period upon mutual agreement of the parties. All materials will be purchased on an as-needed basis. Funding for this contract is available in the respective City departments' operational budget.

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

41. Consideration to renew contract FY22-009 with Gutierrez Machine and Welding Shop, Laredo, Texas in the amount of \$100,000.00 for providing welding repair and fabrication services for the Solid Waste Services Department. Services include, but are not limited to, repairs to equipment or items brought to the shop that require welding or fabrication. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This is the second of three-year extension periods. All services will be secured on an as-needed basis. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Services Department Fund.
42. Consideration to award contract FY24-013 Dirt Hauling Services to the low bidder Double D Trucking, Laredo, TX. in annual amount up to \$784,000.00 for the purchase and hauling of approximately 175,000 tons of earthen soil to the City's solid waste facility. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one year and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This contract can be extended to three additional one-year periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. All earthen soil will be purchased on an as-needed basis. The Solid Waste Department will use these soils to cover the landfill cells on a weekly basis in accordance with TCEQ requirements. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Services Department Fund.

TAX: STAFF SOURCE DORA MALDONADO, TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

43. Motion to approve tax roll adjustments for the month of October 2023. The amounts adjusted represent a decrease of \$37,815.86 for prior year taxes and a decrease of \$252,714.01 for current year taxes. The aggregate adjustment represents a decrease of \$290,529.87. These adjustments are determined by value changes reported by the Webb County Appraisal District.

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

44. Authorizing the City Manager to award a contract to LED Electrical Lighting Contractors in the amount of \$82,700.00 for the installation of an emergency electrical generator in the Utilities Department's main building. A total of four bidders submitted bids. The bidders are ALC Construction Co., Inc. (\$57,000.00); LED Electrical Lighting Contractors (\$82,700.00); W-Industries (\$85,015.00); and Midas Contractors, LLC (\$114,500.00). The low bidder was ALC Construction Co., Inc., but the lowest responsive bidder is LED Electrical Lighting Contractors. Funding is available in the Waterworks Construction Bond and the Sewer System Construction Bond.
45. Consideration to renew annual supply and service contract FY21-037 with E & E Air Conditioning, Laredo, Texas for an amount up to \$100,000.00 to provide HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) repair services for the water treatment plants. This contract establishes an hourly service rate and cost percentage for parts. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one year and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the last extension period for this contract. All services will be purchased on an as-needed basis and funding will be secured from the Utilities Fund - Water Treatment Division.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XI. STAFF REPORTS

46. 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.
47. Status report with possible action by the Utilities Department on the water, including but not limited to quality, infrastructure, level status, improvements, and any other matters incident thereto.
48. Presentation by the Laredo Commission for Women of their 2023-2024 Action Plan with possible action and any matters incident thereto.
49. Status report with possible action by the Fire Department on the relocation of Fire Station 6 and Fire Fleet Shop, currently located at 4309 Maher; and any other matters incident thereto.

XII. 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.

50. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.072 related to the conveyance of real property consisting of 7.498 acres of Airport Property by TxDOT for the expansion of US Highway 59.
51. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074 to discuss with possible action the compensation of the Internal Auditor and any matter incident thereto.
52. **2023-R-220** Request for executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.072 to deliberate the acquisition of real property related to the Hachar-Reuthinger roadway and authorizing the City Manager to execute an Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) No. 3483-02-002 with the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) for an On-System Project funded through the Urban Connectivity Program, Metropolitan Area Corridor Program, Preventative Maintenance & Rehab Program, and Surface Transportation Program - Metropolitan Mobility. This project consists of the construction of a new location roadway, designated as SH 84, from FM 1472 to IH 35, approximately 8.43 mi long. The original AFA, CSJ: #0922-33-165 will be terminated as a result of this AFA. Funding is available in the 2016 CO Bond; and any other matters incident thereto.
53. **GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**
 - A. **Request by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino**
 1. Discussion with possible action of mitigation measures on Loop 20 to reduce vehicle speed and fatalities, and any matters related thereto.
 2. Discussion with possible action to address homelessness within the City of Laredo and long term planning to be incorporated within the City's strategic planning, and any matters related thereto.

B. Request by Council Member Ruben Gutierrez, Jr.

1. Presentation by the Rio Grande International Study Center's Laredo Climate Cohort on this year's capstone project and any matters incident thereto.

