

# **CITY OF LAREDO CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**A-2021-R-05**

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**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**1110 HOUSTON STREET**

**LAREDO, TEXAS 78040**

**March 29, 2021**

**5:30P.M.**

## **5. DISABILITY ACCESS STATEMENT 5.**

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Chamber while City Council is in session with a concealed or openly-carried handgun.

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

### **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **III. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

### **IV. ROLL CALL**

### **V. MINUTES**

**Approval of the minutes of March 1, 2021 and March 8, 2021.**

## **Citizen comments**

Citizens are required to fill out an online participation form and select one of four 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. Recognition of Officer Anthony Whitehawk Cabello while in the line of duty.

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

1. Appointment by Mayor Pete Saenz of Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III to the Audit and Accountability Committee.
2. Appointment by Mayor Pete Saenz of Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr. to the City-County Government Issues Committee.
3. Appointment by Mayor Pete Saenz of Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa to the City-Council Government Issues Committee.
4. Appointment by Mayor Pete Saenz of Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa to the Community Action Agency Advisory Board.
5. Appointment by Mayor Pete Saenz of Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III to the South Texas Development Council.

6. Re-appointment by Mayor Pete Saenz of Carole Alexander to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number One (TIRZ).
7. Appointment by Council Member Vanessa Perez of Elizabeth Alonzo Villarreal to the Drug and Alcohol Commission.
8. Re-appointment by Mayor Pro-Tempore Rudy Gonzalez, Jr. of Patty San Miguel to the Municipal Civil Service Commission.
9. Re-appointment by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr. of Ana Saenz to the Municipal Civil Service Commission.
10. Appointment by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr. of Dr. Sylvia Dominguez to the Drug and Alcohol Commission.

## VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Public Hearing** amending the 2020-2021 One Year Action Plan to allow for the reprogramming of two previously identified projects: (1) "Park Improvements in District III" described in the 2020 plan as the design, construction and other amenities as deemed necessary to improve a park located in District III, in the amount of \$127,500.00 and (2) "District III Design of South Laredo Nature Center Trails" described in the 2019-2020 plan as the design and construction of the South Laredo Nature Center walking trails and other amenities as deemed necessary, in the amount of \$25,000.00.  
  
The reprogramming and cancellation of these projects will allow the creation of the newly proposed "District III Public Improvements and Infrastructure" project which entails the Design and/or Construction of sidewalks, bike lanes, bus bays, lighting, traffic signals, street signs, landscaping, sewer and water systems, electric poles, utility improvements, and other necessary improvements and infrastructure as deemed necessary for a total funding amount of \$152,500.00.
2. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Authorizing the City Manager to ratify the acceptance of Federal Aviation Administration Grant No. 3-48-0136-093-2021 and amend the City of Laredo FY 2021 Airport Operations Budget to appropriate the grant funds in the amount of \$1,410,819.00. The purpose of the grant is to provide funding for costs related to operations, personnel, cleaning, sanitization, janitorial services,

and combating the spread of pathogens at the airport which are 100% Federal funds; no local match is required. Federal grant funding is available under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act 2021.

3. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** authorizing the City Manager to ratify the acceptance of Federal Aviation Administration Grant No.

3-48-0136-094-2021 and amend the City of Laredo FY 2021 Airport Operations Budget to appropriate the grant funds in the amount of \$19,499.00. The purpose of the grant will assist airport sponsors to address the COVID-19 public health emergency which are 100% Federal funds; no local match is required. Federal grant funding is available under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act 2021.

4. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of Special Use Permit (SUP) for mini storage warehousing on approximately 5.01 acres situated on Porcion 38, Abs 472, Jose Antonio Nasario, Original Grantee, located north of St. Luke Boulevard, and east of Ejido Avenue.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **approval** of the proposed SUP with an amendment to the proposed condition #1 to allow for transferability. Staff **supports** the proposed SUP with the conditions.

#### **ZC-021-2021**

##### **District I**

5. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 11, Block 997, Eastern Division, located at 1808 Chacon Street, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District).

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **denial** of the proposed CUP and staff **does not support** the application.

