

CITY OF LAREDO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1110 HOUSTON STREET

LAREDO, TEXAS 78040

September 8, 2020

5:30 P.M.



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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 July 27, 2020, August 3, 2020, August 7, 2020, August 11, 2020, and August 13, 2020.

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. RECOGNITION

1. Recognizing our City of Laredo Budget Department for receiving the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award in regards to policy documents, financial planning, operation guidance, and communication devices.
2. Recognizing Keep Laredo Beautiful Program for recently receiving the Silver Star Affiliate by Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) a statewide grassroots environmental and community improvement non-profit organization.
3. Recognizing Jeffrey J. Miller, Airport Director on being presented Accredited Airport Executive by the American Association of Airport Executives (AAEE) for completing all academic requirements, as prescribed by the Board of Examiners, and having met all other professional requirements of this association, is hereby certified by the Board of Directors as an Executive Member of the American Association of Airport Executives.

VII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment by Mayor Pete Saenz of Agustin Meza to the Cemetery Committee.
2. Appointment by Mayor Pete Saenz of Gilbert Garcia to the South Texas Development Council.
3. Appointment by Mayor Pete Saenz of Felix Velasquez to the Audit & Accountability Committee.
4. Appointment by Council Member Dr. Marte A. Martinez of Ignacio Tommy Gutierrez for the Telecommunications Advisory Committee.
5. Appointment by Council Member Dr. Marte A. Martinez of Larry Dovalina to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

6. Appointment by Council Member Nelly Vielma of Michelle M. Romani to the Cemetery Committee.
7. Appointment by Council Member Nelly Vielma of Julia Rubio to the Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee.
8. Appointment by Council Member Nelly Vielma of Linda Garza to the Ethics Commission.
9. Appointment by Council Member Nelly Vielma of Roy Soto to the Max A. Mandel Municipal Golf Course Advisory Committee.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Public Hearing** to consider the adoption of the 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Program of the City of Laredo, as amended.
2. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** adopting the proposed annual budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 by appropriating the proposed revenues, expenditures and balances reported therein for the year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021, consistent with the financial plan described in said annual budget (see Exhibit "A") and motions approved by City Council at public workshop on August 11-13, 2020 (see Exhibit "B") and the Holiday Schedule for fiscal year 2020-2021 (see Exhibit "C") and authorizing the City Manager to implement said annual budget.
3. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** ratifying the execution of a contract from the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), amending the FY 2019-2020 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$4,075,612.00, with a cash match of \$2,037,806.00 and amending the FY 2019-2020 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Position Listing by adding two (2) Caseworker, R34 positions for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Community Mental Health Grant Program for the term period from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2022.
4. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a contract from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), amending the Health Department Fund FY 2020-2021 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$125,000.00 and amending the FY 2020-2021 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Position Listing by adding one (1) Health Educator Supervisor, R38 position and one (1) Health Educator I, R29 position for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Diabetes Prevention and Control Program for the term period from November 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021.

5. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** authorizing the City Manager to appropriate funds in the amount of \$4,778.00 by increasing revenues and expenditures for the FY2020 El Metro Budget. Funding is provided through the excess amount from Reimburse and Miscellaneous (Damaged Insurance Reimbursements).
6. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** authorizing the City Manager to appropriate funds in the amount of \$19,034.00 by increasing revenues and expenditures for the FY2020 Transit Budget. Funding is provided through the excess amount from "Land/Telecommunications Rental." Funds will be used to purchase a Generator for the Transit Center Facility.

(Recess)
(Press Availability)

IX. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

X. FIRST AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

7. **2020-O-110** Amending the City of Laredo's fiscal year 2019-2020 Solid Waste Fund by appropriating a draw down of \$12,000,000.00 to purchase the Ponderosa Landfill. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Fund.
8. **2020-O-111** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, pursuant to Section 2.11 of the City Charter, amending the Public Health COVID-19 Emergency Ordinance and extending the Emergency Declaration of Local Disaster, through October 19, 2020; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

XI. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

9. **2020-O-101** 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.