C. Request by Council Member Dr. Tyler King

1. Discussion with possible action to address the operational status of the Detox Center, including plans to hire a medical director, and any other incident matters thereto. **(Co-sponsored by Mayor Dr. Victor Treviño, and CM Alberto Torres)**
2. Discussion regarding possible action to reappoint by resolution the following City of Laredo appointed board members of TIRZ #2, for a second two year term and reappoint the chair to its one-year term, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsor by CM Gilbert Gonzalez)**
 1. Joe Zuniga (Chair)
 2. Olivia Varela
 3. Edward Ochoa
3. Discussion with possible action to direct City Management and City Staff to hire current City vendors to maintain City property overgrown with grass, weeds and other physical and visual hazards when staff vacancies and heavy rains prevent maintenance being done in a timely manner, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsor by CM Gilbert Gonzalez and MPT Vanessa Perez)**

D. Request by Council Member Vanessa J. Perez

1. Discussion and Possible Action - Transitioning the Autism Coalition into an Advisory Committee for the Blue-Ribbon Committee for Persons with Disabilities. The Autism Advisory Committee would operate in an unofficial capacity and aim to be inclusive, representing individuals living with autism, parents, and advocates providing recommendations to the Blue-Ribbon Committee on Persons with Disabilities.
2. Discussion with possible action to work with TXDOT to evaluate and improve the following intersections to help improve mobility, traffic and safety concerns, and any other matters incident thereto.
 - Bristol and FM1472
 - Riverbank and FM1472
 - Verde Blvd. and FM1472
 - I-69 frontage at Riverbank Dr. for a crosswalk

3. Discussion with possible action to implement measures that will restrict industrial traffic from utilizing Riverbank drive to connect to Flecha Lane, and any other matters incident thereto.

E. Request by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa

1. Discussion with possible action to direct management to convert the city parking lots in the Azteca Neighborhood to free parking and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action for an update on regulating junkyards, abandoned vehicles, automotive wrecking yards, machine shops and related codes, hazards, nuisance with the intent of modifying our ordinances to enhance enforcement authority and efforts and any other matters incident thereto.
3. Discussion with possible action to direct management to implement angled parking along Hidalgo St and Flores Ave at El Mercado Plaza, as recommended by the Board of the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1 and as designed by KCI Technologies, and any other matters incident thereto.

F. Request by Council Member Gilbert Gonzalez

1. Discussion with possible action to recognize AVANTI Modeling School and the outstanding models that represented Laredo modeling on the runway at New York Fashion Week recently. The talented models are Valentina Jennings, Madison Brewster, Khloe Gonzalez and Kylie Martinez under Instructor Ivana Roosel Aker and Director Laura Cervantes and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to direct the City Manager to have staff review the proposed expansion of Mangana-Hein road project in collaboration with TxDot and Webb County and to execute an interlocal agreement with Webb County; and any other matters incident thereto.

G. Request by Council Member Daisy Campos Rodriguez

1. Recognizing the Ligarde Elementary 5th grade volleyball team for being undefeated for the last two years, being named back to back 2023 City Champions and the Ligarde Elementary 3rd grade volleyball team and 3rd

grade red volleyball team for being 2023 City Champions.

2. Discussion with possible action to instruct Internal Audit to do an investigation into the Laredo Center for the Arts on their third party funding and which organizations are assisted with funding and any other matters incident thereto.
3. Discussion with possible action to direct the City Manager to instruct staff to look into the possibility of paving the entrance to the SOLA Center and the access ramps for the kayak ramps and any other matters incident thereto.

H. Request by Council Member Melissa R. Cigarroa

1. Discussion with possible action to ratify the city attorney's decision to send a letter to the Texas Fourth Court of Appeals requesting expediency in the judgment of the election appeal between Ms. Daisy Campos Rodriguez and Mr. Ricardo Rangel Jr., and any other matters incident thereto.
(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Dr. Tyler King and Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa)
2. To restore faith in the public in our electoral process, discussion with possible action for a resolution to request Ms. Campos Rodriguez to refrain from any decision-making and/or expenditure of District 2 funds until the appeals process in the election appeal between her and Mr. Ricardo Rangel Jr. is exhausted, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Dr. Tyler King and Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa)**
3. Discussion with possible action to instruct the city attorney to take legal action against the Biden administration's revocation of 27 federal laws along the Starr County border where the City of Laredo has property interests, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Dr. Tyler King and Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa)**

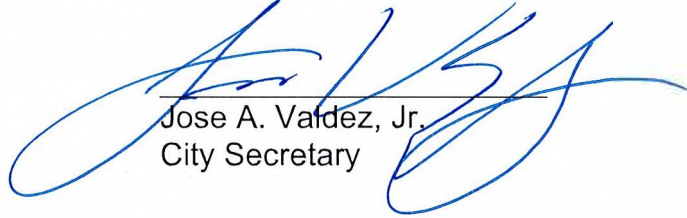
I. Request by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action to recognize Lic. Eduardo Garza-Robles on Uni-Trade's 35th Anniversary and for the many contributions in the areas of economic development, customs brokerage, and community involvement.
2. Discussion with possible action to schedule a legislative update workshop by the City Attorney's Office for the City Council and staff; and any other

matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pro-Tempore Vanessa Perez, Council Member Gilbert Gonzalez and Council Member Ruben Gutierrez, Jr.)**

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 Friday, November 17, 2023, at 5:00pm.



Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary

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