#### **ZC-022-2021**

##### **District III**

6. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for an amusement redemption machine establishment, on all of Block 1667, Eastern Division, located at 3620 Arkansas Avenue, for Unit #1 only.

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

**ZC-014-2021**  
**District IV**

7. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for a Restaurant Serving Alcohol, on Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 3, Khaledi Heights Subdivision, located at 3910 E Del Mar Blvd., Unit 3, for Suite 201 only.

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

**ZC-20-2021**  
**District VI**

**(Recess)**  
**(Press Availability)**

## **IX. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES**

8. Authorizing the City Manager to establish the City's Foreign Trade Zone No. 94 zone fee schedule applicable to Laredo's Foreign Trade Zone operators, attached hereto as Exhibit A; providing a severability clause; providing for publication; and declaring an effective date.
9. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to lease agreement between the City of Laredo, as LESSOR, and International Bank of Commerce, as LESSEE, approved by Ordinance 2015-0-146 dated October 5, 2015, amending Section 1.03, Description of Premises Demised, to delete .0028 acres (121 square feet) of land on the leased premises for a new total of 0.1154 acres (5,029 square feet). The current monthly rent is \$831.00 and the new monthly rent shall be \$811.64. In addition, amending Section 1.05, Term of Leasehold, by extending the lease term for an additional two (2) periods of five (5) years to end on September 30, 2030 and September 30,

2035 and Section 1.06 titled, Rental Obligation and Mode of Payment, by adding adjustment of rental value based on appraised fair market value of the leased premises on anniversary date in 2021 and 2026, all other terms and conditions remain unchanged and in effect.

10. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Master Developer Agreement and Ground Lease Agreements between the City of Laredo and Aviation Facilities Company Management, LLC (AFCO) from Dulles, Virginia to develop and manage four (4) parcels consisting of approximately 2.5 acres of developed land (Parcel A), approximately 9.3 acres of undeveloped land (Parcel C), approximately 10.5 acres of undeveloped land (Parcel D), and approximately 51.7 acres of undeveloped land (Parcel F) at the Laredo International Airport. Any lease agreement for each parcel will be for an initial construction term not to exceed two (2) years, Occupancy Term of thirty (30) years, and Lessee will have the right to extend the ground lease agreement for two (2) additional periods of four (4) years each for a total of forty (40) years ground lease agreements. Monthly rental shall be at Fair Market rental value. Commencing on the sixth (31st) anniversary of the agreement, Lessee shall also remit to Lessor annually 5% revenue sharing.
11. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the renewal of a lease agreement with Webb County for its Head Start program for the following parcels of land, at their current monthly rate for a one (1) year term at a new adjusted rate based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), as referenced below.
12. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, authorizing the City Manager to sell to Manuel J. Benavides and Rebecca R. Benavides the "Surface Only" of a section of Chestnut Right-of-Way, at its appraised fair market value of \$40,000.00. This property is legally described as a tract of land containing 12,096.65 sq. ft. (0.28 acres), more or less, being a portion of the Chestnut Street right of way, located between Urbahn Ave. right of way and the South Meadow Ave. right of way, situated in the Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas. The City of Laredo reserves any and all apparent and visible easements recorded or not recorded; hereof, closed as a public easement and providing for an effective date. In accordance with Texas Local Government Code Section 272.001 (b)(1), (b)(2) and (c) authorizing municipalities to sell property held as public streets in certain circumstances.

## **X. THIRD READING**

13. 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.

## **XI. FIRST AND FINAL READING**

14. **2021-0-070** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, pursuant to Section 2.11 of the City Charter, amending the Public Health Emergency Ordinance by: amending the order to comply with the requirements of Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-34; removing the occupancy limits for businesses; removing limits on non-essential activities and non-essential services; requiring facial coverings in City Buildings and Facilities; amending the COVID-19 vaccine distribution requirements; allowing City Committee's to meet in person if members and staff are fully vaccinated; extending the Emergency Declaration of Local Disaster through April 19, 2021; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

## **XII. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

15. **2021-0-067** Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement renewal with Securitas Security Services USA, Inc., as a sole source as per Customs and Border Protection approved Security Contract, for approximately 120 square feet of office space and an exclusive office entry lane for approximately 1,020 square feet at Juarez-Lincoln International Bridge (Bridge II). Lease term will be for one (1) year commencing April 1, 2021 and ending on March 31, 2022. Monthly rent will be \$5,400.00 for approximately 120 square feet of office space and an exclusive office entry lane for approximately 1,020 square feet at Juarez-Lincoln International Bridge (Bridge II). The lease may be terminated by either party with a thirty (30) day notice.

