

City of Laredo

1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

A-2024-R-16

Monday, October 28, 2024

5:30 PM

City Council Chambers

City Council

**City of Laredo
Regular City Council Meeting
A-2024-R-16
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
October 28th, 2024
5:30 P.M.**

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

Approval of Minutes of:

September 3, 2024
September 11, 2024
September 16, 2024
October 1, 2024
October 21, 2024

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizens can participate through in-person comments. 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. All comments should be relevant to City business and delivered in a professional manner. No derogatory remarks will be permitted.

VII. RECOGNITION

1. Recognizing Ivanna Rosell for her outstanding dedication to her volunteer work since 2022 with Allie's Bird Project, which provides handmade items to NICU families in Laredo, TX. In June 2024, she co-founded "Heartbeats of Hope" with her mother to advocate for premature babies, motivated by her own experience of being born prematurely. This year, Ivanna has completed about 80 hours of community service. As Junior Miss Texas All American Miss 2024, she has supported several organizations, including Communities in Schools and Laredo Crime Stoppers, and has participated as a special guest at local events. Ivanna's blend of academic success, volunteerism, and leadership through her pageant role emphasizes her commitment to community service and her potential as an inspiring young leader.

[REC.-37](#)

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING & INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE

1. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas finding that a paper street in the City of Laredo, Texas, is no longer useful or convenient to the public, that it is an unnecessary expense to the City of Laredo and closing, vacating and abandoning that paper street, being a 0.32-acre tract of land out of 1600 block of Urbahn Avenue Right-of-Way, situated in District II, The Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas; and providing for a reversion of fee in said paper street to the underlying property owners, but reserving a perpetual utility easement; hereof, closed as a public easement and providing for an effective date.
2. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a contract from Texas Health and Human Services Commission for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD) Grant, amending the FY2024-2025 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$150,000.00, with no match for the City of Laredo Public Health Department, and amend the City of Laredo Public Health Department FY2024-2025 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Position Listing by creating one Health Educator Supervisor, 210 position, for the term upon full execution of the contract through August 31, 2025. Funds will be accounted for in the Laredo Public Health Department Fund - ADRD Grant.

[24-1702](#)[24-1861](#)

3. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a contract from Texas Health and Human Services Commission for the HIV Clinical HIV/STI Prevention in Community Health Centers Grant, amending the FY2024-2025 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$345,283.00, with no match for the City of Laredo Public Health Department for the term from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. Funds will be accounted for in the Laredo Public Health Department Fund - HIV Clinical HIV/STI Prevention in Community Health Centers Grant. [24-1862](#)
4. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 7, Building and Building Regulations, Article I.-In General, Section 7-2, Same - Amendments; Code of Ordinances, Chapter 11, Electricity, Article III.-Permits; Fees; Inspection, Section 11-44, Same Fees (a)(6) - Amendments; Code of Ordinances, Chapter 25, Plumbing, Article I. - In General, Section 25-8, Other Inspections and Fee (1); by establishing a foundation-only permit and permit fee for commercial and residential construction of \$200.00; and establishing a solar panel permit and solar panel permit fee for commercial and residential construction of \$200.00, and establishing a process for Pre-development Meeting and Pre-development Service fee of \$200.00; establishing an After-hour inspection process and an After-hour inspection fee \$150.00; establishing a Partial inspection process and a Partial inspection fee of \$75.00; providing a cumulative and repealing clause; providing a severability clause; providing for publication; providing for a penalty; and declaring an effective date. [24-1883](#)
5. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 15, "Health and Sanitation," Article I "In General" of the Code of Ordinances Section 15-5 "Fees for Immunization Services" to update section 15-5 (c) "Non-State Private Stock Vaccines" to include Insurance Payment subsection (1) and Cash and Card Payment subsection (2); and remove Vaccine Price Schedule; providing a severability clause; providing a savings clause; and providing for an effective date. [24-1994](#)

6. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY2025 Airport Operations Budget to accept and appropriate revenues and expenses by the amount of \$1,532,905.00, for Federal Aviation Administration Grant No. 3-48-0136-107-2024. Said grant will be used for the purpose of preparing an airport master plan update and a pavement management program for the Laredo International Airport. Local match is \$170,323.00; funding will be allocated in the Airport Fund; total project cost is \$1,703,228.00; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date. [24-1886](#)

7. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the FY24-25 Solid Waste budget by drawing down from fund balance and appropriating expenditures in the amount of \$5,414,700.00 for rent and equipment purchases. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Fund. [24-1919](#)

8. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the City of Laredo Land Development Code, Section 24.77.1, entitled Dimensional Standards, to remove the minimum lot depth requirement of 85 feet in R-1B (Single-Family High-Density District) zoning districts, and providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative, providing for severability clause, and providing for publication and effective date. [24-1953](#)

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed ordinance amendment.

9. 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 trucking company on Lot 3, Block 1, Canseco Subdivision, Unit 3, Lot 1, Block 1, Gambit Plat, and approximately 11.2 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit A, located at 5412 Santa Maria Avenue, 4925 Tesoro Plaza Drive, and 1318 West Calton Road. [24-1954](#)

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

ZC-057-2024
District VII

- 10.** Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 5, Block 1069, Eastern Division, located at 1204 South Urbahn Avenue, from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-3 (Community Business District). [24-1957](#)

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

ZC-074-2024
District II

- 11.** Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 3194.7 square feet out of Lot 2, Block 664, Eastern Division, as further described in meets and bounds in attached Exhibit A, located at 1215 Ryan Street, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District). [24-1958](#)

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed zone change and staff does not support the application.

ZC-075-2024
District IV

- 12.** Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 2, Block 1, Palm Lake Subdivision, Phase 1, located at 819 Rancho Viejo Drive, from R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District). [24-1960](#)

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

ZC-077-2024
District VII

- 13.** Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 12 and the west 1/2 of Lot 11, Block 1000, Eastern Division, located at 1802 Mercer Street, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District). [24-1961](#)

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed zone change and staff did not support the application.