ZC-48-2020
District I

10. **2020-O-102** 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.

ZC-50-2020
District II

11. **2020-O-103** 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.

**ZC-49-2020
District V**

12. **2020-O-104** 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.

**ZC-51-2020
District VIII**

13. **2020-O-105** An ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances by adding Article VII to require the installation of diaper changing station in all city-owned buildings, newly constructed commercial buildings and commercial building 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.

14. **2020-O-106** 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.

15. **2020-O-107** Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Lease Agreement between Laredo Transit Management, Inc. (Lessor) and Turimex, LLC (Lessee). This is for leased a 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.

16. **2020-O-108** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 18, Article V, Section 18-24 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.

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

All of the following items may be acted upon by one motion. No separate discussion or action on any of the items is necessary unless desired by a Council Member.

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

17. Discussion with possible action on the upcoming November 3, 2020 General City Elections regarding early voting and election day voting sites regarding safety protocols; and any other matters incident thereto.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: STAFF SOURCE TINA MARTINEZ, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

18. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into multiple contracts and award the first allocation of the Emergency Solutions Grant Coronavirus (ESG-CV) funds made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the total amount of \$1,049,600.00 to the following agencies:
 1. **\$540,065.00** to Bethany House of Laredo, Inc. for Shelter Operations, provision of Essential Services, Street Outreach services, Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing assistance, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), and Administration.
 2. **\$382,560.00** to Holding Institute for Shelter Operations, provision of Essential Services, Street Outreach service, Homelessness Prevention assistance, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and Administration.
 3. **\$120,450.00** to Serving Children & Adults in Need (SCAN) for Street Outreach service, Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing assistance.
 4. **\$6,525.00** to Casa de Misericordia (CASA) for the provision of Essential Services.

Funding is available in the Emergency Solutions Grant Fund.

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

19. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Garros Services, LLC ("Garros") for the management and operation of a third refrigerated inspection facility located adjacent to the Colombia Solidarity Bridge for the inspection by Government officials of goods entering the United States from Mexico. Garros will build, maintain, and operate the new refrigerated facility at no cost to the City of Laredo; the term of the agreement is ten (10) years with right of first refusal for two additional five (5) year terms; Garros will pay the City 12.5% of each inspection fee collected; and Garros is obligated to pay the City a minimum revenue guarantee in the amount of nine hundred sixty five thousand nine hundred sixty one dollars and twelve cents (\$965,961.12) over

the term of the Agreement.

ENGINEERING: STAFF SOURCE RAMON E. CHAVEZ, CITY ENGINEER

20. Consideration for approval of the selection of the top ranked consultant for RFQ FY19-ENG-006 City of Laredo Plaza Theater Renovations; and authorization to negotiate a professional services contract. A total of ten (10) firms responded to the request for qualifications on July 17, 2020. The top three (3) consultants made presentations before the evaluation committee on August 21, 2020 via teleconference and the committee recommends to select Able City, Inc. Laredo, Texas. There is no financial impact at this time.
21. Consideration for approval of the CDBG Sidewalks Project District IV (14 City-Blocks) as complete, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$13,460.40 to ALC Construction Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$134,604.00. Funding is available in the CDBG 2019 Grant Year – Project No. D41813.
22. Consideration for approval to award a professional services contract to RS&H, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$471,805.00 for the Laredo International Airport Noise Compatibility Program. Funding is available in the Airport Construction Fund – FAA Grant No. 86.
23. Consideration for approval to award an annual construction contract FY20-ENG-008 to Midas Contractors, LLC., Laredo, Texas, in the amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 and ALC Construction Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 (Total \$600,000.00) for the Concrete Construction and Repair Projects as needed; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related contract documents contingent upon receipt and approval of insurance and bond documents. The term of this contract shall be for a period of twelve (12) months beginning as of the date of its execution. If the pricing remains the same and there is mutual agreement from both parties the contract shall automatically renew for another twelve (12) month period contingent on funding availability. Funding will be determined as projects are needed.
24. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract (development agreement) with the Owner/Developer of Lafon Subdivision, for the construction of public infrastructure in the amount of \$600,483.38 as agreed to in the agreement between the City of Laredo and AFW Investments, Ltd (AFW). The agreement specifies that AFW within two (2) years will construct a 31' back to back road and 50' right of way including curbs, gutters, sidewalks, water system, sewer system, and others as required, and to the standards set by, the Laredo Subdivision Ordinance, to serve as public infrastructure for the City within the 4.52 acre, more or less, strip of property owned by the City of Laredo. There is no financial impact to the City of Laredo.

