

SECOND AMENDED CITY OF LAREDO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A-2021-R-03

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CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040

February 22, 2021

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 February 1, 2021

Citizen comments

Citizens are required to fill out an online participation form and select one of three options below, to assure all precautionary measures are taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Participation forms can be found at <https://www.cityoflaredo.com/comments/>. 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.

- Written Comments:
Submit comments to above link by 5:45 p.m. the day of meeting
- Video Participation:
Submit contact information on above link no later than 12:00 noon the day of meeting
- Telephone Participation:
Submit contact information on above link no later than 12:00 noon same day of meeting and stand-by for callback between 5:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. the day of meeting.

VI. RECOGNITION

1. Recognizing Leopoldo Polo Martinez owner of A-1 Rooter Disinfecting Service for their assistance in helping to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community by offering free disinfection services to small, locally owned businesses.
2. Recognizing Fire Chief Guillermo Heard, firefighter/paramedic Jerry Soto, and all Fire department volunteers assisting and spearheading the Save Our Seniors Homebound Program that has vaccinated 822 homebound elderly citizens.

VII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment by Mayor Pete Saenz in designating himself to the Employee of the Quarter (EOQ) Selection Committee.
2. Re-appointment by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III of Vidal Cantu to the Ethics Commission.
3. Re-appointment by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr. of Sabas Zapata to the Ethics Commission.
4. Appointment by Ruben A. Gutierrez, Jr. of Carlos E. Flores to the Ethics Commission.
5. Appointment by Council Member Ruben Gutierrez Jr. of Cristobal Rodríguez to the Airport Advisory Board.
6. Appointment by Council Member Ruben Gutierrez Jr. of Alejandro Villarreal Facility Naming & Recognition Commission.
7. Appointment by Council Member Ruben Gutierrez Jr. of Jacob Puig for the Charter Revision Committee.
8. Appointment by Mayor Pro-Tempore Rudy Gonzalez, Jr. of Alfredo Agredano to the Cemetery Committee.
9. Appointment by Council Member Vanessa Perez of Teresa Keck to the Ethics Commission.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public Hearing on the adoption of the Future Thoroughfare Plan as Appendix "D" of the Comprehensive Plan (Resolution to follow next Council meeting).
2. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending Chapter 4, "Airport", Article 1 "In General", Section 4-15 "Airport Parking" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo, Texas to amend the parking hours for parking of vehicles at the Laredo International Airport Passenger terminal area. The following shall be the amended fees, providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; providing for publication; and, providing for an effective date.

HOURS	HOURLY/DAILY PARKING LOT RATES	HOURS	ECONOMY PARKING LOT RATES
30 MINS	FREE	1 HOUR	FREE
30-60 MINS	\$2	1-2 HOURS	\$2
AFTER 60 MINS	\$1	AFTER 2 HOURS	\$1
DAILY MAX RATE	\$10	DAILY MAX RATE	\$5

3. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning a tract of land containing approximately 91.64 acres, more or less, out of and part of Porcion 38, Abstract 472, Tadco Sanchez, Original Grantee, as conveyed to J.E. Moore, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District), B-1 (Limited Business District), B-3 (Community Business District) to R1-MH (Single Family Manufactured Housing District).

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

ZC-003-2021
District I

4. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 2.57 acre tract of land being out and part of Porcion 37, Abstract 410, Jose Bartolo Chapa, Original Grantee, and conveyed onto Vimoso II, Tract 3 (100.00 acres), Located south of Sierra Vista, east of Ejido Ave., from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to R-1MH (Single Family Manufactured Housing District).

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

ZC-018-2021
District I

5. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance concerning a voluntary annexation application by George Martinez, altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo by annexing additional territory of 17.57 acres, more or less, located north of State Highway 359, and east of Floral Blvd., providing for the effective date of the ordinance, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District).

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the annexation, and staff does not support the application.

AN-003-2021

District II

6. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 14, Block 2, Jacaman Ranch Unit 6, Jacaman Commercial Park, Located at 7126 Rosson Ln, from B-4 (Highway Commercial District) to B-3 (Community Business District).