ZC-071-2024
District II

- 14.** Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 2.50 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit A, located at 23311 FM 1472, from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District). [24-1962](#)

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

ZC-072-2024
District VII

- 15.** Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant, approve a program, and appropriate funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in partnership with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for the FY 2024 Shelter and Services Program - Competitive (SSP-C) and amend the FY 24-25 General Fund Budget by increasing revenues and expenses in the amount of \$3,096,483.00. The grant performance period is from October 1, 2023-September 30, 2026; grant funding will be used to provide services to individuals and families released from Department of Homeland Security custody. There is no cost share requirement. Funding will be available in the Special Fire Grants Fund. [24-1964](#)

- 16.** Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Capital Improvements Fund by appropriating revenues and expenditures, and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget amendment for the finalization of the original design of the North Central ADA Park in the amount of \$550,000.00 that shall include the extension of the existing parking lot past Sweden Lane and various amenities for the inclusive play area. Funds will be from a donation provided by Robert P. Gutierrez. [24-1970](#)

17. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending Chapter 23, Section 23-6 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo to amend the field rental fees to \$150.00 per field, \$35.00 for lights, \$40.00 for marking, \$150.00 for concession, deposit of 40% of total rental fees and \$750.00 for Complex Rental Rate. Revenues are from funds generated by the field rental fees and will be used for supplies, and maintenance of the facilities; containing a savings clause; containing a severability clause and, providing an effective date. New fees will be deposited into General Fund and Recreation Fund. [24-1979](#)
18. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas authorizing a promissory note in the aggregate principal amount of \$4,115,000.00 together with the contract for loan guarantee assistance under Section 108 of The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C., Section 5308, in connection therewith; providing for findings. [24-1974](#)
19. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute a grant as a subrecipient awarded by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on behalf of the Texas Energy Poverty Research Institute (TEPRI) in the amount of \$5,143,991.00, with no match, and amending the Community Development Housing Rehabilitation Fund FY 2025 annual budget for the Solar For All Fund by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$5,143,991.00. This grant will provide two Full Time Equivalent (FTE) - Senior Office Assistant positions. Funding for the City of Laredo's Solar For All Program will deliver direct energy bill savings by providing financial assistance for the installation of solar panels on homes for low-income households. [24-1981](#)
20. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending Ordinance #2016-O-012, which establishes the adoption of a pet agreement for all the City of Laredo Airport Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 150 Noise Compatibility Program and the Jose A. Flores Duplexes single-family units and managed by the Community Development, Municipal Housing Division, by revising the terms and conditions of the agreement by which tenants are allowed to keep pets. [24-1989](#)

(Recess)
(Press Availability)

IX. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

21. Ratifying the execution of a contract from the U.S. Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service, amending the FY24-25 annual budget for the Environmental Services fund by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, with \$16,194.00 in in-kind match for a total of \$1,016,194.00. Funds will be used for the Zacate Creek Restoration Project. [24-1920](#)
22. An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to appropriate revenue and expenditure funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 for the Springfield Phase 4 Extension Project. Funding is available in the Capital Grants. Webb County - City of Laredo Regional Mobile Authority (WC-CL RMA) shall provide the Phase 4 Funding Commitment, on a cost-reimbursement basis, for costs incurred by the City in performing the Phase 4 Construction Services. [24-1937](#)
23. Approval of a First Amendment to Rooftop License Agreement between Pinnacle Towers III, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and the City of Laredo for the use of space at the Hamilton Hotel for the purposes of IT connectivity. [24-1982](#)
The initial term of this agreement will be five years commencing on July 31, 2024 and ending on July 30, 2029; term shall automatically extend for two renewal periods of five years each unless either party provides written notice to the other of its election not to renew 180 days prior to the end of the current term. Rent shall be 718.92 cents per month with a CPI increase on every anniversary of such date thereafter.
24. Ratifying the City Manager's acceptance and execution of a grant for the Texas A&M Forest Service's Community Forestry Grant in the amount of \$16,000.00, with \$13,000 in matching funds by the City of Laredo. And amending the city of Laredo's FY 2025 annual budget for the Environmental Services fund by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$16,000.00. The matching funds are available through the Environmental Department Fund, The Parks and Recreation Department Fund and Keep Laredo Beautiful. All funds will be utilized for purchasing and planting trees at Independence Hills Park. [24-2006](#)

X. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

- 25.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 2.66 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit A, located at 26811 FM 1472, from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District). [2024-O-201](#)
- ZC-064-2024
District VII
- 26.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 7, Block 2032, Eastern Division, located at 3222 Santa Clara Street, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District). [2024-O-202](#)
- ZC-065-2024
District III
- 27.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for a restaurant serving alcohol on Lot 3, Block 1, Del Mar North Filing Number 1, located at 7718 McPherson Road, Building 2, Suite 2 (expansion of 2,795 square feet only). [2024-O-203](#)
- ZC-066-2024
District V
- 28.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 16.5161 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit A, located east of US Highway 83 and north of La Pita Mangana Road, from AG (Agriculture) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District). [2024-O-204](#)
- ZC-068-2024
District II
- 29.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas amending Chapter 31 (Utilities), Article II (Sewers and Sewage Disposal), Division 1 (Generally), Section 31-16 (Definitions), Division 5 (Rates and Charges), Section 31-95 (Penalty for Nonpayment; Deferred Payment Plan); and Section 31-97 (Fees); amending Article III, (Water), Division 2 (Use Restrictions) (c); Division 3 (Rates and Charges), Section 31-138.1.1 (Fees) to Section 31-138.4 (Refund of Security Deposits); and Section 31-140 (Fire Hydrant Meters) to Section 31-141 (Water Availability) (b) (3); providing for publication and an effective date. [2024-O-205](#)

- 30.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 35.3737 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit A, located east of US Highway 83 and north of La Pita Mangana Road, from AG (Agriculture) to B-3 (Community Business District). [2024-O-206](#)
- ZC-069-2024
District II
- 31.** An of ordinance of the City of Laredo amending the City of Laredo fiscal year 2023-2024 Fleet Management fund by appropriating revenues and expenses of \$1,200,000 for the projected additional revenues and continued operational repairs. [2024-O-207](#)
- 32.** An Ordinance repealing Ordinance Number 2024-O-108, which authorized the City Manager to accept and appropriate the funds from Seven Flags Regional Advisory Council, Laredo, TX, and amended the FY24 General Fund Budget; such ordinance must be repealed because Seven Flags Regional Council grant is for communities with a population of 50,000 or less and Funds of \$312,000.00 must be returned. [2024-O-208](#)
- 33.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending section 24.65.16 of the Laredo Land Development Code, titled "M-1 Light Manufacturing District," creating subsection (7) which will impose distance regulations to prevent bars, night clubs, cantinas, saloons, billiard parlors, and carnivals from being located within 300 feet of any residential district. [2024-O-209](#)
- 34.** Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending Chapter 5.5 relating to charges for ambulance services; Article I, Section 5.5-28, of the Code of Ordinances by amending "Attachment A" to the Laredo Fire Department Ambulance Fee Schedule. Fees will be deposited into General Fund. [2024-O-210](#)
- 35.** Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending Chapter 12: Fire Prevention and Protection; Article IV, Section 12-81, Fire Prevention Fees and Article V, Section 12-91, Firefighting Fee-Based Education Fees. Fees will be deposited into General Fund. [2024-O-211](#)

36. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY25 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions listing by adding two Investigative Support Specialist, two RTCC Drone Remote Pilots, and one Public Information Specialist as awarded by the Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) for the FY25 SB224 Catalytic Converter Grant for the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. Funding is available in the Auto Theft Task Force Fund. [2024-O-214](#)
37. Final Reading for ordinance No. 2024-O-216 Chapter 31 (Utilities), Article VI (Water Museum Fees and Policies) Section 31-243 Fines and fees for the Laredo Water Museum. This ordinance establishes a fee schedule for the utilization of the Laredo Water Museum during standard operating hours and non-operating hours. [2024-O-216](#)
38. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY24 Auto Theft Task Force Fund Budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$116,628.00 to fund the Laredo Auto Theft Task Force, as awarded by the Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority. This adjustment will fund the local match requirement of \$116,628.00 from General Fund. The grant award is in the amount of \$1,401,606.00 with a cash match of \$599,328.00 for a total grant amount of \$2,000,934.00. The performance period is September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025. [2024-O-221](#)

XI. 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: GILBERTO SANCHEZ, DIRECTOR

39. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to ratify the acceptance of Grant No. 3-48-0136-107-2024 from the Federal Aviation Administration in the amount of \$1,532,905.00, for the Laredo International Airport with a local match of is \$170,323.00 for a total project cost of \$1,703,228.00, for the purposes of developing an Airport Master Plan Update and A Pavement Management Program. Funding will be allocated in the Airport Fund; Providing for severability; and providing for an effective date. [2024-R-304](#)

40. Consideration to award contract FY24-105 to sole bidder, Hubpoint Strategic Advisers, LLC, Charlotte, NC in the amount of \$65,000.00 for professional consulting for air cargo service development. The term of this agreement shall be for one year with two options to renew, with each option being for an additional one year term upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available through the Laredo International Airport Operations Fund. [24-1921](#)
41. Consideration to award contract FY24-106 to GRA Incorporated, Alexandria, VA and Merchant Aviation LLC, a Groupe ADP (Aéroports De Paris) company, Summit, NJ for air service development and consulting services, each contract shall not to exceed \$75,000.00. The term of this agreement shall be for one year with two options to renew, with each option being for an additional one year term upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available through the Laredo International Airport Operations Fund. [24-1923](#)

BRIDGE: KENT RICHARD, INTERIM DIRECTOR

42. Consideration for the approval of the purchase of network security equipment from Insight Public Sector, Inc. through the OMNIA Partners Public Sector purchasing group (Contract Number 23-6692-03). In the amount of \$138,765.00 to secure network communications on the Bridge System's new failover data circuits. Agreement includes three years of subscription fees and a three year extended service agreement, starting 2024 through 2027. Funding is available through Laredo Bridge System Funds. [24-1786](#)
43. Consideration to approve the contract with SmartCom Telephone to install four data circuits for network redundancy, one per bridge, in the amount of \$37,152.00 annually and a one-time installation fee of \$1,000.00. This is a two-year agreement for a total amount of \$74,304.00, commencing upon the installation of the circuits. There is also an annual voluntary extension - One twelve month term. This purchase shall be made through TIPS Cooperative RFP 230105 contract pricing. Funding is available through Laredo Bridge System Funds. [24-1980](#)
44. Consideration to award, negotiate, and execute contract FY24-077 to Eximplifi, Palo Alto, California in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00 for the development, design, hosting, and maintenance services for the Port Laredo website. Award of this contract will incur an ongoing annual fee of \$14,400.00 for portlaredo.com hosting and maintenance. Funding is available in the City of Laredo Bridge System Operation Funds. [24-2003](#)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: TINA MARTINEZ, DIRECTOR

45. Authorizing the City Manager to execute 29 individual 3rd Party Funding contracts with the following General Fund recipients totaling \$694,000.00 for FY 2024-2025.

[24-1793](#)

Organization	Amount
Area Health Education Center	\$33,000.00
Best Friends for Life	\$10,000.00
Bethany House of Laredo	\$30,000.00
Boys & Girls Club of Laredo	\$50,000.00
Casa de Misericordia	\$30,000.00
Catholic Charities - Diocese of Laredo	\$20,000.00
Children's Advocacy Center	\$50,000.00
Laredo Children's Museum/Imaginarium	\$10,000.00
Gateway City Pride Association	\$5,000.00
Kidney Foundation of Laredo	\$15,000.00
Laredo Amateur Boxing Club, Inc	\$9,000.00
Laredo Area Community Foundation	\$20,000.00
Laredo Crime Stoppers	\$25,000.00
Laredo Film Society	\$20,000.00
Laredo Main Street	\$25,000.00
Laredo Philharmonic	\$35,000.00
Laredo Regional Food Bank	\$25,000.00
Laredo Stroke Support	\$15,000.00
Laredo Tennis Association	\$20,000.00
Mexican Cultural Institute of Laredo	\$15,000.00
Mercy Ministries of Laredo	\$21,000.00
Pets Alive	\$10,000.00
Neighborworks Laredo	\$20,000.00
Rio Grande International Study	\$12,500.00
Ruthe B. Cowl Rehabilitation Center	\$100,000.00
Sacred Heart Children's Home	\$15,000.00
SCAN	\$13,500.00
Smiles from Heaven	\$25,000.00
Volunteers Serving the Needy	\$15,000.00
Total Budget	\$694,000

46. Authorizing the City Manager to execute twelve individuals 3rd Party Funding contracts with the following Hotel/Motel recipients totaling \$534,500.00 for FY 2024-2025. [24-1795](#)
Organization Amount
Border Olympics \$135,000.00
Boys and Girls Club \$10,000.00
Laredo Center for the Arts \$57,000.00
Laredo Chamber of Commerce \$35,000.00
Laredo Cultural District \$12,500.00
Laredo Heat Youth Soccer, Inc \$30,000.00
Laredo Main Street \$30,000.00
Princess Pocahontas Council, Inc \$15,000.00
TAMU Alumni Association \$20,000.00
The Society of Martha Washington \$25,000.00
Washington's Birthday Celebration Association (WBCA) \$75,000.00
Webb County Heritage Foundation \$90,000.00
Total Budget \$534,500.00
47. Consideration to award contract FY24-084 to Redline Architecture, LLC, Laredo, TX., to provide professional complete design product to include surveys, testing, and preparation of plans and specifications for owner-occupied, single-family residential projects for the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program and HOME Homeowner Reconstruction Program. It is estimated that the design projects will be undertaken annually depending on funding availability, contract will be between approved homeowners and the selected architect. It is estimated that the annual design cost for these services will not exceed \$60,000.00. The term of this contract shall be for a period of two years, subject to future appropriations, beginning the date of its execution. The contract may be extended for one additional two year periods. Funding is available through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Funds. [24-1805](#)
48. [24-1808](#)
49. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Bethany House of Laredo, Inc. for FY 2024-2025 in the amount of \$500,000.00. This public service project is part of the approved 5-year agreement with Bethany House of Laredo and the City to ensure the success and sustainability of the shelter expansion project. These funds are available on General Funds-Aid to Other Agencies. [24-1887](#)

