CITY OF LAREDO

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A-2021-R-06

LIVE WEB LINK: http://laredotx.swagit.com/live
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
April 6, 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 March 29, 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. Recognizing three (3) outstanding City of Laredo employees to be named as the City's Employees of the Quarter for the 1st Quarter of 2021, one whose work is mostly conducted indoors, one whose work is mostly conducted outdoors, and one from the Police or Fire Department who is subject to Collective Bargaining in accordance with Ordinance No. 2021-0-014 which establishes the City of Laredo Employee of the Quarter Program.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Invitation to attend The Laredo Water and Waste Water Master Plan Virtual Town Hall Meeting Series scheduled for April 14th, 21st, and 28th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For more information and to register go to LaredoWater.org.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- 1. Appointment by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, Ill of Jessica Ontiveros to the Laredo Commission for Women.
- 2. Appointment by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, Ill of Honorable Hector Cortez to the Airport Advisory Committee.

- 3. Appointment by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, Ill of Olga Gentry to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.
- 4. Re-appointment by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, Ill of Daniel Rigal to the Municipal Civil Service Commission.

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1. Public Hearing on the adoption of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan as Appendix "E" of the Comprehensive Plan. (Resolution to follow next Council meeting)
- 2. Public Hearing and discussion of the voluntary annexation and initial zoning of B-3 (Community Business District) on a tract of land totaling 9.961 acres, more or less, as described by metes and bounds in the attached Exhibit "A", and known as Annexation Tract 3 (E MA Commercial Tract), located east of Loop 20 (Bob Bullock Loop) and north of east Del Mar Blvd.

AN-010-2021 District VI

Public Hearing and discussion of the voluntary annexation and initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) on a tract of land totaling 15.556 acres, more or less, as described by metes and bounds in the attached Exhibit "A", and known as Annexation Tract 1 (Emerald Riverview Tract), located south of FM 1472 (Mines Rd) and southwest of Verde Rd.

AN-008-2021 District VII

4. Public Hearing and discussion of the voluntary annexation and initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) on a tract of land totaling 2.7904 acres, more or less, as described by metes and bounds in the attached Exhibit "A", and known as Annexation Tract 2 (Cinco 28 Tract), located south of FM 1472 (Mines Rd) and southwest of Verde Rd.

AN-009-2021 District VII 5. Public Hearing and discussion of the voluntary annexation an initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) on a tract of land totaling 0.09 acres, more or less, as described by metes and bounds in the attached Exhibit "A", and known as Annexation Tract 4 (Marquez Tract), located north of FM 1472 (Mines Rd) and west of Copper Mine Rd.

AN-006-2021 District VII

(Recess) (Press Availability)

X. INTRODUCTORY OR D INANCES

XI. FINAL REA DING OF OR DINANCES

- 6. 2021-0-071 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.
- 7. 2021-0-072 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 is to assist airport sponsors in addressing the COVID-19 public health emergency with 100% Federal funds; no local match is required. Federal grant funding is available under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act 2021.
- 8. <u>2021-0-073</u> 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.

ZC-021-2021 District I <u>2021-0-074</u> 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.

ZC-20-2021 District VI

- 10. <u>2021-0-075</u> 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.
- 11. 2021-0-076 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.
- 2021-0-077 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 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 (Ei) anniversary of the agreement, Lessee shall also remit to Lessor annually 5% revenue sharing.

13. <u>2021-0-078</u> An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, 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.

, Jesus Garcia Head Start . Tatangelo Head Start Villa Alegre Head Start Coordinators Annex

14. <u>2021-0-079</u> 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; closing the property 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.

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.

BRIDGE: STAFF SOURCE YVETTE LIMON, BRIDGE DIR ECTOR

15. 2021-R-092 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Revocable License for Non-Federal Use of Real Property (GS-07B-99545) between the City of Laredo and the United States General Services Administration (GSA) for the purpose of (1) allowing the City of Laredo Bridge Department staff to direct selected bridge patrons to travel, ingress and egress on the USA's property, "Turnaround road" and (2) allow the City of Laredo Bridge Department staff access to controlled uses of "Inspiration Point" for celebrations, ceremonies and dignitary activities. The term of the license agreement is for five (5) years beginning on February 15, 2021 to February 14, 2026.