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

ZC-017-2021

District V

7. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1A, Block 2, Replat Lago Del Mar Unit 9A, located at 7614 County Club Drive, from R-2 (Multifamily District) to R-1B (Single Family High Density District).

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

ZC-019-2021

District V

8. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance concerning a voluntary annexation application by Rodriguez Ranch, LTD c/o Lourdes Rodriguez Zertuche, altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo by annexing additional territory of 247.7 acres, more or less, located east of International Blvd. and north of Juan Escutia Blvd., providing for the effective date of the ordinance, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of AG and R-1A.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the annexation and initial zoning, and staff supports the application.

AN-001-2021

District VI

9. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance concerning a voluntary annexation application by Cuevas Stanley Investments c/o Doug Stanley, altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo by annexing additional territory of 2.07 acres, more or less, located south of Mines Rd. (FM 1472) and west of Coal Mine Rd., providing for the effective date of the ordinance, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the annexation and initial zoning, and staff supports the application.

AN-002-2021

District VII

10. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance concerning a voluntary annexation application by Mario Palos Garza, altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo by annexing additional territory of 2.62 acres, more or less, located northeast of Mines Rd. (FM 1472) and southeast of Pinto Valle Dr., providing for the effective date of

the ordinance, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the annexation and initial zoning, and staff supports the application.

AN-004-2021
District VII

11. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance concerning a voluntary annexation application by Las Islitas Farms, LLC c/o Manuel Gonzalez, altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo by annexing additional territory of 17.29 acres, more or less, located south of Mines Rd. (FM 1472) and north of Phelps Rd., providing for the effective date of the ordinance, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of B-1 (Limited Business District).

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the annexation and initial zoning, and staff supports the application.

AN-005-2021
District VII

(Recess)
(Press Availability)

IX. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

12. Authorizing the City Manager to grant a non-exclusive franchise to JPG BROS, LLC D/B/A 1-800-JUNKPRO to use the present and future streets, avenues, alleys, roads, highways, sidewalks, easements and other public rights-of-way of the City of Laredo, Texas for container refuse gathering and disposing services, setting forth terms and conditions to govern the franchise; providing a severability clause, a savings clause and providing for publication and effective date. All waste hauling businesses operating within the City Limits are required to secure a Franchise Agreement with the City of Laredo for use of public streets.
13. An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, designating a contiguous graphic area within the City as a reinvestment zone pursuant to Chapter 311 of the Texas Tax Code, to be known as Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) No.3, City of Laredo, Texas; describing the boundaries of the zone; creating a board of directors for the zone, establishing a tax increment fund for the zone; containing findings related to the creation of the zone, providing that the zone take effect immediately upon passage of the ordinance, providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

X. FIRST AND FINAL READING

14. 2021-O-054 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 by extending the Emergency Declaration of Local Disaster for an additional month, through March 19, 2021; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

XI. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

15. 2021-O-027 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning a 3.9628 acre tract out of 15.196 acres of land, more or less, situated in Porcion 35, Abstract 546, Jose Miguel Diaz original Grantee, as conveyed to HFK Development, LLC., located west of Ejido Ave., north of Dolly Richter/Bianka Lane. From R-1 (Single

Family Residential District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District).

ZC-011-2021

District I

16. **2021-O-028** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 11.233 acres out of a 15.196 acre tract of land more or less, situated in Porcion 35, Abstract 546, Jose Miguel Diaz original Grantee, as conveyed to HFK Development, LLC., located west of Ejido Ave., south of Dolly Richter/Bianka Lane. From R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District).

ZC-012-2021

District I

17. **2021-O-029** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 35, Block 1, Cuatro Vientos Sur, Phase V located west of Ejido Ave., south of Dolly Richter/Bianka Lane. From R-1MH (Single Family Manufactured Housing District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District).