25. Consideration for approval of the CDBG Sidewalks Project District III (20 City-Blocks) as complete, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$8,561.40 to Romo Contractors, LLC., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$85,614.00. Funding is available in the 2018 CDBG Grant Year – Project No. D31802.
26. Consideration for approval of the selection of the top two (2) ranked consultant for RFQ FY20-ENG-005 City of Laredo Traffic Signal Design (CDBG Project) including Ejido Avenue & Lomas del Sur Boulevard intersection and Ejido Avenue & La Pita Mangana Road intersection; and authorization to negotiate a professional services contract. A total of six (6) firms responded to the request for qualifications on July 17, 2020. The committee recommends the selection of AC Group, LLC, San Antonio, TX and Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc., McAllen, TX.
27. Discussion with possible action to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Webb County authorizing the construction of an approximate 1.4 mile, four lane (transitioning to two lane) roadway, sections of which are within the corporate city limits, to realign the approximate 1.4 mile section of Wormser Road east of Cuatro Vientos/Loop 20 with Lomas Del Sur Blvd. east of Cuatro Vientos/Loop 20, at no cost to the City of Laredo other than waiving of fees.

ENVIRONMENTAL: STAFF SOURCE JOHN PORTER, ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTOR

28. Consideration for approval of the selection of CEC Engineering, based on Request for Qualification received and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate an engineering contract for channel improvements to Zacate Creek from McPherson to Cherry Hill. There is no cost involved in this part of the Request for Qualifications/selection of consultant process.
29. Consideration to renew contract FY19-048 for the Shiloh Crossing & Backwood Pond Maintenance to low bidder Nick Benavides, Oilton, TX for an amount of \$33,586.00 per year. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and subject to future appropriations. This is the first contract extension and contract can be extended a total of three extension periods, upon mutual approval of the parties. Funding for this contract is available in the Environmental Services Department Budget.

FLEET MANAGEMENT: STAFF SOURCE RONALD MILLER, FLEET DIRECTOR

30. Consideration to renew the six-month (6) supply contract FY18-001 to the low bidder Arguindegui Oil Company, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$80,000.00 for the purchase of lubricants for the Fleet Department. All lubricants will be secured on an as needed basis. The term of this contract shall be for a period of six (6) months 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; price changes will be governed by an index made up of the composite posted prices in the Laredo area of those companies published in the daily publication of Oil Price Information Service (OPIS). This is the fifth of six extension periods. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.
31. Consideration to award annual contract FY20-079 for the purchase of truck tires with the following bidders:
- a. Section I - Southern Tire Mart, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$500,000.00 (Primary Vendor);
 - b. Section II - The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio, in an amount up to \$150,000.00 (Primary Vendor)
 - c. Southern Tire Mart, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$125,00.00 (Secondary Vendor).

All tires will be secured on an as needed basis. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This contract can be renewed three (3) additional one (1) year periods, upon mutual agreement. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Fund.