16. **2021-0-068** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the Land Development Code, Chapter 24, Article V, Section 24-83.9, to provide that money-in-lieu of trees will satisfy 50% of the total planting requirement; to provide that funds received may be used for the purposes of purchasing and installing landscaping and the planting of eligible trees in or near city parks or public right-of-way; to provide that the cost per tree shall be determined by the Parks and Recreation Board; providing that this Ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; providing for publication; and declaring an effective date.
17. **2021-0-069** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas amending Ordinance No. 2020-0-131 regarding the voluntary drug testing for elected officials of the City of Laredo to include changes in frequency of testing; changes in testing procedures; approving changes to the drug testing form; providing a severability clause and providing an effective date.

### **XIII. 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

18. Consideration for approval of change order #1 to professional service contract with RS&H Inc., San Antonio, TX in an amount not to exceed \$76,976.50. This change order is to provide professional consulting and legal support services to the Laredo International Airport. Funding is available at Airport Operation Funds.
19. Consideration to award contract to vendor Convergent Technologies LLC, Austin, TX, for Airport Security System Services and related Software Maintenance Support for the Laredo International Airport in an annual amount not to exceed \$97,400.00. These services are obtained on an as needed basis, using Omnia Partners cooperative pricing under contract R170502. The term of this contract shall be for a period of two (2) years beginning as of the date of its execution and subject to future appropriations. Funding for this contract is available in the International Airport Operations Budget.

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



20. **2021-R-089** A resolution of the City of Laredo, Texas, formalizing the establishment and creation of the Port of Entry Advisory Committee; adopting the bylaws of the Port of Entry Advisory Committee; and declaring an effective date.
21. Consideration to award contract FY21-028 Uniforms for Bridge to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder Al & Rob, Laredo, TX, for the purchase of employee uniforms for the International Bridge Department in the estimated annual amount of \$35,000.00. This contract is for one (1) year with option to renew for three (3) additional one (1) year extensions upon mutual agreement and contingent upon availability of funds. Funds are available in the Bridge Department Fund.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** STAFF SOURCE RENE C. BENAVIDES, CITY ATTORNEY

22. Motion to enter into a third amended agreement between the City of Laredo, Texas and Laredo Outlet Shoppes, LLC (Successor/Assignee to El Portal Center LLC) ("EPC") to redefine and reduce employment positions, extend Phase I for an additional two years, establish new employment compliance protocols, amend communication tower option, revert two parcels of land west of Santa Cleotilde Ave., and the City shall retroactively pay previous quarter owed EPC. This amendment does not provide for any additional funds nor increases to the contractual agreement.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** STAFF SOURCE TINA MARTINEZ, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

23. **2021-R-078** Authorizing the City Manager to accept the donation from Emerald Riverview Development, LTO, of a 44.21 acre tract and a 0.71 acre tract of land, out of 1,319.40 acre tract of land, situated in Porcion 15, Jose Prudencia Garcia, Abstract 53, and Porcion 16, Dolores Garcia, Abstract 46, Webb County, Texas, as described in deed recorded in Volume 2557, Pages 829-836, Deed Records, Webb County, Texas. This property has an appraised value of \$1,800,000.00 based on the Independent Appraisal Report by State Certified Appraiser Christopher Swisher from Valbridge Property Advisors, San Antonio, Texas. Donation will be added to the City's Fixed Asset System.

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

24. **2021-R-085** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Economic Development Agency (EDA), U.S Department of Commerce, for a total project cost of \$2,700,000.00 to help fund the Springfield Road Extension Project. This grant amount will be cost-shared with \$810,000.00 by the City and \$1,890,000.00 by the EDA. The grant proposal has gone through the South Texas Development Council of Governments and meets priority for the region. This grant will cover construction costs associated with Phase 2 of the project which will extend Springfield Avenue from International Blvd to Shiloh Drive.