ZC-013-2021

District I

18. **2021-O-030** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 9.87 acres, more or less, situated in Porcion 35, Abstract 546, Jose M. Dias original Grantee as conveyed to ALS Laredo Holdings, LLC c/o Alejandro E. Villarreal III. From R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) to R-1B (Single Family High Density District).

ZC-015-2021

District I

19. **2021-O-045** Authorizing the City Manager to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Community Development Department's budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$7,931,456.00 in order to appropriate U.S. Department of the Treasury funds available for Emergency Rental Assistance Program to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) to assist eligible families/individuals with income at or below the 80 percent of the area median. Additionally, amending the FY2020-2021 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Position Listing by adding four (4) Clerk III, R27 positions for the City of Laredo Community Development Department - U.S. Treasury Program.

20. **2021-O-046** Amending the City of Laredo Waterworks Construction Fund FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating revenues and expenses in the amount of \$5,240,613.00. Expenses will be appropriated for repairs to El Pico Water Treatment Plant. \$4.6M in revenues are available from proceeds of a lawsuit settlement for El Pico Water Treatment Plant and the remaining \$640,613.00 is the balance from the original settlement of \$2.2M.

21. **2021-O-047** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 4, Airport, Article I, In General of the Code of Ordinances providing that attendance requirements for members of the Airport Advisory Board be changed to adopt the uniform policies of Chapter 2, Administration, Article V, Boards, Commissions, Councils, etc. of the Code of Ordinances; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a savings clause; and providing for an effective date.

22. 2021-O-048 Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents for the purchase of the “surface only” of a tract of land containing 9,815.80 square feet, more or less, situated in Porcion 26, Agustin Sanchez, Original Grantee, Abstract 282, Webb County, Texas, said 9,815.80 square feet, more or less being out of a called 10.256 acre tract of land conveyed to Arlene Rash Properties, Ltd., as recorded in Volume 2255, Page 858, Official Public Records of Webb County, Texas, as described and depicted in Exhibit A, from Arlene Rash Properties, LTD. and AMF Development Group, LTD, as part of a Condemnation Settlement Agreement, in the negotiated amount of One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and no cents (\$152,500.00). This acquisition is necessary for the purpose of developing a right-turn lane off Calle del Norte in an effort to alleviate traffic congestion and improve public safety at the intersection of Calle Del Norte and Springfield Avenue. Funding is available in the 2015 CO Bond.
23. 2021-O-049 An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, authorizing the City Manager to sell the “surface only” of a partial section of 1100 Buena Vista Avenue at its appraised fair market value of \$21,500.00 to Uriel Razo. It is described as a 3,043.67 square foot tract of land more or less, being out of Buena Vista Avenue R.O.W., situated in the Eastern Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas. The City of Laredo reserves any and all visible and apparent easements recorded or not recorded, being generally described in attached Exhibit “A”, and approving the Post Closure Property Improvement Plan as described in Exhibit “B”, which is in compliance with Section 10 of the Street and Closing/Sales Policy Handbook, and providing for an effective date.
24. 2021-O-050 An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, authorizing the City Manager to sell the “Surface Only” of a partial section of 1100 Buena Vista Avenue at its appraised fair market value of \$21,500.00 to Eduardo Estrada Herrera. It is described as a 3,043.67 square foot tract of land more or less, being out of Buena Vista Avenue R.O.W., situated in the Eastern Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas. The City of Laredo reserves any and all visible and apparent easements recorded or not recorded, being generally described in attached Exhibit “A”, and approving the Post Closure Property Improvement Plan as described in Exhibit “B”, which is in compliance with Section 10 of the Street and Closing/Sales Policy Handbook, and providing for an effective date.
25. 2021-O-051 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a First Amendment to the Ground Lease between the City of Laredo (“Licensor”) and American Towers LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“Licensee”), for ground space at 8010 Killam Industrial Road, Laredo, Webb County, Texas, for the continued maintenance and operation of a 180 ft. high monopole and related ground facilities for use in its communications business. Term of the Amendment is one (1) initial term of five (5) years commencing October 25, 2024 and ending October 25, 2029, with four (4) additional five (5) year renewal options. The annual fee will increase from \$13,100.00 to \$45,000.00 with a three percent (3%) annual escalator. The city will also receive a \$25,000.00 one-time payment within 30 days of Licensee’s receipt of this amendment executed by Licensor.
26. 2021-O-052 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Second Amendment to the Ground Lease between the City of Laredo (“Licensor”) and American Towers LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“Licensee”), as Successor in Interest to Omniamerica Development Corporation, for ground space at 1120 Calton Road, Laredo, Webb County, Texas, for the continued maintenance and operation of a 150 ft. high monopole and related ground facilities for use in their communications business. Term of the Amendment is one (1) initial term of five (5) years commencing June 21, 2024 and ending June 20, 2029, with four (4) additional five (5) year renewal options. The annual fee will increase from \$18,108.00 to \$45,000.00 with a three percent (3%) annual escalator. The city will also receive a \$25,000.00 one-time payment within 30 days of Licensee’s receipt of this amendment executed by Licensor.
27. 2021-O-053 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Second Amendment to the Ground Lease between the City of Laredo (“Licensor”) and American Towers LLC, a