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

32. **2020-R-132** Authorizing the City Manager to accept funds in the amount of \$15,700.00 from Every Body Texas (formerly known as Women's Health and Family Planning Association of Texas (WHFPT) through the Quality Improvement and Access Fund (Part B) for the City of Laredo Health Department Title X Family Planning Services for the term period from April 1, 2020 through March 15, 2021.
33. **2020-R-133** Ratifying the submission of a continuation grant application in the estimated amount of \$216,147.00 to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to continue the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) HIV Prevention Program for the term period from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant.

34. **2020-R-134** Ratifying the submission of a grant application in the estimated amount of \$244,000.00 to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) for Juntos for Better Health, primary care and mental health integration to improve health outcomes and access to health through the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) for the term period from December 15, 2020 through June 15, 2022 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant.
35. **2020-R-135** Ratifying the acceptance of additional funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) through the South Texas Development Council (STDC), in the amount of \$14,000.00 for a total amount of \$129,441.00 for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department's Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Project (HOPWA) to assist with housing and utilities for the term of February 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020.
36. Authorizing the City Manager to amend the current agreement with Televero Health, Inc. in the amount of \$5,000.00 for HIV services for a total cumulative amount of \$63,000.00, to continue to provide telemedicine psychiatric services via Televero's telehealth platform for the City of Laredo Health Department for the existing term through September 30, 2020, pending funding availability. Funding is available through the Health Department Fund - Ryan White Part C Budget.
37. Motion to authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Engagement Agreement with Victor D. Trevino, M.D. for professional services as City of Laredo Health Authority, by authorizing additional fees of \$10,000.00 for a total of \$60,000.00. Existing contract authorized amount to not exceed \$50,000.00. Funds are available in the General Fund by CARES.
38. Ratifying the execution of an Interlocal Agreement entered into between the City of Laredo and Webb County for the Laredo Health Department to Laredo Health Department to provide food establishment inspections for certain Webb County Community Centers.

HUMAN RESOURCES: STAFF SOURCE MELINA BERMUDEZ, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

39. Consideration to renew the existing professional services contract FY17-051 between the City of Laredo and Laredo Examiners, Inc., as primary provider, as well as with Dr. David H. Cruz, as secondary provider, to perform drug and alcohol testing services pursuant to the City of Laredo Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy. Term of the contract was for a period of three (3) years and may be extended for one additional two (2) year period, subject to future appropriation. This is the last extension period. Cost of contract services is approximately \$120,000.00 per year. Funding is available in the Risk Management Fund - Employee & Wellness Division.

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

40. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a contract between the Texas Department of Information Resources (Texas DIR) and the City of Laredo for the purchase of the AT&T Emergency Services IP Network (ESInet), an IP Based Network for 9-1-1 Call Routing, through Texas DIR contract #DIR-TEX-AN-NG-CTSA-005 in the total amount of \$2,916,008.81 over a five-year period. Initial year cost will be \$612,940.01, with a total of \$37,172.81 in Non-Recurring Costs. A total of \$575,767.20 will be paid every subsequent year for Monthly Recurring Costs. Additional funding will be provided by CSEC for the ESInet project for project implementation. Funding is available in the Regional 9-1-1 Fund. Purchases are for the grant year of September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021, RCOM21.

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

41. Discussion and possible action regarding establishing a recurring annexation cycle.
42. Motion adopting the following schedule of hearings and proceedings for voluntary annexations for 2020-2021:

Date	Action
8/1/2020	Begin accepting annexation applications.
9/8/2020	Adoption of annexation schedule by the City Council.
8/1/2020 - 9-18-2020	Planning Department staff assists applicants with submittal process and conducts initial review of early submittals.
9/18/2020	Annexation petition/application deadline at 5:00 p.m.
9/21/2020 - 10/20/2020	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.

