

# **CITY OF LAREDO**

## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**A-2020-R-■**

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**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**1110 HOUSTON STREET**

**LAREDO, TEXAS 78040**

**August 17, 2020**

**5:30 P.M.**



### **DISABILITY ACCESS STATEMENT**



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

**Approval of the minutes of**

### **Citizen comments**

Citizens are required to fill out an online witness card no later than 5:45 p.m. and can be found at <https://forms.gle/3GcWeTgGvvCeP3X36>. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. Speakers may not pass their minutes to any other speaker. Comments should be relevant to City business and delivered in a professional manner. No derogatory remarks will be permitted.

## **VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

1. Appointment by Mayor Pete Saenz of Sigfredo Perez, III to the Ethics Commission.
2. Appointment by Mayor Pete Saenz of Javier C. Villareal to the Audit and Accountability Committee.
3. Appointment by Mayor Pete Saenz of Jeff Jones to the Citizens Environmental Committee.
4. Appointment by Council Member Nelly Vielma of Joaquin Rodriguez to the Ethics Commission.

## **VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximate 5.01 acres in Porcion 38, Jose Antonio Nasario, Original Abstract 472, located at South of Cielito Lindo Blvd, and East of Ejido Ave., from R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

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

**ZC-48-2020**  
**District I**

2. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximate 48.08 acres Abstract 762, Survey 34, J. A. Diaz, located at East of Cuatro Vientos Rd., and North of Wormser Rd., from AG (Agricultural District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

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

**ZC-50-2020**  
**District II**

3. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 1, McPherson Road Vet Clinic Plat, located at 6602 McPherson Rd., from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

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

**ZC-49-2020**  
**District V**

4. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 4, Block 178, Western Division, located at 1007 San Dario Ave., from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

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

**ZC-51-2020**  
**District VIII**

5. **Public Hearing** of the following ordering a special election for the submission of charter amendments to be held within the city on November 3, 2020; and providing for severability, publication, and an effective date.

**Proposition A**

Shall the City Charter be amended to provide that upon the conviction of a criminal offense, excluding a felony, by the Mayor or a City Council Member, a declaratory judgment action shall be filed with a district court of competent jurisdiction to seek a determination on whether the crime committed is one involving moral turpitude, and if it is so determined, a recall process shall be automatically triggered?

YES ( )  
NO ( )

**Proposition B**

Shall the City Charter be amended to require the Mayor to execute his/her veto power within the next two regularly scheduled Council Meetings?

YES ( )  
NO ( )

**Proposition C**

Shall the City Charter be amended to require any candidate filing an application for

place on the ballot to submit a filing fee, or signature petition in lieu of the filing fee, with the City Secretary as prescribed by City Ordinance in accordance with the Texas Election Code?

YES ( )

NO ( )

**Proposition D.**

Shall the City Charter be amended to provide that the Mayor, in addition to City Councilmembers, are excluded from the prohibition against participating in political activity while on duty, in uniform, or using city resources?

YES ( )

NO ( )

**Proposition E.**

Shall the City Charter be amended to provide that a City Council Member who was elected through a special election to finish an unexpired term may serve the unexpired term in addition to two four-year terms?

YES ( )

NO ( )

**Proposition F.**

Shall the City Charter be amended to provide that any proposed issuance of a bond valued at over 10% of the comprehensive budget, excluding those issued through the Enterprise funds, for capital improvement projects must be approved through a ballot referendum?

YES ( )

NO ( )

**Proposition G**

Shall the City Charter be amended to provide that the minimum qualifications of the City Manager require a Master's Degree and no less than eight years' experience in government, economic development, or related fields?

YES ( )

NO ( )

**Proposition H**

Shall the City Charter be amended to provide that the City Tax Assessor and Collector *or his or her contracted designee* shall be responsible for the assessment and collection of taxes levied by the City of Laredo?