Delaware limited liability company ("Licensee"), as Successor in Interest to Omniamerica Development Corporation, for ground space at 2701 Seymour Street, Laredo, Webb County, Texas, for the continued maintenance and operation of a 180 ft. high monopole and related ground facilities. Term of the Amendment is one (1) initial term of five (5) years commencing October 20, 2023 and ending October 19, 2028, with four (4) additional five (5) year renewal options. The annual fee will increase from \$12,267.00 to \$45,000.00 with a three percent (3%) annual escalator. The city will also receive a \$25,000.00 one-time payment within 30 days of Licensee's receipt of this amendment executed by Licensor.

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.

AIRPORT: STAFF SOURCE JEFFREY J. MILLER, AIRPORT DIRECTOR

28. 2021-R-057 Authorizing the City Manager to submit Grant Application No. 3335704 and accept said grant in the amount of \$15,444.00 from the office of the Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) for the purpose of funding the FY 2020 Operation Stonegarden Grant (OPSG). This funding will be for overtime and fringe benefit expenses used for Stonegarden Operations by airport law enforcement. No local match is required. Funds are appropriated in the Airport Operating Fund, Stonegarden Grant division.

BUILDING: STAFF SOURCE ARTURO GARCIA, BUILDING DIRECTOR

29. 2021-R-038 Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and Maria Guadalupe Castillo for a proposed project located at 120 Musser Street, legally described as lot 6, block 280, eastern division. The project consists of new construction of two single-family residential houses. In accordance with the authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ) the agreement will be for a five (5) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$140,000.00. The estimated total annual tax abatement is \$904.56 and the estimated total fee waivers is \$1,674.00. The guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement. This project is located in City Council District VIII.
30. 2021-R-039 Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and 801 Gustavus Inc. for a proposed project located at 1605 Reynolds Street, legally described as lot 3, block 879, eastern division that consists of a residential project, in accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ). This agreement will be for a five (5) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$128,850.00. The estimated total annual tax abatement is \$819.91 and the estimated total fee waivers is \$1,116.00. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information. This project is located within City Council District IV.
31. 2021-R-040 Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and Wendy Hernandez for a proposed project located at 1320 San Francisco Avenue legally described as east 67 feet of lot 7, block 237, western division. This project consists of the new construction of a single-family residential house. In accordance with the authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ), this agreement will be for a five (5) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic

development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$140,000.00. The estimated total annual tax abatement is \$887.60 and the estimated total fee waivers of \$977.54. The guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement. This project is located in City Council District VIII.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: STAFF SOURCE TINA MARTINEZ,
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

32. 2021-R-058 Approval of a policy that provides for the review of applications based on established criteria for all affordable housing developers requesting a "Resolution of Support" or "Resolution of No Objection" and Commitments of Development Funding to submit their applications for Competitive (9%) and Noncompetitive (4%) Housing Tax Credits to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA).
33. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into multiple contracts and award 2020 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program Funds made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the total amounts of:
 1. \$270,854.00 to Bethany House of Laredo, Inc., for Shelter Operations, provision of essential services, street outreach services, homelessness prevention assistance, rapid re-housing assistance, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and administration.
 2. \$40,000.00 to Casa de Misericordia (CASA) for the operations of their shelter.