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU: AILEEN RAMOS, DIRECTOR

50. Consideration to award contract FY24-097 RFP MX Tourism Agency of Record to Ariel Agustin Rodriguez, d.b.a. ADS Comunicación in an annual amount not to exceed \$164,598.80 for Mexico marketing services including campaign design, public relations, account management, content & creative, media planning & placement, digital activation, production management, video production and website design. Term of the contract is one year with the option to renewal for two additional one-year periods, upon mutual agreement of both parties. Funding is available in the Convention and Visitors Bureau Department. [24-1896](#)
51. Authorizing the City Manager to execute payments to Laredo Trade and Travel Center, d/b/a Casa Laredo, for the Monterrey office's daily operations. Total budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 is \$195,000.00 and expenses will not exceed this amount. Funding is available in the Convention & Visitors Bureau Department Budget. [24-1897](#)

ENGINEERING: RAMON E. CHAVEZ P.E., CITY ENGINEER

52. Consideration for approval of change order No.3, a total decrease of \$65,277.43 to balance quantities, for Fasken Community Center Pool & Amenities Project, to Celso Gonzalez Construction, Inc., Mission, Texas. Ratification of final payment in the amount of \$44,240.36. The construction contract amount including this change order is \$512,231.17. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund and 2019 CO Bond. [24-1564](#)
53. Consideration for approval of the Fasken Community Center Tree House Project as complete by Studio Cortes, LLC. The final completion date was May 31, 2024 in accordance with the terms and conditions under contract. However, the contract time was increased by 15 days due to rain days and City Holidays, and actual work was completed on August 2, 2024 for an overall of 48 calendar days of liquidated damages at \$200.00 per day for a total amount of \$9,600.00. Original contract amount is \$54,016.00, and final payment to Studio Cortes, LLC is \$44,416.00. Funding is available in the District VII priority fund and Capital Improvement Fund. Contingent on the approval of File 24-1564. [24-1570](#)

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- 54.** Consideration to award a professional services contract to Terracon Consultants, Inc., Laredo, TX in the amount not to exceed \$189,700.00 for Geotechnical Engineering Services to include boring logs on the river and bridge area with field and laboratory data, subgrade preparation/earthwork recommendations, lateral earth pressure for retaining walls, pavement thickness recommendations and parameters for scour analysis, etc., for World Trade Bridge Expansion Project. Funding is available in the Bridge Construction Projects Fund. [24-1900](#)
- 55.** Consideration to award a professional services contract to Slay Architecture, Laredo, TX in the amount not to exceed \$506,150.00 for professional design services for the new City of Laredo Police Department South Sector Station Project located adjacent to the Buena Vista Sports Complex for basic architectural & engineering services to include conceptual and pre-design, permitting, contract procurement, contract administration and special services for a new 14,000 square foot building including surface parking. Funding is available in the 2017 & 2019 Certificate of Obligation Bonds. [24-1902](#)
- 56.** Consideration to award a construction contract to the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder Zertuche Construction LLC, Laredo, TX in the amount not to exceed \$1,840,485.00 for FY24-ENG-17 Economic Development & 311 offices relocation for the total base bid including a \$160,000.00 contingency allowance, and additive alternate \$76,050.00. The construction contract time for the project is 190 working days. Funding is available in the 2023 and the 2024 Certificate of Obligation Bond. [24-1904](#)
1. Zertuche Construction, LLC
Total Base Bid Amount \$1,764,435.00 + additive alternate \$76,050.00
2. G4 Construction Co. (Mage 4Group, Ltd.)
Total Base Bid Amount \$1,992,503.00 + additive alternate \$103,046.00
- Refer to attached letter of recommendation from Redline Architecture, Laredo, TX
- 57.** Consideration for approval of change order No. 3 for the Laredo International Airport Taxiways G1 and G2 Construction to REIM Construction Inc., Mission, Texas for a decrease in the amount of \$50,046.29. The revised contract amount, including this change order, is \$7,919,033.76. Funding is available in the Airport Construction Fund FAA Grant 95. [24-1927](#)
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58. Consideration for approval of Amendment No. 1, an increase in the amount of \$43,600.00 to the professional services contract with Able City, Laredo, Texas for FY21-ENG-08 El Metro Transit Operations, Maintenance and Administration Phase 1, which will include additions and revisions to bus wash building and revised site security work. New total contract amount is \$1,242,330.00. Funding is available in the Transit System Fund-FTA Grant TX-2018-080. [24-1969](#)

FIRE: GUILLERMO HEARD, FIRE CHIEF

59. Consideration to authorize the purchase of First-In Alerting Platform System equipment from Westnet, Huntington Beach, CA, in the amount of \$114,320.32 to upgrade the fire station alerting system, which includes installation, software, and technical support. Westnet is the sole source provider. Funding is available in the America Rescue Plan Act Fund. [24-1913](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH: DR. RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, DIRECTOR

60. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a continuation contract from the South Texas Development Council for the HIV State Services Program Grant, in the amount of \$233,855.00, with no match for the City of Laredo Public Health Department for the term period from September 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025. Funds will be accounted for in the Laredo Public Health Department fund - HIV State Services Program Grant. [2024-R-297](#)
61. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a continuation contract with the South Texas Development Council for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Project (HOPWA) in the amount of \$86,329.00, with no match for the City of Laredo Public Health Department for the term period from September 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025. Funds will be accounted for in the Laredo Public Health Department fund - HIV HOPWA Grant. [2024-R-298](#)
62. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a contract amendment from the South Texas Development Council for the HIV Ryan White Program Grant, in the additional amount of \$243,002.00, with no match for the City of Laredo Public Health Department for the term period from April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025. Funds will be accounted for in the Laredo Public Health Department Fund - Ryan White Program Grant. [2024-R-299](#)