10/21/2020	Agenda deadline for submission of materials for 11/2/2020 City Council Meeting.
11/2/2020	Council meeting authorizing by motion the drafting of annexation agreements and service plans for submitted annexation requests and refer to Planning and Zoning Commission.
11/3/2020 - 12/2/2020	Prepare annexation agreements and service plans with updated fees. Continue review and develop zoning analysis and recommendations.
12/3/2020	Planning and Zoning Commission meeting and review of proposed annexation and proposed zoning designations.
12/4/2020 - 1/6/2021	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. Submit for Agenda deadline.
1/19/2021	City Council holds public hearing on proposed annexations. Loc. Gov't Code §43.063.
1/20/2021 - 2/3/2021	Annexation agreements and service plans executed by property owners and submitted to Planning Department and forwarded to Legal Department for processing. Submit for Agenda deadline.
2/16/2021	City Council meeting: Introduction of an ordinance instituting annexation proceedings and adopting a service plan for the areas to be annexed and establishing zoning. State law requires not more than forty (40) nor less than twenty (20) days from the date of public hearing (Institution of Proceedings).
3/1/2021	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.
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POLICE: STAFF SOURCE CLAUDIO TREVINO, CHIEF OF POLICE

43. **2020-R-126** Authorizing the City Manager to apply for a grant in the amount of \$872,271.00 to fund the Laredo Police Department HIDTA Task Force, the Laredo DEA HIDTA Task Force, and the Rio Grande Valley Financial HIDTA Task Force. These initiatives are funded by the Executive Office of the President, Office of the National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) at no cost to the City. Funding will be used to pay personnel salaries, fringe benefits, overtime, travel and operating expenses from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Funding for the Rio Grande Valley Financial Task Force will be used for payment of fringe benefits, overtime, and operating expenses from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Funding will be available in the Financial Task Force Fund.
44. Authorizing the City Manager to renew one individual cooperative working agreement between the City of Laredo Police Department (LPD) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for the purpose of disrupting the illicit drug trafficking activities in our city. 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

45. Consideration to renew contract number FY15-052 with the following vendor:
1. **Emperor Services LLC**, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$120,000.00 for the purchase of the following paving, and construction materials:
 - a. Sand delivered to Public Works and Utilities Job Site - \$14.58/ton
 - b. Sand picked up by City Trucks - \$7.50/Ton.

This contract is for the purchase of materials required for all city paving and construction projects. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. This is the fifth and last extension period. There was no price increase during the last extension period. All materials are purchased on an as needed basis and funding is available in the Public Works Department, Utilities Department and various construction project budgets.

46. Consideration to renew annual supply contract number FY16-068 with Emperor Services LLC, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$320,000.00 for the purchase of the following paving, and construction materials:
1. Gravel delivered to Public Works and Utilities Job Site - \$30.00/ton
 2. Gravel picked up by City Trucks - \$20.00/Ton
 3. 3/8" Pea Gravel picked up by City Trucks - \$18.00/ton;
 4. 3/8" Pea Gravel delivered to Public Works and Utilities Job Site- \$26.00/ton;
 5. Flexible Base-Caliche delivered to Public Works and Utilities Job Site- \$16.50/ton;
 6. Flexible Base-Caliche picked up by City Trucks - \$ 7.00/ton

This contract is for the purchase of materials required for all city paving and construction projects. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. This is the fourth and last extension period. There was no price increase during the last extension period. All materials are purchased on an as needed basis and funding is available in the Public Works Department, Utilities Department and various construction project budgets.

47. Consideration to authorize the purchase of two (2) 2020 Ford F250's Crew Cab and one (1) 2020 Ford F250's Extended Cab from Silsbee Ford, Silsbee, Texas in the amount of \$91,671.75 through the GoodBuy Cooperative Purchasing Program's contract pricing. Funding is available in the Environmental Service Fund.
48. Consideration to authorize the purchase of two (2) dump trucks from Rush Truck Center, Laredo, Texas in the total amount \$268,500.00 for the Public Works Department. The purchase of this truck shall be made utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program. Funding is available in the Environmental Service Fund.
49. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one (1) 2020 Case 580N Backhoe loader from Nueces Power Equipment, Laredo, Texas in the amount of \$86,652.25. The purchase of this Backhoe for the Public Works Department Creek Maintenance Division shall be from the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program. Funding is available in the Environmental Services Fund.