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

34. Authorizing the City Manager to approve additional funding for the participation on the project "La Frontera with Pati Jinich" in coordination with other public and private entities in both Laredo and Nuevo Laredo, that will highlight the attractions of the region and will promote both communities during prime time on PBS and other streaming services, in an additional amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for a total of \$80,000.00. Funding available in the Hotel Motel Tax Fund.

ENGINEERING: STAFF SOURCE RAMON E. CHAVEZ, CITY ENGINEER

35. Consideration for approval of the renovation upgrades to the Canseco Del Valle House Project (1415 Chihuahua Street) as complete, release of retainage and approval of final payment to LMC Corporation, San Antonio, Texas in the total amount of \$24,989.65 the final construction contract amount is \$251,696.49. Contract project improvements included renovation upgrades for first floor interior finishes and all other work as instructed on construction documents provided by the city. Funding is available in the Canseco House Improvements – 2015 CO Bond and 2016 CO Bond.
36. Consideration for approval of award of contract to Terracon Consultants, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$57,643.20 for the WTB FAST Lanes Relocation Project CBI 2B20(258) – CSJ# 0922-33-178 for the materials testing & observation services; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related contract documents contingent upon receipt and approval of insurance. Completion date for the project is scheduled for May 2022. Funding is available in the Bridge Construction Fund.
37. Consideration for approval to award a construction contract FY21-ENG-04 to the lowest responsible responsive bidder Zertuche Construction Texas, LLC., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$56,397.88 including the base bid and additive alternate bid items for the North Central Park Gym Structure Project (10202 International Blvd.) with a construction contract time of sixty (60) working days; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related contract documents contingent upon receipt and approval of insurance and bond documents. After a notice to proceed is issued, estimated completion date for the project is scheduled for April 2021. Funding is available in the 2019 CO Bond Project Number - D62103.

FINANCE: STAFF SOURCE JOSE F. CASTILLO, ACTING FINANCE DIRECTOR

38. 2021-R-052 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to supplemental agreement #1 with the Texas Department of Transportation for the Cuatro Vientos project by increasing the City's contribution by \$60,530.07. The City's total contribution for right of way acquisition for the project is \$1,174,113.46. Funding is available in the General Fund.
39. Consideration to renew contract FY19-041 to Dus-Tex Mops & Mats Rental, Laredo, Texas in the estimated annual amount of \$85,000.00 for the rental of dust mops and mats to various city departments. The term of this contract shall be for a two (2) year period, beginning as of the date of its execution and subject to future appropriations. This is the first and final extension period. All mops and mats services will be secured on an as-needed basis. Funds are available through respective departments' budget.
40. Authorizing and ratifying a donation agreement between the City of Laredo and Medline Industries, Inc. for the acceptances of an in-kind donation of 14,000 masks and 3,500 hygiene kits, with an approximate value of \$8,000.00, to be distributed towards the community and charitable organizations.

FLEET MANAGEMENT: STAFF SOURCE RONALD MILLER, FLEET DIRECTOR

41. Consideration to renew the six-month (6) supply contract FY18-001 with 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 last extension period for this contract. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.

HEALTH: STAFF SOURCE RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, HEALTH DIRECTOR

42. 2021-R-050 Ratifying the submission of a continuation grant application to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in the estimated amount of \$341,737.00 with a 10% match of \$34,174.00 to continue the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) and Response Services for the term period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant.
43. 2021-R-051 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a continuation grant application to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in the estimated amount of \$497,072.00 with no match to continue the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Office of Public Health Practices (OPHP) services which include disease control, food safety, and local public health system support for the term period of September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2023 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant. No grant match required.
44. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a personal property Donation Agreement between the City of Laredo and Webb County to donate the modular portable building located at 1600 Orquida Ln., Rio Bravo, TX to be used by the Webb County Rio Bravo Community Center.