**ENGINEERING:** STAFF SOURCE RAMON E. CHAVEZ, CITY ENGINEER

25. Consideration for approval to award a contract to CMT-Tec, L.L.C., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$40,100.00 for the City of Laredo / WCCL RMA / WCDD No. 1 Ave. Los Presidentes Arterial Project from Loop 20 (Cuatro Vientos) to Brownwood Street for the materials testing & observation services; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related contract documents contingent upon receipt and approval of insurance. Funding is available as follows: Capital Grants Fund in the amount of \$26,104.79, Webb County of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority (RMA) in the amount of \$13,995.21.
26. Consideration for approval of change order no. 1 an increase of \$855,383.20 to the construction contract with REIM Construction, Inc., Mission, Texas, for the Laredo International Airport Cargo Apron Phase 14 Rehabilitation. This change order 1 consists of the following: (1) to reconstruct 3,250 SY of Taxiway A, (2) construct a new concrete driveway, (3) and replace a section of AOA fence. The reconstruction consists of removing existing asphalt pavement full depth and installing new 17" concrete pavement on 6" asphalt base on compacted subgrade. The change order also includes erosion control measures and new airfield pavement marking and adds forty (40) calendar days to the construction contract time. Current construction contract amount with this change order no. 1 is \$15,688,555.10. Current construction contract time with this change order is six hundred fifteen (615) calendar days. Completion date for the project is scheduled for October 2022. The change order will be funded with leftover money from FAA AIP Grant No. 3-48-0139-087-2018 and FAA AIP Grant No. 3-48-0139-090-2020.

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

27. Consideration to renew annual supply contract FY17-024 to the following vendors:

1. Beaver's Source, Laredo, Texas;
2. Eagle Supply, Laredo, Texas;
3. Safe-T-Supplies, Laredo, Texas; and
4. South Texas Specialties, Laredo, Texas

for the purchase of safety supplies in an amount up to \$150,000.00 for all City departments. This contract establishes pricing and discount percentage for those safety supplies most commonly utilized by City departments. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the last extension period for this contract. All items will be purchased on an as needed basis and funding will be secured from the user department budgets.

**FIRE:** STAFF SOURCE GUILLERMO HEARD, FIRE CHIEF

28. **2021-R-079** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$7,550,151.60 to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for funding of Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) program. If awarded, this grant will provide funding to help increase the number of trained, frontline firefighters. The City of Laredo is not required to match funds. Grant will be accounted for in the Special Fire Grants Fund.

**FLEET MANAGEMENT:** STAFF SOURCE RONALD MILLER, FLEET DIRECTOR

29. Consideration to renew annual contracts FY19-042 (**Outside Tire Repair Contract**) with the following vendors:

1. Section I : **Outside Tire Repairs for Mid-Size Vehicles:** T&W Tire LLC., Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$60,000.00 (Primary Vendor), Taro Auto Sales, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$45,000.00 (Secondary Vendor) and Southern Tire Mart, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$35,000.00 (Secondary Vendor);
2. Section II: **Outside Tire Repairs for Heavy Trucks:** T&W Tire LLC., Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$55,000.00 (Primary Vendor), Taro Auto Sales, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$45,000.00 (Secondary Vendor) and Southern Tire Mart, Laredo, Texas in amount up to

\$35,000.00 (Secondary Vendor);

3. Section III: **Outside Tire Repairs Industrial:** T&W Tire LLC., Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$50,000.00 (Primary Vendor) and Southern Tire Mart, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$40,000.00 (Secondary Vendor).

All outside tire repair services 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. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the second of three extension periods. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.

30. Consideration to award annual parts/labor contract FY21-038 (**Outside Trailer Repair Contract**) for small and medium size trailers to:

1. Section I: **(Outside Trailer Repairs):** Laredo Mechanical Industry, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$40,000.00 (Primary Vendor);
2. Section II: **(Outside Trailer Repairs):** Tims South Texas, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$30,000.00 (Secondary Vendor)

All trailer repairs will be done at the vendor's shop and 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 extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.