YES ( )

NO ( )

**Proposition I**

Shall the City Charter be amended to provide that all taxes due the City of Laredo

shall be payable at the office of the City Tax Assessor and Collector, or at one or more other designated locations, and may be paid any time after assessments have been made final by the Council."

**YES ( )**

**NO ( )**

**(Recess)**

**(Press Availability)**

## **VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES**

6. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 18 of the code of ordinances by adding Article VII which requires the installation of diaper changing stations in all city-owned buildings, newly constructed commercial buildings and commercial buildings undergoing major renovation; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a penalty clause; providing a severability clause; providing for publication; and declaring an effective date.
7. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a License Agreement between the City of Laredo, Texas and AT&T Corporation for the use of one (1) innerduct in the Juarez Lincoln Bridge and 555.5 linear feet of right-of-way. Term of the License shall be for five (5) years commencing on August 1, 2020 and terminating on July 31, 2025. Annual duct fee shall be \$32,056.03 and will increase by five percent (5%) every year the License is in place. In addition to the duct fee, Licensee shall pay an \$11.31 linear foot right-of-way fee, and will increase by five percent (5%) every year.
8. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Lease Agreement between Laredo Transit Management, Inc. (Lessor) and Turimex, LLC (Lessee). This is for a leased building space at the Laredo Transit Center, located at 1301 Farragut St., for an approximate square footage of 2,850 square feet. The building space includes a vacant office of approximately 150 square feet and vacant bus slip# 6, 7, and 8 of 900 square feet each. Initial monthly rent will be \$2,000.00.
9. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 18, Article V, Section 18-25 of the Code of Ordinances, to provide for procedures to revoke a certificate of occupancy; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing for a severability clause; providing for publication; and declaring an effective date.

## **IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

10. **2020-O-098** Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement in the term of five (5) years to the ground lease agreement by and between the City of Laredo, a Municipal Corporation (Licensor), and new Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, (Licensee), with its principal place of business at 1025 Lenox Park Boulevard, NE, 3rd floor, Atlanta, GA 30319. Site ID: 10007674, being a portion located at 1301 Farragut St., Laredo, Webb County, Texas. With the annual rental amount of \$22,150.00 and will increase 2.5% per annum hereinafter, in accordance with the terms as defined by the agreement and/or modified by subsequent amendments.
11. **2020-O-099** Authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a contract from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), amending the FY 2019-2020 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$131,626.00 for COVID-19 response activities and in the amount of \$1,045,448.00 for COVID-19 Laboratory activities for a total amount of \$1,177,074.00 and amending the FY 2019-2020 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Position Listing by adding one (1) Public Health Technician, R36 position, two (2) Microbiologist I, R37 positions, one (1) Senior Medical Technologist, R33 position, one (1) Medical Office Assistant II, R30 position, and one (1) Clerk III, R27 position for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) IDCU/COVID-19 Grant Program for the term period from August 1, 2020 (or upon execution) through April 30, 2022.
12. **2020-O-100** An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, ordering a special election for the submission of charter amendments to be held within the city on November 3, 2020; and providing for severability, publication, and 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.**

**BRIDGE:** STAFF SOURCE YVETTE LIMON, BRIDGE DIRECTOR

13. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a memorandum of agreement between U. S. Customs and Border Protection, U. S. Border Patrol, Laredo Sector (LRT) and the City of Laredo for the rental of thirty (30) parking spaces at the City's parking lot (southwest corner) at Colombia Solidarity Bridge (Bridge III) located at FM 3464 and FM 1472. The term will be for six (6) months at a rate of \$9,000.00 monthly. The effective date of this MOA is the date of the last signature by the appropriate representative for LRT or the City ("Effective Date"), and unless terminated sooner shall be in effect for a period of six (6) months from the effective date. The parties may shorter or extend the terms of this MOA upon written consent in subsequent writing. The purpose of this agreement is to alleviate the Laredo West Border Patrol Station's (LRT) parking shortage due to the additional workforce assigned to assist

LRT with operations related to COVID-19.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** STAFF SOURCE KRISTINA L. HALE, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER/ACTING CITY ATTORNEY

14. Consideration for the City of Laredo to enter into a License Agreement with U.S. Customs and Border Protection for the temporary deployment of Concertina Wire (C-Wire) on identified riverfront properties owned by the City of Laredo to allow Licensees to erect, repair, and maintain the C-Wire during the term of the Agreement. The term shall be for one (1) year and may be extended for an additional one (1) year term upon mutual agreement of the parties.
15. Authorizing the City Manager to execute six (6) License Agreements to grant U.S. Customs and Border Patrol Protection (CBP) perpetual licenses to access City owned property, as described in the attached Agreements, to deploy, operate, maintain, repair, and remove one or more temporary and re-locatable surveillance systems for use as part of CBP's border security and enforcement mission; and the City may revoke such License Agreements upon 60 days-notice to CBP.

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

**HEALTH:** STAFF SOURCE RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, INTERIM HEALTH DIRECTOR

16. Authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a continuation contract with provider Maurice Click, M.D. for physician services for the City of Laredo Health Department Primary Care, Women's Health and Chronic Disease services in the amount of \$49,000.00 per year for a total amount of \$98,000.00 for the term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022, and may be renewed for another two (2) years, contingent on funding availability and both parties agreeing to enter into a new contract. Funding is available through the Health Department budget.

**HUMAN RESOURCES:** STAFF SOURCE MELINA BERMUDEZ, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

17. Consideration to renew contract number FY19-079 to provide Temporary Staffing Agency Services to the following vendors:
  1. Staff Force Inc., Laredo, Texas;
  2. HR Plus, Laredo, Texas.

Both are the primary vendors for set contract services to provide the City of Laredo

with a labor pool for those departments that might require temporary staffing throughout the fiscal year. All services will be secured on an as needed basis and the estimated contract amount for this fiscal year would be approximately \$1,000,000.00. This is the first of two extension period options. Funding is available in the respective departmental budgets.

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

18. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a contract between Computer Solutions Company of San Antonio, Texas and the City of Laredo through the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) cooperative purchasing program in the amount of \$367,548.75 for the purchase and installation of an upgrade to the City's network firewall systems. Funding is available in the Contractual Obligations Fund – 2019 PPFCO Bond.
19. Authorizing the City Manager to approve the purchase of a 2021 F-750 Regular Cab Bucket Truck for \$183,281.15 through the Goodbuy Purchasing Program of the Education Service Center Region 2 – Vendor Silsbee Ford. Funding is available in the Information Services and Telecommunications Fund.

**PLANNING & ZONING:** STAFF SOURCE JAMES KIRBY SNIDEMAN, PLANNING & ZONING DIRECTOR

20. Motion adopting the following schedule of hearings and proceedings for voluntary annexations for 2020-2021:

| Date                  | Action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| 8/1/2020              | Begin accepting annexation applications.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 8/17/2020             | Adoption of annexation schedule by the City Council.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 8/19/2020 - 10/1/2020 | Planning Department staff assists applicants with submittal process and conducts initial review of early submittals.                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 11/2/2020             | Annexation petition/application deadline at 5:00 p.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 11/3/2020 - 1/4/2021  | Review by Planning, Engineering, Utilities, Fire, Police, Environmental, Parks and Public Works Departments. Prepare maps and develop preliminary calculations and recommendations. Coordinate with applicants for clarification/changes to petitions, legal descriptions, zoning information, etc. |

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| 1/6/2021                                        | Agenda deadline for submission of materials for 1/19/2021 City Council Meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 1/19/2021<br>(Tuesday after MLK Day)            | Council meeting authorizing by motion the drafting of annexation agreements and service plans for submitted annexation requests and refer to Planning and Zoning Commission.                                                                                                                   |
| 1/20/2021 -<br>1/27/2021                        | Prepare annexation agreements and service plans with updated fees. Continue review and develop zoning analysis and recommendations.                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2/4/2021                                        | Planning and Zoning Commission meeting and review of proposed annexation and proposed zoning designations.                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 2/5/2021 -<br>2/12/2021                         | Coordinate as necessary with applicants based on recommendations from the Planning and Zoning Commission. Prepare documentation and impact analysis to be presented at public hearing. Prepare draft ordinances, etc.                                                                          |
| 3/1/2021 *                                      | City Council holds public hearing on proposed annexations. Loc. Gov't Code §43.063.                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 03/2/2021 -<br>4/2/2021                         | Annexation agreements and service plans executed by property owners and submitted to Planning Department and forwarded to Legal Department for processing.                                                                                                                                     |
| 4/6/2021<br>(Tuesday - Day after Easter Monday) | City Council meeting: Introduction of an ordinance instituting annexation proceedings and adopting a service plan for the areas to be annexed and establishing zoning. (Not more than forty (40) nor less than twenty (20) days from the date of public hearing. (Institution of Proceedings). |
| 4/19/2021                                       | City Council Meeting: Second reading and adoption of annexation ordinance instituting annexation proceedings and adopting a service plan for the areas to be annexed and establishing zoning. (Completion of Proceedings). Loc. Gov't Code §43.064.                                            |
| * Note:                                         | Date of public hearing may depend on City Council availability during month of March due to annual Washington D.C. trips.                                                                                                                                                                      |

**POLICE:** STAFF SOURCE CLAUDIO TREVINO, CHIEF OF POLICE

21. **2020-R-123** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant award in the amount of \$93,999.07 from the Texas Department of Transportation for enforcement of the Commercial Motor Vehicle - Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. The grant period will begin October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. Grant funding is for Selective Traffic Enforcement Program overtime salaries. This grant requires a cash match in the amount of \$29,139.71 for a total grant budget of \$123,138.78. Funding will be available in the Special Police Fund.
22. **2020-R-124** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant award in the amount of \$109,998.99 from the Texas Department of Transportation for the Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. The grant period will begin October 1, 2020 and runs through September 30, 2021. Grant funding is for Selective Traffic Enforcement Program overtime salaries. This grant requires a cash match in the amount of \$34,099.69 for a total grant budget of \$144,098.68. Funding will be available in the Special Police Fund.
23. **2020-R-125** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$59,004.00 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 FY 2020 for the period of October 01, 2019 through September 30, 2023. The Bureau of Justice Assistance mandates that this grant allocation be divided equally between the City of Laredo and Webb County; \$29,502.00 will be allocated for the LPD Network Specialist and \$29,502.00 for Webb County Sheriff's Office equipment and technology operation enhancements and officer wellness equipment. Funding will be available in the Special Police Fund.
24. **2020-R-127** Authorizing the City Manager to accept additional funds in the amount of \$40,625.00 from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection/U.S. Border Patrol Treasury Forfeiture Fund for joint operations for overtime expenses for a new grant total of \$449,625.00. The City of Laredo required match will be \$13,000.00. Both the additional funds and the grant match are available in the Special Police Fund.
25. Authorizing the City Manager to renew one individual cooperative working agreement and first addendum between the City of Laredo Police Department and the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Police Department (UTHSCPD) Laredo Campus for the purpose of providing assistance on special needs basis. The Police Department's participation is part of the community service provided to our citizens and our partner law enforcement agencies with no cost to the City of Laredo.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** STAFF SOURCE JOHN ORFILA, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

26. Consideration to award a purchase contract for the purchase of heavy equipment for the Public Works Department utilizing HGAC Contract #HT 06-20, Cooperative Contract Pricing to the following vendors: Houston Freightliner, Houston, TX and Bergkamp, Salina, Kansas in the amount of \$263,610.00 for the purchase of one (1) 2021 Freightliner M2 112 with Bergkamp MA30 Gravity Applicator with Conventional Slurry Box on a Freightliner cab and chassis. This equipment will be utilized by the Public Works Department for paving and construction related projects. Funding is available in the Capital Improvements Fund.

27. Consideration to award contract number FY20-077 to the Sole Bidder:

1. City Ready Mix, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$1,000,000.00

for the purchase of ready mix cement (job site delivered) for various City Departments. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. The contract may be extended for three (3) additional one (1) year periods upon mutual agreement. All materials are purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in various funds including Waterworks System, Sewer System and General Fund.

**TAX:** STAFF SOURCE DORA MALDONADO, TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

28. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts adjusted for the month of July 2020 represent a decrease of \$20,228.29. These adjustments are determined by the Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

**TRANSIT:** STAFF SOURCE CLAUDIA SAN MIGUEL, TRANSIT DIRECTOR

**UTILITIES:** STAFF SOURCE MICHAEL F. RODGERS, INTERIM UTILITIES DIRECTOR

29. Consideration to award contract FY20-074 to Gutierrez Machine Shop, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$400,000.00 for professional welding services for the Utilities Department. The services requested include site repairs to various water and wastewater treatment plants, lift stations, and other municipal utility facilities. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. Funding is available in the Waterworks System and Sewer System Budget.

30. Consideration for approval to purchase the pump repair service from Austin Armature Works, LP, Buda, Texas in the amount of \$64,259.64 utilizing the Buy Board Number 589-19. This service is for the labor and material to repair a Fairbanks 300 HP 10,500 GPM submersible pump at the Jefferson Water Treatment Plant. Funding is available in the Water Works Operating Fund.

31. Consideration to renew annual supply contract number FY18-056 for the purchase of copper pipe type K and crosslinked polyethylene (PEXAa) pipe for the Utilities Department. These materials are purchased on an as needed basis by the Utilities Department- Water Operations for construction and repair projects. 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. Funding is available in the Waterworks System Fund.
1. Section I - Core and Main, LLC., St. Louis, Missouri, in an amount up to \$150,000.00; and
2. Section II - Tenoch Distribution, LLC., San Antonio, Texas, in an amount up to \$100,00.00.
32. Authorizing the City Manager for the award of a construction contract to the lowest responsive bidder, being DN Tanks, Inc., Wakefield, MA, in the amount of \$8,111,377.00 for the Lyon Street Booster Pump Station North Ground Storage Tank Demolition and Replacement Project. The contract time is four hundred twenty (420) working days. Funding is available in the Waterworks Fund - 2019 Water Revenue Bond.
33. Consideration for approval of the selection of engineering consultant, LAN (Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc.), based on Request For Qualifications (RFQ) received and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate a contract for the Owner's Representative for Tunnel from Zacate Creek WWTP to Chacon Interceptor Project. No financial impact at this stage.
34. Authorizing the City Manager to award Professional Engineering Services contract in the amount of \$708,939.00 to Ardurra Group, Inc. of Houston, Texas for the preparation of Wastewater Master Plan for the City. Funding is available in the 2019 Sewer Revenue Bond.
35. Ratification of increase to Purchase Order No. 332713, by \$32,550.00, for a new total of \$111,750.00. NO-DES is near to completing the flushing of SH 359 Boil Water Notice Area. The area took longer than anticipated in the original request. Need to cover additional time in overtime, added days, and increase in number filter to be used for flushing and cleaning of the water lines. Funding is available in the Waterworks System Fund - Construction Division.

#### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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#### **XI. STAFF REPORTS**

36. 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.
37. Status update on the 2020 Census; and any other matters incident thereto.
38. Status update on the parkland dedication of Jose Medina; and any other matters incident thereto.
39. Discussion with possible action on the recommendation by the City Manager for the position of Fire Chief in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code, Section 143.013, and any other matters incident thereto.
40. Discussion with possible action to extend the Utility assistance program through the end of September 2020. Under the program late fees, disconnections, and credit card fees for online payment have been suspended. The disconnections, credit card payment fees, late fees will resume from October 1, 2020 but the Utility assistance program of up to \$125.00 for the qualified residential account with supporting unemployment/underemployment documentation from Texas workforce Commission will continue until further notice.

## **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.

41. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 and 551.072 related to possible litigation and the Offer to Sell Real Property being 15.464 acres located in La Grulla, Texas owned by the City of Laredo pursuant to Federal Condemnation Case No. 7:18-CV-375; styled United States of America v. 801.077 Acres of Land, more or less, situated in Starr County, State of Texas, and City of Laredo, et al.; closed in the U.S. Southern District of Texas, McAllen Division; and return to open session for possible action.

42. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 551.071 related to litigation involving Civil No. 5:20-CV-101; United States of America v. 207.9395 Acres of Land, more or less, situate in Webb County, State of Texas and City of Laredo; pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas Laredo Division; and related to possible litigation pursuant to a request from the United States of America for a Right of Entry for a period of twelve (12) months on property owned by the City of Laredo along the Rio Grande River for the purpose of conducting environmental assessments and property surveys, including the right to temporarily store, move and remove necessary equipment and supplies; survey, stake out, appraise, bore and take soil and/or water samples, and perform any other such work which may be necessary and incidental to the Government's assessment of the Property for Border Infrastructure Projects in the Laredo Sector area of responsibility; and return to open session for possible action.

### **XIII. RECESS AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD**

43. **2020-RT-10** Authorizing the City Manager and staff to accept and execute the Texas Department of Transportation State Urban Grant No. STATE-U-2020 Laredo-00195 in the amount of \$637,564.00 for FY2021 to be used for Preventative Maintenance for the City of Laredo Transit Department.
44. **2020-RT-11** Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute the Section 5307 Urbanized Area grant program authorized under the new Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, in the amount of \$3,528,686.00 to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) operating grant for Fiscal Year 2020. Funding will be used for Operating Assistance and Preventative Maintenance to the El Metro's Bus Operations. The required local match for this grant will be funded with Transit's Local Sales Tax.
45. **2020-RT-12** Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute a grant application No. TX-2020-141-00 in the amount of \$500,352.00 from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for FY2020 Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Program under the new Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. The FTA federal portion is \$415,500.00 and Local Match required is for \$77,822.00. Funding will be used for the purchase of three (3) paratransit vans and one (1) Medium Duty Bus. The fifteen (15) percent local match will be funded with Transit's Local Sales Tax.

### **XIV. ADJOURN AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD AND RECONVENE AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL**

46. **GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. **Request by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III**

1. Discussion with possible action to approve the purchase of exercise equipment for Garcia Vela field in the Three Points Neighborhood; and any other matters incident thereto. District 3 Priority Funds will be used for this project.

B. **Request by Council Member Nelly Vielma**

1. Discussion with possible action to assign a City Employee as a Business Liaison at the Building Department; and any other matters incident thereto.

C. **Request by Council Member George Altgelt**

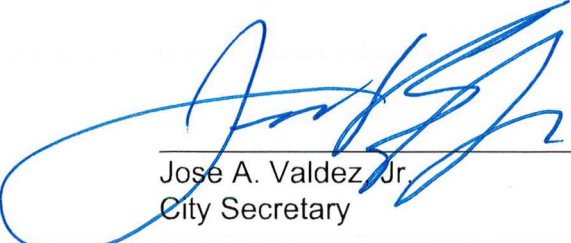
1. Discussion with possible action regarding an update on the abandoned building ordinance and the xeriscape ordinance; and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion and possible action to connect the City's extension of Bob Bullock road through and onto Riverbank road; and any matters incident thereto.

D. **Request by Council Member Rudy Gonzalez, Jr.**

1. Discussion with possible action on status update regarding the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ); and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Dr. Marte Martinez)**

**XV. 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, August 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.



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Jose A. Valdez, Jr.  
City Secretary