BUILDING: STAFF SOURCE ARTURO GARC IA, BU ILDING DIR ECTOR

- 16. 2021-R-008 Authoring and approving a fee waiver and tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and Maria G. Trevino Garcia for a proposed project located at 2911 Clark Boulevard legally described as lot 6, block 1801 eastern division. The project consists of the new construction of a multi-family apartment complex. In accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (N EZ), the agreement will be for a ten (10) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$317, 557.93, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$2,013.31 and estimated total fee waivers of \$3,974.00. The guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement. This project is located in City Council District IV.
- Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a Tax Abatement Agreement between the City of Laredo and Rocio Ruby Chavez for a proposed project located at 2705 Zaragoza Street legally described as lot 6, block 651, western division. The project consists of new construction of a residential house. In accordance with 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 \$155,500.00, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$985.87 and estimated total fee waivers of \$957.83. The guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement. The project is located in City Council District VIII.
- 2021-R-071 Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and L RAC Property Investments, L.L.C. for a proposed project located at 2002 Queretaro Loop legally described as lot 16, block 1, Las Americas Subdivision unit 1. The project consists of the construction of a new residential unit. In accordance with 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 \$152, 288.00, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$965.51 and estimated total fee waivers of \$1, 194.00. The guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement. This project is located in City Council District I.

19. <u>2021-R-073</u> Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a Tax Abatement Agreement between the City of Laredo and Via Real Estate, L.L.C. for a proposed project located at 2811 Saunders Street legally described as lot 8A, block 1679, eastern division. The project consists of the construction of new commercial units. In accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (N EZ) the agreement will be for a ten (10) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$1,064,611.41, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$6,749.63 and estimated total fee waivers of \$5,338. 75. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement. The project is located in City Council District IV.

BUDGET: STAFF SOU RCE GILBERTO SA NCHEZ, BUDGET DI RECTOR

20. Consideration to ratify \$75, 742.00 for emergency repairs to the HVAC system at the Sames Auto Arena. These repairs are essential in having the HVAC system in full capacity for all Arena operational events. These repairs are from Service Mechanical Group LLC, San Antonio, Texas, utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program, Buy Board Contract No 638-21. Funding is available in the Sports & Community Venue Fund.

<u>CITY ATTORNEY:</u> STAFF SOURCE RENE C. BENAVIDES, CITY ATTORNEY

21. 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 to EPC. This amendment does not provide for any additional funds nor increases to the contractual agreement.

<u>CITY SECRETARY:</u> STAF F SOURCE JOSE A. VALDEZ, JR., CITY SECRETARY

22. Discussion with possible action regarding the proposed mock election to be held May 8, 202 1 by the Elections Administration Office and the requested use of City of Laredo facilities. The intent is to introduce the new voting machines to the community.

<u>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:</u> STAFF SOURCE TI NA MART INEZ, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Authorizing the City Manager to amend the Emergency Solution Grant CA RES Act (ESG-CV) contract with Holding Institute by increasing the initial amount awarded of \$382,560.00 by an additional \$265,000.00 in funding for a total amount of \$647,560.00. The additional awarded funds will be utilized to cover expenses related to maintenance, rent, security, furniture, supplies, food, and the hiring of additional staff for the operations of a temporary emergency shelter. These available ESG funds are from the second allocation of ESG-CV2 funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136.

<u>CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU:</u> STA FF SOURCE AILEEN RAMOS, CVB DIRECTOR

24. Consideration to reject sole bid submittal received for contract solicitation FY21-040 Legislative Trip App and requesting authorization to let out a new formal bid solicitation. The city received one bid submittal but pricing considerably exceeds project's budget allocation by the CVB Department. There is no financial impact for action taken on this motion.