31. Consideration to award contract FY21-039 to sole bidder Cabello Wrecker and Auction Services, Laredo, TX in the annual amount of \$80,000.00 for Towing Services for Non-Police City owned Vehicles. The term of this contract shall be for a period of two (2) years beginning the date of its execution. This contract may be extended one (1) additional two (2) year periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. All services will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding for this contract is available in the Fleet Department's Budget.

32. Consideration to renew service contract FY19-023 to Rush Truck Center, Laredo, Texas in an estimated amount of \$78,878.40 for the service of a Global Positioning Tracking System (GPS) for City Fleet, various departments. Services include the tracking of approximately 200 vehicles (40 Solid Waste trucks; 160 city operations "white" trucks) which are currently outfitted with third Telematics Management services for location and operations tracking only. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one

(1) year beginning the date of its execution (subject to future appropriations) and can be extended for one additional, one (1) year periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the second of three extension periods. All services will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding for this contract is available in various department funds.

33. Consideration to renew annual parts/service contract FY20-051 for the purchase of Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) for the City's Case equipment with Nueces Power Equipment, Corpus Christi, Texas, in an amount up to \$150,000.00. All parts and services 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. Due to a 24% increase proposed by ROO Equipment, staff is recommending that the John Deere equipment portion of this contract be rebid. There was no price increase from Nueces Power Equipment during the last extension period. This contract can be renewed for two (2) additional one (1) year periods upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.

34. Consideration to award annual parts contract FY21-045 to the following bidders:

1. BTE Body Company, Irving, TX, in an amount up to \$120,000.00 (Primary Vendor-Parts);
2. Fox Truck World, San Antonio, TX, in an amount up to \$60,000.00 (Secondary Vendor-Parts);

for the purchase of Scorpion Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) parts for the City's automated side loader trucks. 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 may be extended for three (3) additional one (1) year periods upon mutual agreement of the parties. Staff is recommending that BTE Body Company (sole source letter OEM Parts attached) be the primary vendor and the Fox Truck World be the secondary vendor (30% markup on cost OEM Parts). All services will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.

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

35. **2021-R-075** Ratifying the submission of a grant application to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in the estimated amount of \$3,106,637.00 with no match for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) COVID-19 vaccination activities for the term period upon execution through June 30, 2024 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant. No grant match required.
36. **2021-R-076** Authorizing the City Manager to accept additional funds of \$633,123.00 for a total amount of \$6,522,731.00 with no match from the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program for the term period from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. No grant match required.
37. **2021-R-080** Ratifying the submission of a continuation grant application to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in the estimated amount of \$144,000.00 with no match to continue the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Community and Clinical Health Bridge (CCHB) project for diabetes disease self-management and increased health education on chronic diseases for the term period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant. No grant match required.
38. **2021-R-081** Ratifying the submission of a continuation grant application in the estimated amount of \$216,147.00 with no match 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 September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant. No grant match required.
39. **2021-R-082** Ratifying the submission of a continuation grant application in the estimated amount of \$230,491.00 with no match to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to continue the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Immunization Action Plan (IAP) Program for the term period from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant. No grant match required.



40. **2021-R-083** Authorizing the City Manager to accept additional emergency funds of \$25,000.00 with no match from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Family Support/Community Resources program to assist families with children with special healthcare needs for the term period from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022. No grant match required.
41. **2021-R-084** Authorizing the City Manager to accept additional funds of \$15,703.00 for a total amount of \$154,080.00 with no match from the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Primary and Acute Health Care Services Program for the term period from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021. No grant match required.
42. Ratifying the execution of a Master Subscription and Services Agreement between the City of Laredo and Innovated Software, LLC to purchase access to the SaaS Services, Innovated Software's COVID-19 Vaccine Scheduler Software, Smart Tracker in the amount of \$47,880.00 per year for a total amount of \$143,640.00 for the term period from February 26, 2021 through February 25, 2024.
43. Consideration to amend contract FY20-018 to Martinez Pharmacy, Laredo, Texas, to allow for a 25% contract amount increase for pharmaceutical services for the City of Laredo Health Department; new annual amount of contract will be for \$152,500.00. This contract is in the 1st year of a two (2) year term and is subject to future appropriations; contract can be extended for one (1) additional two (2) year term, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Services will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Health Department Fund.
44. Authorizing the City Manager to approve the write-off for charity care charges in the estimated amount of \$1,867,526.45 for dates of services from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020 as per the Charity Care Policy for the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Texas Ambulance Services Supplemental Payment Program (TASSPP). As participants of this program, the city is eligible to receive an estimated revenue of \$3,842,493.36 in charity care cost reimbursement.