SOLID WASTE: STAFF SOURCE STEPHEN GEISS, SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR

50. Authorizing the City Manager to execute required documents related to the purchase of assets and the surface only of real property, more commonly known as the Ponderosa Regional Landfill, from 359 P4 L.L.C. and Regional Land Management Services, LTD in a total amount not to exceed \$24,000,000 for the purpose of expanding the City of Laredo's Solid Waste Landfill and operations, including an agreement to transfer Regional Land Management Services, LTD's current Texas Commission on Environment Quality permit to the City of Laredo. The tract of land is described as being located on the south right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 359, and containing approximately 501.465 acres of land, more or less, being out of Porcion 32, A. Trevino, Abstract 296; Porcion 33, J.D. Trevino, Abstract 3084, Porcion 34, J.A.

Diaz, Abstract 762, Porcion 35, J.M. Diaz, Abstract 546 and Survey 2384, S.F.13440, Abstract 3256, Webb County, Texas. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Operations Fund and the Solid Waste 2019 CO Issue.

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

51. Consideration to renew annual supply contract FY16-064 for the purchase of mechanical joint fittings, brass fittings, copper pipe, repair clamps, and valve boxes for the Utilities Department with the following vendors:

- a. Sections I and II to Ferguson Waterworks, Brownsville, Texas in an amount of up to \$656,882.18;
- b. Section III to Core & Main, LP., (formerly HD Supply Waterworks) Atlanta, Georgia in an amount of up to \$177,274.40;

The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. These materials are purchased on an as needed basis by the Utilities Department-Water Operations for construction and repair projects. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the last extension period for this contract. Funding is available in the Water and Sewer Funds.

52. Consideration to renew contract number FY17-033 for the purchase of rubber couplings, PVC pipe, and related materials for the Utilities Department with the following vendors:

1. Sections I, II, III, VII, and VIII to Core & Main, LP., (formerly HD Supply Waterworks), Atlanta, Georgia in an amount up to \$102,715.84;
2. Section V to Ferguson Waterworks, Mission, Texas in an amount up to \$189,154.55;
3. Sections IV and VI to Aguaworks Pipe & Supply, Brownsville, Texas in an amount up to \$63,333.32.

The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. These materials shall be purchased on an as needed basis by the Utilities Department-Water Operations for construction and repair projects. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the last extension period for this contract. Funding is available in the Water and Sewer Funds.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XIII. STAFF REPORTS

53. Discussion with possible action on ongoing audits and/or irregularities identified by the Internal Auditor including the potential assignment of other and/or additional auditing duties; and any other matters incident thereto.
54. Discussion with possible action to consider a first request for an extension of Injury Leave with pay in accordance with 143.073(b) of the Texas Local Government Code for Patrol Officer Gustavo Sotelo. Human Resources and Police Department recommend extension. Total number of days out as of August 21, 2020 is 249 days.
55. Discussion with possible action to establish an Employee of the Quarter Program for City of Laredo employees; and any other matters incident thereto.
56. Discussion with possible action on the recommendation by the City Manager for the position of City Attorney in accordance with the City Charter of the City of Laredo, Article IV, Section 4.02, and any other matters incident thereto.
57. Status update on current COVID-19 information as presented by Local Health Authority, Dr. Victor Treviño; and any other matters incident thereto.
58. Discussion with possible action on the temporary adoption of a call-in procedure to allow the public to address the City Council by phone during public comment or before deliberation of an agenda item in accordance with the current suspension of the applicable provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act by the Governor, and any other matters incident thereto.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any posted agenda item when authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and/or 551.086 (Economic Development). Following closed session, the open meeting will reconvene at which time action, if any, may be taken.