ENGINEERING: STAFF SOURCE RAMON E. CHAVEZ, CITY ENGINEER

- 25. 2021-R-087 Authorizing the City Manager to amend two Advanced Funding Agreements (A FA) with the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) for a Surface Transportation Program Metropolitan Mobility Off-System Project. The amendment to AFA for CSJ#0922-33-165 will add CSJ#0922-33-166 to the agreement to include the entire limits of Hachar-Reuthinger project onto this AFA. As a result, the original A FA for CSJ: 0922-33-175 will be terminated. The total estimated cost for the project is \$59,268,383.00. Estimated total amount of local participation is \$9,242,941.00 of which \$8,213,941.00 shall be paid to TxDOT sixty (60) days prior to contract letting in August 2023. Funding is subject to approval of the State Infrastructure Bank (S IB) loan.
- 26. <u>2021-R-097</u> Authorizing the filing of an application for financial assistance from the State Infrastructure Bank in the amount of Nine Million Two Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-One Dollars \$9,242,941.00 as City's participation in a Surface Transportation Program Metropolitan Mobility Off-System for the entire limits of Hachar-Reuthinger Project. Authorizing City Manager to act on behalf of the City of Laredo in all matters relating to the participation.

FLEET MANAGEMENT: STAFF SOURCE RONALD MILLER, FLEET DIR ECTOR

- Consideration to renew contract (parts only) FY19-051 for the purchase of Chevrolet/GM Original Equipment Manufacturer (O EM) parts for the City's fleet vehicle repairs with Family Chevrolet, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$100, 000.00. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. There was no price increase. This contract can be renewed for one (1) additional one (1) year extension period, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding for the additional extensions is subject to future budget appropriations. All parts will be purchased on an as needed basis and funding will be secured from the Fleet Management Fund.
- 28. Consideration to renew annual parts/service contract FY19-063 with Mechanical Shop of Laredo, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$140,000.00 for repairs to the City's lawn maintenance equipment. 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 contract can be renewed one (1) additional one (1) year extension period upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Fleet Department Fund.

HEALTH: STAFF SOURCERICHARDA. CHAMBERLAIN, HEALTH DIRECTOR

29. <u>2021-R-093</u> Ratifying the execution of a contract amendment from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in the amount of \$341,737.00, with a 10% match of \$34,173.00, for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PH EP) and Response Services for disease control and emergency management for the term period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

<u>PARKS & RECREATION:</u> STAFF SOURCE JUAN J. GOM EZ, JR., PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR

30. <u>2021-R-099</u> Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Parkland Conveyance Agreement with San Isidro Northeast, LTD accepting the conveyance by special warranty deed of 3.96 acres of parkland for the developments of Puerta Del Sol 1,2, La Paz, and proposed developments for phase 14-19; to serve for recreational parkland purposes in accordance with

the Land Development Code; authorizing the execution of special warranty deed; and providing for an effective date.

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

31. Consideration to reject sole bid submittal received for bid solicitation FY21-043 for the purchase of a portable construction office for the Landfill and requesting authorization to let out a new formal bid solicitation. The city received one bid submission, but price is considered not competitive compared to previous informal quotes received by the Solid Waste Department. There is no financial impact for action taken on this motion.

<u>UT ILITIES</u>: STAFF SOU RCE ART GARC IA, P.E., UTILITIES DIR ECTOR

- 32. Consideration to renew parts/labor annual service contract FY20-025 with the following vendors:
 - 1. Sections I, II, III, IV, V, V I, VII: Laredo Mechanical, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$210,000.00 (Primary Vendor);
 - 2. Sections I, II, II l: Gutierrez Machine Shop, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$100,000.00 (Secondary Vendor);
 - 3. Sections IV, V, VI, VII: RAMSA Electric Mechanic, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$70,000.00 (Secondary Vendor),

for water treatment and wastewater treatment booster stations, and lift stations pump repairs for 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. This contract can be renewed two (2) additional one (1) year extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. There was no price increase during the last extension period. All services will be purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Water Works and Waste Water Funds.

33. Authorizing the City Manager to approve Amendment No. 7 to the professional engineering services contract in the amount of \$34,000.00 to Ardurra Group, Inc. (formerly LNV, Inc.), Laredo, an additional engineering services for the improvement of existing San Isidro Northeast booster station site for the 2.5 MG San Isidro Elevated Storage Tank (EST) project. The

improvement will utilize the remaining funds from TW DB from the project. With this amendment, the total new contract amount is \$631, 157.00. Funding is available in the 2016 Water Revenue Bond.