HUMAN RESOURCES: STAFF SOURCE MELINA BERMUDEZ, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

45. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Dr. David H. Cruz, MD, PA as an independent contractor to provide daily medical services (4-5 hours per week) to all City of Laredo employees at the Employee Health & Wellness Clinic. The term is for a period of two (2) years with an additional two (2) one (1) year renewal options, exercisable by the City Manager. The agreement would be renewable at the expiration of said term by the mutual consent of both parties, and may be extended on a month to month basis if needed. The cost shall not exceed \$30,000.00 per year and funding is available in the Risk Management Fund/Employee Health & Wellness Division budget.
46. Motion to accept, establish and to implement the Consumer Driven Health Plan (CDHP) and Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) plan rates for employees who retire after March 1, 2021 providing for severability; and providing for an effective date as prescribed in Collective Bargaining Agreements.

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

47. 2021-R-054 Authorizing and ratifying a donation agreement between the City of Laredo and Juan J. Cruz for acceptance of \$12,000.00 towards the Cruz Baseball Field sign.
48. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Mural Agreement with Carlos Ramirez, Jr. ("Artist") dba Sketch 83 Media for \$9,900 for a mural to be located at the Sisters of Mercy Water Park. Funds are available in the 2019 CO Bond from the Public Arts allocation for District II.
49. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Mural Agreement with Antonio Briones III ("Artist") for a mural to be located at the City of Laredo Inner City Pool as a tribute to the Carrizo Comecrudo Native Americans that once lived on these lands, and any other matters incident thereto. No financial impact to the City of Laredo.

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

50. 2021-R-048 Adopting the Laredo & Webb County Active Transportation Plan as Appendix "C" of the Comprehensive Plan.

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

51. Consideration for approval of the selection of NewGen Strategies & Solutions, Richardson, Texas, based on Request for Qualification (RFQ) received and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate a professional services contract for a solid waste rate study and master plan. There is no cost involved in this part of the Request for Qualifications/selection of consultant process.
52. Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a trial with purchase option agreement with Humdinger Equipment, Ltd. of Lubbock, Texas. This agreement is for a no-cost trial of one hundred (100) operating hours of a trash compactor (operational demo) for the City of Laredo's landfill. After the trial, the hourly rental fee is \$200.00 per operating hour for a contract amount not to exceed \$90,000.00. The agreement includes a purchase option of the compactor in the amount of \$916,855.00 (Buy Board), less the rental amount; this will be contingent upon sale of the 2021 Solid Waste CO. Funding for rental is available in the Solid Waste Department fund.
53. Consideration to award contract FY21-030 to sole bidder River City Pressure Cleaning Equipment, San Antonio, TX for the amount of \$86,659.92. This purchase contract is for the replacement of a pressure washer and water recycle system at the city

landfill site. The purpose of the wash bay is to maintain the cleanliness of trucks filled with garbage. They must be pressure-washed in order not to spread diseases and control odors. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Services department fund.

TAX: STAFF SOURCE DORA MALDONADO, TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

54. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts adjusted for the month of January 2021 represent a decrease of \$40,427.84. These adjustments are determined by the Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

TRAFFIC SAFETY: STAFF SOURCE DANNY MAGEE, TRAFFIC DIRECTOR

55. 2021-R-056 Authorizing City Manager to execute an agreement with AEP Texas for the replacement of 5,800 non-LED streetlight fixtures with LED fixtures for \$799,488.00 and a contingency fee of up to \$50,000.00. Funding is available in the 2018 CO Bond.