**INFORMATION SERVICES & TELECOMMUNICATION:** STAFF SOURCE  
HOMERO VAZQUEZ-GARCIA, 1ST DIRECTOR

45. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a contract between Pictometry International Corp., an Eagleview Technologies company, and the City of Laredo to provide digital aerial imagery for the South Texas Region in the amount of \$290,747.00. The aerial imagery will be used by 9-1-1 Regional Administration GIS and Database personnel, as well as by 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) or call centers to update the existing level of service. Pictometry International Corp. is a Sole Source vendor. Funding is available in the Regional 9-1-1 Fund.
46. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a contract between 911 Datamaster, Inc. and the City of Laredo to provide the 911 Regional Administration with ongoing Geographic Information Systems (GIS) services, from April 2021 to August 31, 2023, through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) Cooperative Buy Contract No. EC07-20, Product Category B, in the total amount of \$161,500.00. This ongoing GIS service is needed in order to continue GIS work in order to meet Next Generation (NG) 9-1-1 GIS standards put forth by the State of Texas 9-1-1 Commission on State Emergency Communication (CSEC). Funding is available in the Regional 9-1-1 Fund.
47. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a contract between SecuLore Solutions, a Cybersecurity company focused on Public Safety, and the City of Laredo to provide cybersecurity technology and monitoring services to safeguard the 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), as well as the 9-1-1 Database Network in the four county region of Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb and Zapata. SecuLore will provide cybersecurity monitoring services for a two-year period to the region in the amount of \$293,098.00. The managed services will be purchased from SecuLore Solutions through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) Contract No. EC07-20. Funding is available in the Regional 9-1-1 Fund.

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

48. **2021-R-086** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a donation agreement between the City of Laredo and Mr. Daniel Wyers for the acceptance of approximately 55 tons of landscaping boulders, valued at approximately \$8,000.00, to be used towards the landscaping of Las Misiones and Southern Development parks.

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



49. **2020-R-074** Authorizing the City Manager to accept 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, 2022. 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, 2022. These initiatives are 100 % funded by the Executive Office of the President, Office of the National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA).
50. Consideration to authorize the purchase of ammunition for the Police Department in the amount of \$149,828.65 from GT Distributors, Inc. through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program's Contract No. 603-20. Funding is available in the Laredo Police Department General Fund.

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

51. Consideration to award contract FY21-044 Dirt Hauling Services to the low bidder Industrial Property Brokers, Laredo, TX in the amount up to \$506,250.00 for the purchase and hauling of approximately 135,000 tons of earthen soils to the City's Solid Waste Facility. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution; contract can be extended three (3) additional one (1) year periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. All earthen soils will be purchased on as a needed basis. The Solid Waste Department will use these soils to cover the landfill cells on a weekly basis in accordance with TCEQ requirements. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Services Department Fund.
52. Consideration to award contract FY21-015 Uniforms for Solid Waste to the LF Enterprise, Laredo, TX for the purchase of employee uniforms for the Solid Waste Department in the amount of \$90,000.00 (\$45,000.00 annually). This is a two (2) year contract, contingent to budget appropriations and has an option to renew one (1) additional two (2) year term, upon mutual agreement and contingent upon availability of funds. Funding is available in Solid Waste Operating Fund.

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

53. Refund of property tax in the amount of \$2,947.38 payable to Walls & Grid Incorporated due to an overpayment. Tax account# 900-90221-174.

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

54. **2021-R-090** Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract in an amount not to exceed \$45,754.00 with the Owner/Developer, 4V Holdings of Laredo, Texas, to upsize the 8-inch waterline to a 12-inch waterline at Cuatro Vientos Sur Subdivision, Phase VII. Funding is available through the 2019 Water Revenue Bond.
55. **2021-R-091** Authorizing the City Manager to sign a contract in an amount not to exceed \$13,286.77 to the Owner/Developer, Santa Fe Webb, LLC, of Laredo, Texas, for upgrading the 8-inch Wastewater line to a 12-inch Wastewater line in Lago Del Valle Subdivision Phase VII. Funding is available through the Sewer Revenue Bond.
56. Authorizing the City Manager to approve the final acceptance of the project and the release of the retainage for \$67,103.60 to System Controls & Instrumentation LLC for the Jefferson Water Treatment Plant High Service Pumps Variable Frequency Drive project. The project was completed on October 31, 2020. Funding is available from SECO Loan funds.
57. Consideration to award annual material/labor contract FY21-041 to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder Midas Contractors, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$280,000.00 for concrete repairs of sidewalks, driveways, and curbs as a result of water line break repairs made by the Utilities Department. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. All work will be performed on an as needed basis required due to utility repairs. This contract can be renewed three (3) additional one (1) year extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Utilities Water and Wastewater Funds.
58. Consideration to extend annual contract FY17-014 with ROMO Contractors, Laredo, Texas with an increase of \$40,000.00 for a new amount of \$315,000.00 for concrete repairs of sidewalks, driveways, and curbs as a result of waterline break repairs made by the Utilities Department. The extension term of this contract shall be for an additional two (2) months. This was caused by the extreme cold weather experienced in February and

allow time for a new contract service being awarded. All work will be performed on an as needed basis required because of utility repairs. There was no unit price increase during the last extension period. This will be the final extension period for this contract. A new bid/contract is being solicited. Funding is available in the Utilities Water and Wastewater Funds.

59. Consideration to select and negotiate with Porras Nance Engineering of Laredo, Texas for the Engineering & Surveying Services for the Relocation of Utilities on US59 / Loop 20 for the City. Four (4) Statements of Qualifications were received from local consultants and were reviewed and evaluated by City Staff. Porras Nance Engineering ranked first in the evaluation and is being recommended for this project. There is no cost involved during the interview, review and selection of the Request of Qualifications.

### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **XIV. STAFF REPORTS**

60. Appointment of Elia Rodriguez to the position of Interim Internal Auditor upon Veronica Urbano-Baeza retirement; and any other matters incident thereto.
61. 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.
62. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) prepared by the City of Laredo's Financial Services Department and audited by the Independent Audit Firm of Canales, Garza, and Baum, P.L.L.C.
63. Presentation of the Plan of Finance by Noe Hinojosa of Estrada-Hinojosa & Company, Inc., as it relates to various proposed bond issuances, with possible action.
64. 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.

65. Discussion with possible action to consider a second 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 Resource and Police Department recommend extension. Total number of days out as of February 19, 2021 is 278.
66. Presentation from the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1 on the 1st project for the downtown area, with possible action.

## **XV. 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.

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

67. **2021-RT-04** Authorizing the City Manager to execute Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) No. CSJ-0922-33-202 with the Texas Department of Transportation in the amount of \$143,715.00 including federal participation in the amount of \$100,000.00 and an estimated local participation in the amount of \$37,500.00 including 100% of overruns for the city improvements of ADA Bus Stops and Bicycle Plazas Project. In addition, an estimated indirect state cost of \$6,215.00 for General Administration is included in the AFA 0922-33-202. The required local match is funded from the District 8 Discretionary Priority Funds in the amount of \$25,000.00 and \$12,500.00 from Transit Sales Tax.
68. **2021-RT-05** Authorizing the Laredo Mass Transit Board to approve the second version of the Texas Department of Transportation sponsored Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan and establishing safety performance targets for El Metro Transit.