- 34. Consideration to renew supply contract number FY20-045 with Core and Main, St. Louis, Missouri in an amount of up to \$800,000.00 for the purchase of mechanical joint fittings, cast iron meter boxes, brass and galvanized fittings, and full circle repair clamps for 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. This contract can be renewed two (2) additional one (1) year extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. There was no price increase during the last extension period. These materials are purchased on an as needed basis by the Utilities Department- Water Operations for construction and repair projects. Funding is available in the Water Works Fund.
- 35. Consideration to ratify emergency purchase orders for \$97, 900.00 issued to Laredo Concrete Cutting & Sandblasting, LLC, Laredo, Texas for concrete repairs at water treatment facilities at El Pico Water Treatment Plant and MHOC Booster Station. Funding is available in the Waterworks Operations and Construction Fund.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XIII. STAFF RE PORTS

- 36. Discussion with possible action on ongoing audits and/or irregularities identified by the Internal Auditor including the potential assignment of other and/or additional auditing duties; and any other matters incident thereto.
- 37. Status update on current COVID-19 information as presented by Local Health Authority, Health Director and Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC); and any other matters incident thereto.
- 38. Presentation by Jeffrey J. Miller, Airport Director, on the Laredo International Airport Economic Impact Study.

Presentation by the Utilities department on uncollected revenue due to non-payment with possible action to start the disconnection from May 3, 2021.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESS ION

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.

Request for Executive Sess ion pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 551.071(1)(A) to consult with attorney on pending litigation involving City of Laredo v. Laredo Lomas Properties, Ltd., and the Premises located at 1 500

Log an Street, in La red o, Texas 78040, Cause No. 2017CVK002349-D2; pending in the District Court of We bb County, Texas, 111th Judicial District; and return to open session for possible action.

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

Consideration to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract in an amount not to exceed \$103,727.50 with Sepu lved a Associates Architects, In c. of Laredo, Texas, for upgrades to the El Metro CNG Fueling Station, located at 401 Scott Street. This contract is for review of existing plans and specifications, as well as bid and construction services. Funding is available under FTA Grant No. TX TX-04-0055-00.

XVI. ADJOURN AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANS IT BOARD AND RECONVENE AS THE LARE DO C ITY COUNC IL

42. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Request by Mayor Pete Saenz

1. 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 Ruben A. Gutierrez, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action to direct City Manager to instruct staff to revert traffic to a two-way lane on Springfield, north of Calton Road, to alleviate traffic during peak hours, and any other matters incident thereto.

C. Request by Council Member Vanessa J. Perez

- 1. Discussion with possible action directing management to notify and invite the elected Council Member of a respective district to participate with them in discussions with anyone in the private sector regarding the expenditure of public funds that are contemplated for any public/private project and/or matter of interest within that Council Member's specific district, and any other matters incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Rudy Gonzalez, Jr.)
- 2. Discussion with possible action on amending the Ethics Code as it relates to the registration and reporting requirements by lobbyists in an effort to ensure better enforcement of the policy and transparency in the decision-making process; and directing management to schedule a training on these lobbying provisions for council, staff, and everyone covered under the policy, and any other matters incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Rudy Gonzalez, Jr.)
- 3. Status update, with possible action, on the Dellwood apartments, and any other matters incident thereto.

- D. Req uest by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez
 - 1. Discussion with possible action to amend and modify the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ) policy for south Laredo residents, and any other matters incident thereto.
- E. Request by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, Ill
 - 1. Discussion with possible action on the probability of facilitating competitive high-speed broadband internet services to the Laredo area, and any other matters incident thereto.
- F. Request by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.
 - 1. Discussion with possible action to establish a food pantry through the South Texas Food Bank at the Margarito Benavides Recreation Center for the elderly and low income families in District 4, and any other matters incident thereto.

XV I I. ADJ OURN

This notice was posted at the Municipal Government Offices, 1 110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas, at a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times. Said notice was posted on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 6:45 p.m.