- 63.** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, [2024-R-300](#)
authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a
continuation contract with the Texas Department of State Health
Services Office of Border Public Health (OBPH) Healthy Border
Grant, in the amount of \$9,999.00, with no match for the City of
Laredo Public Health Department for the term period from
September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025. Funds will be
accounted for in the Laredo Public Health Department fund - OBPH
Healthy Border Grant.
- 64.** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, [2024-R-314](#)
authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a
continuation contract with Health and Human Services
Commission, for the Community Mental Health Program Grant, in
the amount of \$589,991.00, with an in-kind match of \$401,632.00
for the City of Laredo Public Health Department, for the term period
from September 01, 2024 through August 31, 2025. Funds will be
accounted for in the Laredo Public Health Department fund -
Community Mental Health Grant.
- 65.** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, [2024-R-315](#)
authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a contract
amendment from the Department of State Health Services,
Health/COVID-19 Health Disparities Grant, in the additional amount
of \$110,000.00 with no match for the City of Laredo Public Health
Department for a total award of \$835,000.00, for the term period
from September 1, 2021 through May 31, 2026. Funds will be
accounted for in the Laredo Public Health Department fund -
COVID-19 Health Disparities Grant.
- 66.** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, [2024-R-316](#)
authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a
continuation contract with Valley AIDS Council for the HIV Ryan
White Part D Women, Infants, Children, and Youth (WICY)
Program grant, in the amount of \$53,759.00, with no match for the
City of Laredo Public Health Department for the term from August
1, 2024 through July 31, 2025. Funds will be accounted for in the
Laredo Public Health Department fund - HIV Ryan White Part D
Grant.
- 67.** Consideration to authorize the City Manager to purchase one [24-1851](#)
vehicle (2024 Transite 250 Reg Length Rescue and Transport Van)
from Silsbee Ford through TIPS USA 210907 Contract Pricing in
the total amount of \$54,441.00 for City of Laredo Animal Care
Services operations. Funding is available in the 2023 Certificate of
Obligation Bond.

68. Consideration to approve a program implementation agreement with Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP), Denver, Colorado for the total amount of \$75,830.00 for the City of Laredo Public Health Department Nurse Family Partnership Program, for the term from September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2027. Funding is available in the Public Health Department Fund - Nurse Family Partnership Grant. [24-2000](#)

INFORMATION SERVICES & TELECOMMUNICATION: JOE C. RIVERA, DIRECTOR

69. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, 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 year term beginning October 1, 2024 at an annual fee of \$40,000.00; Payable quarterly in four equal payments of \$10,000.00. Funds will be deposited in the Information Technology Fund. [2024-R-310](#)
70. Consideration to ratify Purchase Order #397668 issued to Sigma Surveillance, Inc., for fiscal year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$100,585.62, for the purchase of 92 Hanwha outdoor vandal dome cameras to replace end-of-life surveillance cameras installed throughout the city in different city buildings. Quote as per DIR-CPO-4770. Funding is available in the IST line item 595-5530-512-2400. [24-1901](#)

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

71. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing a donation agreement between the City of Laredo and Mr. Roberto "Beto" Gutierrez for acceptance of \$550,000.00 towards the finalization of the original design of the North Central ADA Park for all ages and abilities as well as the extension of the existing parking lot past Sweden Lane and any other improvements to North Central Park as deemed necessary for the community. Funds will be accounted for in the Capital Improvement Fund. [2024-R-296](#)

72. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, [2024-R-319](#)
authorizing the City Manager to accept the charitable donation of
1.5965 acres of land from HFK Development, LLC and Laredo Four
Winds, LTD, conveyance by warranty deed of 1.5965 acres of
parkland for the development of Vista Del Sur Phase 1 and Phase
2 Subdivision which is 1.0349 acres more than the requirement of
0.5616 acres of parkland to serve for recreational parkland
purposes in accordance with the land development code;
authorizing the execution of warranty deed; and providing for an
effective date. The parcel has an estimated appraised value of
\$98,000.00.

73. Consideration to approve a contract with Park Place Recreation [24-1898](#)
Designs, San Antonio, TX. in the total amount of \$422,422 for the
purchase and installation of playground equipment amenities for
the Parks & Recreation Department at:

- 1.) Dr. Martha Villarreal Park (3200 Monterrey Avenue) in the
amount of \$199,347.75;
- 2.) Andrew Trautman Rangel Park (218 West Del Mar Boulevard)
in the amount of \$223,074.25.

These purchases shall be made utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative
Purchasing Program #679-22. All labor, materials, equipment,
insurance, and bonds are included in the total price. Funding for
these projects is available in the Capital Improvement Fund.

74. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with John [24-1943](#)
Deere, through United Ag & Turf, Sourcewell Contract #
031121-DAC, for the lease purchase contract of mowing equipment
in the amount of \$953,602.80 as well as equipment and
attachments under Buyboard Contract # 7016-23 in the amount of
\$203,060.40, for the Max Mandel Golf Course for a total amount of
\$1,156,663.20. The lease purchase shall be for 60 months, and
estimated monthly payments shall be \$19,277.72. Funding is
available in the Max Mandel Golf Course Fund.

POLICE: MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ, CHIEF OF POLICE

75. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, [2024-R-293](#)
authorizing the City Manager to ratify the acceptance of a grant in
the amount of \$32,257.76 from the Office of the Governor, Public
Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the FY2025 General
Victim Assistance Program Grant through the Victims of Crime Act
(VOCA). The grant performance period is from October 1, 2024
through September 30, 2025; this grant will fund training and
supplies affiliated with the grant program. The City of Laredo will
be responsible for the required match of \$8,064.44, from General
Fund, for a grant total of \$40,322.20. Funding is available in the
Special Police Fund.
76. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, [2024-R-294](#)
Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the
amount of \$57,467.00 to 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 (JAG)
Program FY2024. The grant performance period is October 1,
2024 through September 30, 2027. The Bureau of Justice
Assistance mandates that this grant allocation be divided equally
between the City of Laredo and Webb County; \$28,733.50 will be
allocated for the LPD Network Specialist and \$28,733.50 for Webb
County Sheriff's Office equipment and supplies that enhances
department operations. No local match is required. Grant funding
will be accounted for in the Special Police Fund.
77. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas [2024-R-295](#)
authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the
estimated amount of \$50,000.00 to the Texas Department of
Transportation to fund the FY 2025 STEP Impaired Driving
Mobilization (IDM) program. The performance period is during
enforcement waves scheduled on holidays between October 1,
2024 through September 30, 2025. This grant funding is to pay
overtime salaries for officers to increase enforcement to arrest
individuals driving while intoxicated (DWI) and driving under the
influence (DUI) of alcohol by minor. The City of Laredo is required
to match approximately \$15,500.00, from General Fund, for a total
grant amount of \$65,500.00. Funding is available in the Special
Police Fund.

78. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, [2024-R-305](#)
Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$21,462.73 from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the FY2025 Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program Grant for the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. This grant will provide funding for Crimes Against Women training intended for Laredo Police Department personnel. The City of Laredo will be responsible for the required match of \$9,198.32, from General Fund, for a total grant amount of \$30,661.05. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund.
79. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, [2024-R-312](#)
authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$1,498,548.76 from the Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) for the purpose of funding the FY25 Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Program. The grant period will begin September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025; funding will be used to pay for costs associated with the operation of the TAG Center such as personnel, rent, contractual obligations, information system interfaces, equipment, training, supplies and direct operating expenses. This grant does not require matching funds. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund.
80. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, [2024-R-313](#)
authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$85,739.41 from the Office of The Governor, Homeland Security Grant Division for the purpose of funding the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) - Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA) Grant. This funding will be utilized to purchase two (2) MED-ENG EOD 10E bomb suits for the Laredo Police Department Bomb Squad Unit. No local match is required. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund.