69. **2021-RT-06** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$8,753,532.00 to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) FY2021 Section 5307 Urbanized Area authorized under the new American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA, H.R.1319) as passed by the House of Representatives on February 27, 2021 and passed by the Senate on March 10, 2021 and signed into law by President Joe Biden on March 11, 2021. Funding will be provided at a 100% federal share, with no local required match, and will be available to support capital, operating and other facility and vehicles maintenance expenses under those programs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus Public Health Emergency, including, beginning on January 20, 2020.
70. Consideration to modify the current bus shelter advertising contract with Lamar Company, L.L.C D/B/A Lamar Advertising of Laredo for one (1) additional year starting February 23, 2021 to February 23, 2022.

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

71. **GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. **Request by Mayor Pete Saenz**

1. Discussion with possible action on the status of Port Laredo-Industry Committee, and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action on directing the Internal Auditor to conduct an investigation regarding the construction, ownership and public use of the "Martinez Basketball Court" in District VII and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Vanessa Perez)**

B. **Request by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.**

1. Discussion with possible action to instruct City Manager to authorize staff to install a speed hump at the following location 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 IV Priority Funds will be used for this project.

- Speed Hump on 100 W. Locust
2. Discussion with possible action to establish a policy and/or criteria for the creation and adoption of TIRZ's, 380 agreements, and any other tax incentive agreements, and any other matters incident thereto.
  3. Discussion with possible action to adopt a resolution to set the record straight regarding recent allegations that Laredo is one of the battlegrounds of our nation's Border Crisis, and any other matters incident thereto.

**C. Request by Council Member Ruben A. Gutierrez, Jr.**

1. Discussion with possible action to dedicate Field #6, at Hillside Little League, "Warriors in the Outfield, honoring David Rivera, Jr.", and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to direct City Manager to instruct Transit staff to explore the feasibility of bus stops at Lakeview Blvd, and any other matters incident thereto.
3. Discussion with possible action to direct City Manager to authorize staff to explore the costs of adding additional lighting at the southeast side of Bias Castaneda Park walking trail, and any other matters incident thereto.

**D. Request by Council Member Vanessa J. Perez**

1. Discussion with possible action to direct the Transit General Manager to draft a modified circulator pilot program to include Mines Road area extending services to the Green Ranch, Deer Creek, La Bota Ranch, Pan-American, InterAmerica areas and District 8 areas of Main Ave. and Riverside Dr. as proposed, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa)**

2. Status update with possible action on the trap, spay and neuter program and funding thereof, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.)**
3. Discussion with possible action on directing management to create an incentive model for industrial developments that will encourage investment in landscaping thereby both promoting water conservation and maintaining aesthetically pleasing lots, and any other matters incident thereto.

**E. Request by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa**

1. Discussion with possible action to instruct the City Manager to work with the Holding Institute on a proposal using Community Development-Covid Relief funds for the enhancement and expansion of homeless shelter operations in order to serve the local and migrant community's needs, and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to instruct the City Manager to waive garbage collection fees for all local NGOs (Non-Government Organizations) addressing the current migrant population influx for a period of 6 months in order to alleviate the burden on their operational costs, and any other matters incident thereto.
3. Discussion with possible action to repurpose funding to the reserves of \$10,000.00 from the 2016 C.O. Bond currently allocated to the Water Park Study due to the project already being funded by the Sports and Community Venue Sales Tax, and any other matters incident thereto.

**F. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Rudy Gonzalez, Jr.**

1. Status update on the usage of COVID Relief funds received from Transit, Airport, and Community Development, and any other matters incident thereto.



2. 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 Monclova
  - Speed Hump on Guaymas
  - Speed Hump on Queretaro
3. Discussion with possible action to vote on the implementation of the policy and procedures manual so that it remains in effect in perpetuity unless otherwise amended, and any other matters incident thereto.

**G. 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 3100 Santa Clara
  - Speed Hump on Gage St. between Minutemen and Estancia
2. Discussion with possible action to direct City Manager to create a wholesale produce terminal market in Laredo, and any other matters incident thereto.

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

1. Discussion with possible action to authorize the City Manager to rescind action taken on March 1, 2021 to enter into an Mural Agreement with Celina Vallarta (Artist) for \$23,887.64 for a mosaic mural to be located at the Canseco House, and any other matters incident thereto.



#### **XVIII. 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 Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 7:00p.m.