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

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

59. **GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Request by Council Member Nelly Vielma

1. Discussion with possible action to provide meaningful/public comment engagement via zoom or webex platforms; and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to modify Parkland Dedication Ordinance to be used within the council district of development or regional park within the same district; and any other matters incident thereto.
3. Discussion with possible action to create and support an Educational Public Health Initiative to counteract the impact of COVID-19 in our community with PSAs, community outreach, social media platforms, events directed to different age groups to reduce the spread of COVID-19, improve physical and mental health, improve fitness & nutrition, improve our immune system, prepare students and staff for school return protocols; and any other matters incident thereto.

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

1. Discussion with possible action to direct management to have Economic Development Department staff explore the possibility of establishing a small business revolving loan fund through a US EDA (Economic Development Administration) grant opportunity; and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to direct management to work with the local workforce board (Workforce Solutions For South Texas) to explore state funding possibilities for high demand job skills training; and any other matters incident thereto.
3. Discussion with possible action to direct management to develop and present to council a state legislative agenda for the first City Council meeting in October; and any other matters incident thereto.

C. Request by Council Member George Altgelt

1. Discussion with possible action to conduct an inquiry, as per the charter, regarding the use of federal and city funds by the Laredo Fire Fighters Union, alias "La Union", and or the Fire Pac, to the advantage of certain elected

officials, the legalities or illegalities thereof, the self-reporting requirements of the City to both federal and state officials; and any other matters incident thereto.

2. Discussion with possible action to name the Hike/Bike trail to "ProMike Bikeway" from Springfield to Eden Lane parallel to the AEP easement and behind the Mary Help of Christian School; and any other matters incident thereto.

3. Discussion with possible action to cease and desist all future construction of sports venue expenditures until the pandemic has passed; and any other matters incident thereto.

D. Request by Council Member Roberto Balli

1. Discussion with possible action to provide assistance to local establishments with TABC licenses to avoid closure; and any other matters incident thereto.
(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Dr. Marte A. Martinez)

E. Request by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez

1. Discussion with possible action to instruct City Manager to authorize staff to install speed humps at the following locations under the Special Provision of the Speed Hump installation Policy and to authorize the use of asphalt type speed humps instead of speed cushions which is currently required under the policy and any other matters incident thereto. City Council District II Priority Funds will be used for this project.

- **Speed Hump on S. Texas Street**
- **Speed Hump on Pine Street**
- **Speed Hump on Leon Street**

2. Discussion with possible action to create general templates in order to assist the general public regarding the approval and issuance of building permits for small projects not attached to a residence or home provided the floor area is not greater than 120 square feet; and any other matters incident thereto.

3. Discussion with possible action to immediately have council members voluntarily do a drug test monthly and post on the City's website to show transparency and professionalism to our community; and any other matters incident thereto.

F. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Alberto Torres, Jr.

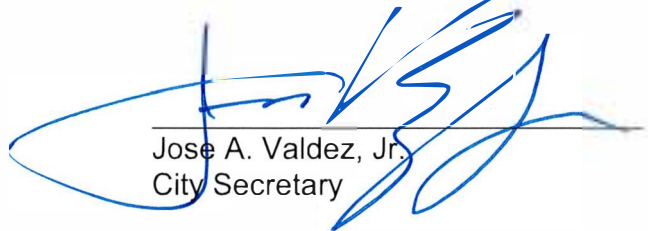
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- **2017 E. Reynolds between N. Malinche Ave and N. Urbahn Ave.**
- **2300 E. Montgomery Street between N. Martin Ave. and N. Jarvis Ave.**
- **1300 E. Taylor Street between N. Loring Ave and N. Stone Ave.**
- **1500 E. Taylor Street between N. Meadow Ave and N. Seymour Ave.**

2. Discussion with possible action to evaluate the possibility of offering a two-day trash pick up per week, and update on recycling facility; and any other matters incident thereto.

XVII. ADJOURN

This notice was posted at the Municipal Government Offices, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas, at a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times. Said notice was posted on Friday, September 4, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.


Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary

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