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

56. 2021-R-053 Accepting the conveyance of a 0.0558 acres (2,430.40 square feet) Utility and Access Easement, out of Lots 7 & 8, Block 2154, Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas and being more particularly described by Metes and Bounds in Exhibit "A" and depicted on Exhibit "B" Attached hereto and made part hereof. Additionally, a Temporary Construction Easement, being 0.1355 acres (5,902.40 square feet) out of Lots 5, 6, 7, & 8, Block 2154, Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas and being more particularly described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "C" and depicted on Exhibit "D" attached hereto and made part hereof; and providing for an effective date.
57. Consideration to award supply contract number FY21-029 to the low bidder, Tenoch Distribution, from San Antonio, Texas in the estimated amount of \$350,000.00 for the purchase of PVC pipe used by the Utilities department. The term of this contract shall be for a period of six (6) months beginning as of the date of its execution. The contract may be extended for six (6) more additional six (6) month periods, each upon mutual agreement of the parties and contingent upon future funding appropriations. These materials are purchased on an as-needed basis for construction and repair projects. Funding is available in the Utilities Department fund.
58. Consideration to ratify Purchase Order #332381 issued to Graybar Electric, San Antonio, Texas, for an additional amount of \$22,631.48 to the current contract amount of \$568,927.71. This is the second Change Order for this contract. The new total amount for this purchase order is \$591,559.19. Funding available in the Utilities Department Water Construction Fund.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XIII. STAFF REPORTS

59. 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.
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Status update on current COVID-19 information as presented by Local Health Authority, Health Director and Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC); and any other matters incident thereto.

61. Presentation on the Bridge Master Plan, and any other matters incident thereto.
62. Discussion with possible action an annual Strategic Planning session for staff and City Council, tentatively set for March 26-27, 2021; and any other matters incident thereto.
63. Discussion and presentation on the status of the City of Laredo/Webb County Detox Center.
64. Discussion with possible action on setting a date for the mid year budget update.
65. Status update and presentation on the Public Input Survey for the FY 21-22 Budget, and any other matters incident thereto.
66. Presentation by the City Manager in re-purposing a portion of the Utilities COVID Relief funds to assist future burial expenses for families.
67. Status report on property tax collections and delinquencies; 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.

68. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1)(A)(B) to discuss pending litigation regarding the following cases for injunctive relief filed for violations of the COVID-19 Emergency Ordinance:

Cause Number 2021CVK000110D3 styled City of Laredo vs. Reymundo Moreno D/B/A Blue Moon; Cause Number 2021CVK000111 styled City of Laredo vs. Oscar D. Garcia D/B/A Social Bar & Grill; Cause Number 2021CVK000112D2 styled City of Laredo vs. Luis Mendoza D/B/A VIBE; and Cause Number 2021CVK000121D2 styled City of Laredo vs. John Arthur Lenington D/B/A La Patrona.
69. Request for executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and 551.087 (Economic Development) to discuss the Economic Development Performance and Program Agreement between the City of Laredo and Laredo Outlet Shoppes, LLC and any other matters incident thereto, and return to open session for possible action.

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

70. 2021-RT-01 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application, under the Section 5307 Urbanized Area grant program authorized under the new Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, in the amount of \$3,515,783.00 to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) operating grant for Fiscal Year 2021. 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 the Transit's local sales tax.
71. 2021-RT-02 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$458,137.00 to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for FY2021 Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Program under the new Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. FTA portion is \$381,215.00 and Local Match required is for \$76,922.00. Funding will be used for the purchase of one (1) Light Duty Bus, shop equipment (A/C

Freon Recycler) and for bus shelter improvements. The required local match for \$76,922.00 is available in the Transit Sales Tax account.

72. 2021-RT-03 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in the amount of \$1,529,460.00 FY2021 Section 5307 under the new Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) (H.R.133) signed by President Donald J. Trump on December 27, 2020. FTA previously announced \$25 Billion in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding in April 2020. Funding will be provided at a 100% Federal Share with no local match required, and will be used for Transit operating expenses in the amount of \$956,460.00 and Capital Transit Technology Upgrades for \$576,000.00.

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

73. **GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Request by Mayor Pete Saenz

1. Discussion with possible action to direct City Manager to investigate and create, if necessary, a needs assessment and feasibility plan for digital connectivity across the entire City, and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action on a status and progress on the Hospital District Committee and the proposed City-County Joint Committee, and any other matters incident thereto.