- 81.** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, [2024-R-317](#)
authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$3,125,000.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Service (COPS) Program. The City of Laredo will utilize this funding to hire 25 new police officers for a period of three years. The 2024 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) grant provides a maximum federal share of \$125,000.00 per officer position of the approved entry level salaries and fringe benefits of each newly hired and/or rehired full time sworn career law enforcement officer over the three years grant period. The City of Laredo is required to provide a matching contribution of \$4,801,000.00 from the General Fund, which will be allocated across Fiscal Years 2025, 2026, and 2027. This brings the total project budget to \$7,926,000.00. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund - COPS Hiring Program.
- 82.** Ratification to authorize a purchase contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc., in the amount of \$308,746.00 for the purchase of dispatch radio consoles for the 911 Communication Center. This purchase will be made through the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR), Contract# DIR-TSO-4101. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund. [24-1798](#)
- 83.** Consideration to authorize the purchase contract with Insight Public Sector, Inc., Chandler, AZ, for the procurement of hardware, software, services, and licenses for network switches, firewall, and APN routers in an amount not to exceed \$131,765.15. This purchase shall be made through the OMNIA Partners IT Products and Services, Contract No. 23-6692-03. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund. [24-1849](#)
- 84.** Motion to rescind the purchase authorization in the amount of \$149,482.36 from Kimball Office (Division of Kimball International) for the purchase and installation of workstations for the LPD Criminal Investigations Unit and authorize the purchase from Kimball International of furniture for the Laredo Police Department Headquarter main lobby seating area, customer service area, and police captain's offices. The expense is not to exceed \$149,482.36. This purchase shall be made through OMNIA CO-OP Contract, Contract # R191811. Funding is available in the Police Trust Fund. [24-1932](#)

85. Consideration to award contract FY24-109 for the purchase of three un-marked police units for the Auto Theft Task Force - Laredo Police Department to the sole responsive responsible bidder, Sames Motor Company, Laredo, Texas in the amount of \$149,535.00. Purchase will be funded by the FY2024 MVCPA - Catalytic Converter (SB224) Grant. Funding is available in the Auto Theft Task Force Fund. [24-1936](#)
86. Consideration to authorize a purchase contract with the sole source provider, Lexipol, LLC., in the amount of \$70,648.92 for the law enforcement policy manual update, accreditation workbench, and daily training bulletins annual support services subscription. Funding is available in General Fund-Police Department. [24-1991](#)
87. Consideration to authorize a purchase contract with the sole source provider, H2 Design Studio, in the amount of \$60,200.00 for the design and fabrication services of the Laredo Police Department 175th Anniversary museum exhibit. Funding is available in General Fund. [24-1995](#)
88. Consideration to authorize payment to sole source provider, Utility Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$445,798.64 for the renewal of support service fees for 119 body worn camera and 108 in-car-video systems. These 227 systems have exceeded the five year threshold for device support services included in the initial purchase. Service is needed to continue providing video cloud storage for these systems. Funding is available in the General Fund - Police Department Budget. [24-1997](#)
89. Consideration to authorize the purchase of custom police badges for the Laredo Police Department 175th Anniversary directly from sole source, Smith & Warren, White Plains, NY, in the amount of \$55,000.00. The police department has redesigned the police badge for all ranks and with this purchase a new badge will be provided to all sworn personnel for the 175th Anniversary. Funding is available in the Police Trust Fund. [24-2009](#)

PUBLIC WORKS: JOHN ORFILA, DIRECTOR

- 90.** Consideration to renew contract number FY21-102 for the supply of the following paving, and construction materials: Sand for pipe bedding and backfill. [24-1892](#)

To Emperor Services LLC, Laredo, Texas for the following sections and amounts:

Section I. Sand delivered to City in an amount up to \$60,000.00

Section II. Sand picked up by City in an amount up to \$30,000.00.

For the Public Works Department, Utilities Department and various departments. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one year beginning as of the date of its execution. This is the third and last extension period. Funding is available in the respective user department's operations funds.

- 91.** Consideration to renew contract FY22-092 to the following vendors: [24-1893](#)

Patmo Concrete, Laredo, Texas, as Primary Vendor

City Ready Mix, Inc., Laredo, Texas, as Secondary Vendor

for the purchase of Ready Mix Cement (job site delivered) for Public Works and various city departments for an amount of \$2,000,000.00 annually. This contract establishes Primary/Secondary vendors and pricing. The term of contract shall be for a period of one year, beginning as of the date of its execution, this is the second of three one year renewal options. All materials are purchased on an as-needed basis. There was no price increase in this renewal. Funding for this contract is available in the respective City department's operational budget.

TAX: DORA MALDONADO, TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

- 92.** Motion to approve a property tax refund of \$16,634.97 due to an overpayment as required by Section 31.11(a) of the Texas Property Tax Code. The refund will be issue to SRZ Liquidating Trust, C/O M3 Advisory Partners, LP from parcel number 801-11097-500. [24-2002](#)

UTILITIES

- 93.** A Resolution of the city council of the City of Laredo, Texas approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute and submit an application for membership with the legacy water supply corporation ("LWSC"); appointing the city manager to serve as the city's authorized representative for interacting with the LWSC and to serve in any positions with the LWSC to promote the interests of the city and execute all necessary documents relating thereto. [2024-R-325](#)

- 94.** Consideration to award supply contract number FY24-102 to the lowest responsive, responsible bidders: [24-1804](#)

Section I:

- A) Core & Main, St. Louis, MI, in an amount up to \$200,000.00 (Primary Vendor);
B) Aguaworks Pipe & Supply, Brownsville, TX in amount up to \$150,000.00 (Secondary Vendor);

Section II:

- A) Ferguson Waterworks, Mission, TX in an amount up to \$650,000.00 (Primary Vendor);
B) Core & Main, St. Louis, MI, in an amount up to \$500,000.00 (Secondary Vendor);

Section III:

- A) Core & Main, St. Louis, MI, in an amount up to \$500,000.00 (Primary Vendor);
B) Ferguson Waterworks, Mission, TX in an amount up to \$400,000.00 (Secondary Vendor);

for the purchase of mega lugs, full circle clamps, and meter boxes for the Utilities Department. 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 contract can be extended three additional one year periods, upon mutual agreement. Funding is available in the Waterworks and Sewer System Funds.

- 95.** Authorizing City Manager to approve final payment, release of retainage and a deduct change order in the amount of \$83,934.25, with final payment of \$120,614.19 to Sal Construction Management, LLC. The project is complete and recommend final project acceptance for the work of the 15-inch gravity sanitary sewer main along Backwoods Trail project. The final contract amount is \$1,005,457.25. Funding is available in the Sewer System Fund- 2022 Sewer Revenue Bond. [24-1899](#)
- 96.** Authorizing City Manager to approve, release of retainage and issue final payment in the amount of \$30,898.00, and final project acceptance of the Mage 4 Group, Ltd., work for San Isidro Booster Pump Station Site Improvements project. The acceptance is subject to Texas Water Development Board accepting all close-out documents and considering the project complete. Funding is available in the Waterworks Fund- 2015B Waterworks Revenue Bond. [24-1903](#)

- 97.** Consideration to authorize the purchase of trucks from Silsbee Ford, Silsbee, Texas for the purchase of two 2025 Ford F150 crew cab trucks and two 2024 Ford F250 Extended cab trucks in the total amount of \$212,401.56 through the TIPS USA Cooperative Purchasing Program's Contract 210907. These vehicles are for new positions added to the division. Funding is available in the 2020A Water Revenue Bond. [24-1910](#)
- 98.** Consideration to authorize the purchase of one 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 in the total amount of \$55,369.67 from Lake Country Chevrolet, Jasper, Texas through the TIPS USA Cooperative Purchasing Program's Contract 210907. This vehicle is a replacement unit for a truck which has already reached its useful life. Funding is available in the Sewer System Fund- 2020A Sewer Revenue Bond. [24-1912](#)
- 99.** Consideration to select and negotiate an engineering consulting contract with Plummer Associates, Inc. of Austin, Texas for the renewal of five Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) permits for the City of Laredo. [24-1924](#)
- 100.** Consideration to renew supply/services contract FY23-085 with the following vendors for providing plumbing, maintenance and repair services for the City of Laredo Utilities Department. 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. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This contract may be extended for two additional one year periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Waterworks and Sewer System Funds. [24-1938](#)
- 1). Arellano's Plumbing, Laredo, Texas in an annual amount up to \$75,000.00 (Primary Vendor);
- 2). Chavarria's Plumbing, Laredo, Texas in an annual amount up to \$45,000.00 (Secondary Vendor)

- 101.** Consideration to renew annual service contracts FY23-083 with Primary and Secondary vendors:

[24-1940](#)

1). Total Termite and Pest Control, Laredo, TX in an amount up to \$20,000.00 (Primary Vendor: Section 1.1 - Jefferson Water Treatment Plant)

(Secondary Vendor: Section 1.2 - El Pico Water Treatment Plant)

(Secondary Vendor: Section 1.3 - Laredo Water Museum)

2). JD's Pest Control, Laredo, TX in an amount up to \$20,000.00 (Secondary Vendor: Section 1.1 - Jefferson Water Treatment Plant)

(Primary Vendor: Section 1.2 - El Pico Water Treatment Plant)

(Primary Vendor: Section 1.3 - Laredo Water Museum)

(Primary Vendor: Section 1.4 - Water Museum, El Pico & Jefferson WTP's)

(Primary Vendor: Section 1.5 - Water Museum, El Pico & Jefferson WTP's)

(Primary Vendor: Section 2.1 - Main Office Utilities Department)

(Primary Vendor: Sections 3.4 & 3.5 Wastewater Treatment Plants)

(Primary Vendor: Sections 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.6, 3.7, & 3.8 Wastewater Treatment Plants)

to provide pest control services for the water treatment plants, waste water treatment plants and utilities main office. This contract establishes a linear footage rate that includes all labor, materials, pesticides, equipment, and incidentals needed to perform these services. Bug Hunters has withdrawn their award from this contract (email documentation attached). 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. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This contract can be extended two additional one-year periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. All services will be purchased on an as needed basis and funding will be secured from the Waterworks and Sewer System Operating Funds.

- 102.** Consideration to award two-year contract FY24-110 to the following vendors: [24-1959](#)
- 1) HD Supplies Facilities Maintenance (USA BlueBook), Waukegan, IL, in an amount up to \$300,000.00 per year and a total amount of \$600,000.00 for two years (Primary Vendor);
- 2) Core and Main, St. Louis, MO, in an amount up to \$100,000.00 per year and a total amount of \$200,000.00 for two years (Secondary Vendor);
- for the purchase of water treatment and wastewater operations and maintenance supplies for the Utilities Department. This contract establishes a percentage discount on supplies utilized by the Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment divisions. All supplies will be purchased on an as needed basis. This contract may be extended for three, additional one year periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Water Works and Sewer System Funds.
- 103.** Authorizing the City Manager to award a construction contract to the sole responsive bidder, J.S. Haren Company from Athens, Tennessee in the amount of \$5,215,200.00 for the Chlorine Dioxide Improvements for El Pico Surface and Jefferson Water Treatment Plants. Completion of this project is 290 working days. Funding is available in the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and 2020A Water Revenue Fund. [24-1963](#)
- 104.** Authorizing the City Manager to approve a sole source maintenance contract with Core & Main, LP, from San Antonio, Texas for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) / Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) equipment and hosting software services in the amount of \$104,343.60. Funding is available in the Waterworks Fund. [24-1972](#)
- 105.** Consideration to renew supply contract number FY23-001 with PVS DX (DPC Industries) Corpus Christi, Texas in an annual amount up to \$150,000.00 for the purchase of water liquid chlorine water treatment chemical for the Utilities Department. There was no price increase during the last extension period. 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 availability of appropriated funds. This contract has two, one year extension periods. Liquid Chlorine will be purchased on as needed basis. Funding is available in the Waterworks and Sewer System Funds. [24-1973](#)

- 106.** Consideration to award a two-year material/labor contract FY25-001 to the following vendors: [24-2032](#)

1). Midas Contractors, Laredo, Texas in a two-year amount up to \$840,000.00 (Primary Vendor);

2). Capstone Industrial Services LLC., Lake Jackson, Texas in a two-year amount up to \$600,000.00 (Secondary Vendor);

for concrete repairs of sidewalks, driveways, and curbs as a result of water line break repairs made by the Utilities Department. 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. All work will be performed on an as needed basis required due to utility repairs. This contract can be renewed three additional one year extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Waterworks and Sewer System Funds.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XII. STAFF REPORTS

- 107.** Presentation by the Laredo Commission for Women of their 2024-2025 Action Plan with possible action and any matters incident thereto. [24-1806](#)
- 108.** Presentation with possible action on status of all the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funded projects and any other matters incident thereto. [24-1889](#)
- 109.** Discussion with possible action on providing a goodwill rebate to the public, including revised rebate amounts as requested by City Council, and any other matters incident thereto. [24-2044](#)

XIII. 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 551.087 (Economic Development). Following closed session, the open meeting will reconvene at which time action, if any, may be taken.

110. Request for executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.076(1) to deliberate the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices to strategically combat crime trends and highest priorities with the City, and any other matters incident thereto. [24-1944](#)
111. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072, Deliberation Regarding Real Property, to discuss possible condemnation of real property located on 1218 Matamoros St. with a legal description of 642.36 Sw. Ft. out of Block 73, Western Division, Laredo, Webb County, Texas, and any matter incident thereto. [24-1993](#)
112. Request for Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071 (1)(A) to discuss potential litigation brought on by Karina Elizondo with regard to the discharge of her employment and any other matters incident thereto. [24-2041](#)

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

113. Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant TX-2024-100-00 FY22 Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Replacement Vans in the amount of \$297,446.00. Funding will be used to purchase two paratransit vans that will provide a better transportation service to our senior citizens and individuals with disabilities. The FTA share is in the amount of \$252,829.00 and the Local Match share is in the amount of \$44,617.00 (85/15). Funding is available in the Transit Capital Grants. [2024-RT-36](#)
114. Consideration to authorize the purchase of two 2024 Ford F-150 Crew Cab trucks in the amount of \$95,988.34 from Silsbee Ford in Silsbee, Texas through the TIPS USA 210907 Automobiles contract. These vehicles will be an additional fleet to the Utilities Department in El Metro Operations Department. Funding is available in the Transit Center Facility Fund. [2024-RT-37](#)

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

XVI. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

115) Request by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño
A.

1. Discussion with possible action on extending addition emergency measures to cover economic impact losses, and any matters related thereto. [24-C-221](#)

2. Discussion with possible action on approving the naming overlay of Zaragoza street in downtown Laredo with the name of Cesar Chavez, and any matters related thereto. [24-C-222](#)

3. Discussion with possible action on a progress report from management regarding the Mayor's five measures requested at the Boil Water Notice press conference on October 23, 2024. The five measures include addressing illegal connections through an amnesty program, rebates to the community, assistance to local businesses, proper staffing and public engagement with the community. . [24-C-223](#)

115) Request by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.
B.

1. Discussion with possible action to prioritize Capital Improvement Projects and cancel or redirect funding from approved projects to needed Utilities Department needs; and any other matters incident thereto. [24-C-224](#)

2. Discussion with possible action to petition the State of Texas through Governor Abbott's emergency declaration for funding for Laredo's water infrastructure from the Texas Water Fund administered by the Texas Water Development Board to finance water projects in the state; and any other matters incident thereto. [24-C-225](#)

115) Request by Council Member Dr. David Tyler King
C.

1. Discussion with possible action to explore an ordinance updating the land development code in regards to limitations on the building of new gas stations within 500-1000 feet from public schools, residences, hospitals, and childcare facilities to protect public safety from benzene and other harmful emissions, in accordance with EPA recommendations, and any other matters incident thereto. [24-C-219](#)

115) Request by Council Member Vanessa J. Perez
D.

1. Status update on the Fasken Treehouse Project with possible action; and any other matters incident thereto. [24-C-145](#)

2. Discussion with possible action with regard to the potential removal of the bike lanes on Santa Maria. Santa Maria is designated as a truck route and the underutilized bike lanes have raised safety concerns due to the potential hazards posed by the heavy truck traffic. The lanes were originally implemented using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. As such, any potential removal or modification of the bike lanes should include a discussion of the implications on the CDBG funding and compliance with related regulations, and any other matters incident thereto.

[24-C-214](#)

115) Request by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa

E.

1. Discussion with possible action for a status update on strengthening the City of Laredo's Code of Ethics by reviewing best practices of other Texas Cities, motion passed 1/17/23 and any matters incident thereto.

[24-C-215](#)

Sponsors: Cm. Melissa Cigarroa and Cm. Dr. David Tyler King

2. Discussion with possible action to rescind ordinance 2019-0-179, approving elected officials of participating in the Texas Municipal Retirement System and any other matters incident thereto.

[24-C-216](#)

Sponsors: Cm. Melissa Cigarroa and Cm. Dr. David Tyler King

3. Discussion and possible action to request a list of streets within District 8 that have experienced frequent water line breaks, to be repaired and reconstructed, and any other matters incident thereto.

[24-C-217](#)

115) Request by Council Member Gilbert Gonzalez

F.

1. Discussion and possible action to reevaluate the current status on stage 3 and surcharges of the utilities bill and any matters incident thereto.

[24-C-220](#)

Sponsors: Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

115) Request by Council Member Melissa R. Cigarroa

G.

1. Discussion with possible action to have Finance report detailing the components of Council Member salaries, additional funds that support Council Members such as Travel and Promotional funds, the benefits received (including health and pension), and any other compensation Council Members may be eligible for, and any other matters incident thereto.

[24-1834](#)

Sponsors: Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa and Cm. Dr. David Tyler King

2. Discussion with possible action to change Council's total compensation, to include salary, and any other matters incident thereto.

[24-C-218](#)

Sponsors: Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa and Cm. Dr. David Tyler King

XVII. ADJOURN

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City of Laredo

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA - FINAL

A-2024-S-07

Monday, October 28, 2024

5:30 PM

City Council Chambers

City Council - Supplemental Agenda

City of Laredo
Supplemental City Council Meeting
A-2024-S-07
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
October 28th, 2024
5:30 P.M.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizens can participate through in-person comments. 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. All comments should be relevant to City business and delivered in a professional manner. No derogatory remarks will be permitted.

I. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. 1. Appointment by Mayor Victor D. Trevino, of Ricardo Rangel, Jr. [APPT. - 109](#)
to the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

II. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

2) A. Request by Council Member Ricardo "Richie" Rangel, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action on compensation of city council members and what constitutes part time and full-time classification, and any matters related thereto. [24-C-226](#)

Sponsors: Mayor Victor D. Trevino

2. Discussion with possible action to suspend or cancel the funding of non-essential projects, funds, etc., and place funding into general fund and/or for economic rebates for the community residential water accounts and/or water infrastructure projects, and any matters related thereto. [24-C-228](#)

Sponsors: Mayor Victor D. Trevino

2) B. Request by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action on drug testing of the City Council to enhance accountability and integrity in public office and petitioning members of the City Council to opt-in to such testing with an effort to promote accountability, integrity, public safety, and deterrence with the ultimate goal of demonstrating transparency in municipal government; and any other matters incident thereto.

[24-C-227](#)

Sponsors: Cm. Vanessa Perez, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez and Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez

III. ADJOURN

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