B. Request by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III

1. Discussion with possible action on supporting resolution for the proposal of a development for affordable rental housing located near the southwest quarter of International Boulevard and Springfield Avenue named Avanti Legacy Springfield. Avanti Legacy Springfield has advised the City that it intends to submit an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for the 2021 Competitive 9% Housing Tax Credits. The City will pledge to reduce Building Fees in the amount of \$500.00, and any other matters incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Vanessa Perez)

C. Request by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action to explore the possibility of prioritizing the immunization of public school teachers and school district staff and/or petitioning the proper authorities to permit such request, and any other matters incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa)
2. Discussion with possible action to petition the federal government to assist in the allocation of vaccines, including a presentation by Honorable Sylvia Bruni, Webb County Democratic Party Chair on a COVID-19 Resolution passed by the County Democratic Party, and any other matters incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa)
3. Discussion with possible action to provide a credit or relief on water bills due to the water blackout caused by the severe winter weather and instructing the City Manager to explore the creation of an

Emergency Assistance Fund for residents experiencing burst pipes, and any other matters incident thereto.

D. Request by Council Member Ruben A. Gutierrez, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action requesting an inquiry on the hiring process of the Laredo Fire Department, specifically after the Civil Service requirements have been met (evaluation day), and any matter incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez and Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.)

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

1. Discussion with possible action regarding an update on our street paving program, and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action directing City Manager to authorize staff to develop an MOU or launch a coordinated program with TAMU's Small Business Development Center and Mile One in an effort to increase the number of 8A federally certified small businesses in Laredo and to increase the number the State of Texas certified Historically Underutilized Businesses in the City, and any other matters incident thereto.

F. Request by Council Member Vanessa J. Perez

1. Discussion with possible action on adopting a waitlist to manage the high volume of citizens desiring the limited amount of vaccines we have available for distribution at any given time, and any other matters incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa and Council Member Dr. Marte A. Martinez)
2. Discussion with possible action to have the Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee review and recommend changes to the Hazmat ordinance to have distance requirements from any schools as part of the requirements for the Hazmat permit with the Environmental Services Department, and any other matters incident thereto.
3. Discussion with possible action to have a traffic study conducted on Wolfcreek Drive to evaluate the signage necessary to prevent industrial traffic from entering and blocking the only ingress and egress to the Wolfcreek Subdivision, with consideration for connectivity to Red Cloud Circle, and any other matters incident thereto.

G. Request by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa

1. Discussion with possible action to survey street lighting needs of all streets in District 8 not already included in the AEP major corridor lighting project, and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to amend downtown parking ticketing practices in order to promote downtown business commerce, and to revert the parking cutoff time back to 6 p.m., to implement a "boot" or towing initiative for overnight parking after 3 a.m., and any other matters incident thereto.

3. Discussion with possible action to direct management to develop a plan for individuals in our community who do not have access to internet or telephone services to register for a vaccine appointment and establishing venues such as community centers, churches, WIC locations to assist with vaccine registration, and any other matters incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.)

H. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Rudy Gonzalez, Jr.

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 I Priority Funds will be used for this project.

- Speed hump on 2400 Alegria
- Speed hump on 2500 Alegria
- Speed hump on St Luke Between St. Margaret and South Ejido
- Speed hump on 400 West Century Dr.

2. Discussion with possible action to add stop signs and to create a 4 way stop on St. Luke and St. Margaret, and any other matters incident thereto.

I. Request by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez

1. Discussion with possible action to direct City Manager to enter into a Parkland Deferment Contract with Laredo BLJ Land, LLC. for Las Fincas Subdivision, and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to direct City Manager to obtain a traffic study for the extension of turning lanes of Lomas Del Sur and South Zapata Hwy and Hwy 359 and Concord Hills, and any other matters incident thereto.
3. Discussion with possible action to assist the Laredo Regional Food Bank in a food distribution on possible future date, 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, February 19, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary