

CITY OF LAREDO

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A-2021-R-07

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CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1110 HOUSTON STREET

LAREDO, TEXAS 78040

April 19, 2021

5:30P.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 April 6, 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

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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 5:30p.m. and 11:00 p.m. the day of meeting.

VI. RECOGNITION

1. Recognizing 18 year old Jennifer Lozano for her recent win as the 2020 USA National Boxing Championship, 119 Division. Her win secured her a spot on Team USA boxing where she will represent the county on an international level. Jennifer is currently ranked as the **#1** boxer in the USA in the 119 weight division and has many national titles under her belt. She is an inspiration to many as she pushed through to follow her dreams and encourages others to do the same.
2. Recognizing Miguel A. Conchas, for his retirement announcement as President/CEO of the Laredo Chamber of Commerce, for his many years of service, contributions and the positive difference Mr. Conchas has made to our community.

VII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Public Hearing** providing community residents an opportunity to comment on their housing and community needs and the projects they wish to see funded. Comments received will be made part of the City's 2021-2022 One Year Action Plan that will outline how funding for the programs listed below, made available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban

Development (HUD) will be utilized. Allocation amounts are as follows:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) \$3,694,061.00
HOME Investment Partnership Grant (HOME) \$1,158,599.00
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) \$328,355.00

The public may provide comments via this public hearing, by visiting the COVID-19 Response Center at 1214 Matamoros or the Laredo Municipal Housing Office at 559 Poplar Ln. to complete a survey (in paper), by calling our office at (956)795-2675, by sending an e-mail to cdcomments@ci.laredo.tx.us or by filling out a survey online in English at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/comments21> or in Spanish at <https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/comentarios21>.

Also for discussion and comment is the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) regarding the City's administration of HUD Programs.

2. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance accepting, and authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract for a grant from the Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), FY20-21 in the amount of \$585,000.00 with City designating \$65,000.00 in cash and in-kind matching funds for a total amount of \$650,000.00 for the Zacate Creek/Manadas Creek Floodplain/Master plan study and amending the Annual Budget FY 20-21 for the Environmental Services Fund by appropriating the said grant revenue to the appropriate expenditure accounts. The grant would enable a more detailed analysis of the entire Zacate/Manadas creeks with all the recent improvements.
3. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately a 2.002-acre tract in Porcion 33, Jose Dionisio Trevino, Abst. 3084, and Porcion 34, Jose Antonio Diaz, Abst. 762, located east of Ejido Ave and Zacatecas Street, from R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area Residential District) to AG (Agricultural District).

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

ZC-26-2021

District I

4. **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 a bar (microbrewery) in Condo Units 9, 10, 11, 12 only, on Lot 1 & 2, Block 1, Kimberly Plaza Subdivision, located at 4820 McPherson Rd.

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

ZC-024-2021
District V

5. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 0.61 acre tract of land out of Porcion 14, Abstract 56, J Guajardo, Original Grantee, located southeast of Peoples Blvd. and Port Texas Dr., from R-1MH (Single Family Manufactured Housing District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District).

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

ZC-023-2021
District VII

(Recess)
(Press Availability)

IX. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

6. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to purchase the "Surface Only" of the following three (3) tracts located in the Cuarto Viento South legally described as an 4.64 acre tract of land being out of Abstract 594, Survey 2149, R.H. Rains Original Grantee, Webb County, Texas, and being a portion of a called 490.78 Acre Tract, Tract 5 of Cuatro Vientos South, LTD.; Recorded in Volume 4225, Page 242, Webb County Official Public Records, Webb County, Texas; 28.80-acre tract of land being out of Abstract 546, Porcion 35, Jose M. Diaz and Abstract 594, Survey 2149, R.H. Rains, Original Grantee, Webb County, Texas, and being a portion of a called 490.78 Acre Tract, Tract 5 of Cuatro Vientos South, Ltd., recorded in Volume 4225, Page 242, Webb County Official Public Records, Webb County, Texas and an 8.00 Acre Tract of land being out of Abstract 594, Survey 2149, R.H. Raines, Original Grantee, and Abstract 473, Porcion 36, Laureano Salinas, Original Grantee, Webb County, Texas, and

being a portion of a called 490.78 acre tract, Tract 5 of Cuarto Vientos South, Ltd., recorded in Volume 4225, Page 242, Webb County Official Public Records, Webb County, Texas. Funding will be from the Sports Venue and Utilities Fund.

7. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 2, Article V, (Boards, Commissions, Councils, Etc.) of the Code of Ordinance by adding Division 7, Sections 2-250 through 2-253 for purposes of establishing the Laredo Port of Entry Advisory Committee; defining the duties, powers, meeting requirements, and providing for other rules applicable to said committee.
8. Introductory Ordinance repealing Chapter 2, Article 1, Section 2-10 (city write-off policy) of the Code of Ordinances in its entirety for purposes of establishing a more comprehensive and efficient procedure for the write-off of debts deemed uncollectible and in order to ensure that the city's financial statements do not overstate the city's assets.

X. FIRST AND FINAL READING

9. 2021-0-080 An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, pursuant to Section 2.11 of the City Charter, amending Public Health COVID-19 Emergency Ordinance by extending the Emergency Declaration of Local Disaster through June 7, 2021; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

XI. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

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.

BUDGET: STAFF SOURCE GILBERTO SANCHEZ, BUDGET DIRECTOR

10. Consideration to ratify rental related expenditures in the amount of \$87,000.00 for the Same Auto Arena and to allow for future related expenditures for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for City COVID-19 vaccination events. During the last months, the City of Laredo has accumulated rental expenditures which include: rental of site, tables, chairs, forklift, event labor (manpower) and other misc. items for these public vaccination events. Funding is available in General Fund, COVID-Public Health.

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

11. **2021-R-102** Authorizing the issuance of a resolution suspending the effective date of the Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (GRIP) rate adjustments proposed by CenterPoint Energy for the maximum amount of time allowed by Texas Utilities Code section 104.301(a) to permit adequate time to review the proposed increases, analyze all necessary information, and take appropriate action related to the proposed increases.
12. **2021-R-107** A resolution authorizing the City of Laredo to participate as a member of the Cities Served by AEP in Public Utilities Commission Docket number 51984, relating to AEP Texas' Application to Amend its Distribution Cost Recovery Factor seeking to increase electric distribution rates by approximately \$54.56 million. This increase would result in approximately a \$2.60 increase to the average residential customer's bill. This resolution would authorize the law firm of Lloyd Gosselink to represent the City in PUC Docket No. 51984 to attempt to deny the rate increase.
13. **2021-R-113** Discussion and possible action by resolution of the City of Laredo City Council to call for the recall of the Council Member on the Webb County Appraisal District Board of Directors and to cast all of the City of Laredo's 934 votes to recall Council Member Vidal Rodriguez, the appointed member on the Webb County Appraisal District Board of Directors as per Section 6.033 of the Texas Property Tax Code.
14. **2021-R-114** Discussion and possible action by resolution of the City of Laredo City Council to nominate a candidate for the Webb County Appraisal District Board of Directors as a result of the recall of the City Council's Member and to cast all of the City of Laredo's 934 votes for the nominee as City Council's new member to the Webb County Appraisal District Board of Directors for the remainder of the 2020-2021 term as per Section 6.033 of the Texas Property Tax Code.

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

15. **2021-R-112** Authorizing the City Manager to execute and approve a professional engineering services contract with Ardurra Group, Inc. (formerly LNV)- Laredo, Texas in the amount of \$215,500.00 with an additional \$50,000.00 contingency allowance, for an amount not to exceed \$265,500.00, for engineering plans, specifications and estimates for drainage improvements in the Ponderosa Hills Subdivision. These services will include bidding and construction oversight services. Funding is available in the Environmental Services 2019 C.O. Bond.
16. Consideration to renew contract FY19-047 Manadas Creek Maintenance to Nick Benavides, Oilton, Texas, in the annual amount of \$125,888.00. This is a service contract to provide mowing and maintenance to the Manadas Creek and quarterly Manadas West excavation. The term of this contract shall be for one (1) year and has additional options to extend for three (3) additional one year periods, upon mutual agreement and performance approval by the City. This is the second of three extension periods. Funding is available in the Environmental Services Department Budget.

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

17. **2021-R-117** Expressing official intent to reimburse Sports Venue Fund an estimated amount of \$3,000,000.00 with tax-exempt obligation proceeds for costs associated with the purchase of land for the construction of a Sports Complex Venue project.
18. Consideration to award a two-year supply contract FY21-048 for the purchase of general electrical supplies to the following vendors:
 1. 3-G Electrical Supply, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$300,000.00 (Primary Vendor) and;
 2. Consolidated Electric Distribution, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$150,000.00 (Secondary Vendor).

This contract establishes discount percentage pricing for those electrical supplies most commonly utilized by City departments. 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. The contract may be

extended for three, additional one (1) year periods each upon mutual agreement of the parties. All items will be purchased on an as needed basis and funding will be secured from the respective user departmental budgets.

FLEET MANAGEMENT: STAFF SOURCE RONALD MILLER, FLEET DIRECTOR

19. Consideration to award annual parts/service contract FY21-050 to the sole bidder Bone's Custom Cycles, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$50,000.00 for the purchase of motorcycle Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) parts/services for the City's Police motorcycles. 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. The contract may be extended for three, additional one (1) year periods each upon mutual agreement of the parties. All parts and services will be purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.
20. Consideration to renew contract FY20-062 to provide car wash services with the following vendors:
 1. (Section I: Full Service Car Wash)- Power Car Wash and Detail, Laredo, Texas in an amount of up to \$20,000.00 (Primary Vendor);
 2. (Section II: Exterior Car Wash Services)- Dale Shine Xpress Car Wash, Laredo, Texas in an amount of up to \$20,000.00 (Primary Vendor);
 3. (Section II: Exterior Car Wash Services)- Royal Laser Wash, Laredo, Texas in an amount of up to \$15,000.00 (Secondary Vendor);
 4. (Section II: Exterior Car Wash Services)- Power Car Wash and Detail, Laredo, Texas in an amount of up to \$15,000.00 (Secondary Vendor).

The term of the contract shall be for period of one (1) year beginning as of the date 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. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.

HEALTH: STAFF SOURCE RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, HEALTH DIRECTOR

21. **2021-R-103** Ratifying the execution of a contract amendment from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), in the amount of \$117,500.00, for a total amount of \$490,625.00 with no match for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Healthy Texas Mothers and Babies (HTMB) Program to promote maternal and child health services and women's health for the term period from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022. No grant match required.
22. **2021-R-104** Ratifying the execution of a contract amendment from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in the additional amount of \$31,000.00 for a total amount of \$156,000.00 with no match for 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 September 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 and in the amount of \$144,000.00 with no match for the term period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. No grant match required.
23. **2021-R-105** Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute a contract from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) through the South Texas Development Council (STDC) in the amount of \$674,790.00 with no match for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Ryan White Program to provide health care, diagnostic and specialty care and medical case management for persons with HIV/AIDS for the term period from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022. No grant match required.
24. Authorizing the City Manager to ratify and accept an increase to the agreement with Laredo Operator, Ltd. for the use of Laredo Nursing Rehab, located at 1701 Tournament Trailer Dr. Laredo, Texas 78041, as an all COVID-19 Facility in the amount of \$50,000.00 for a total amount of \$500,000.00. The original term of the agreement was effective until December 31, 2020 and thereafter allowed for month-to-month renewals until February 28, 2021. Funding is available in General Fund from the CARES Act.
25. Consideration to ratify purchases from Kimball International dba Kimball Office Inc., Jasper, IN. (G & S Office Supply- local rep.), in the amount of \$84,359.18 and to allow for future supplier purchases for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for office furniture and installation for the Health (WIC) Department and various other City Departments; these purchases are co-op contracts utilizing the Omnia Partners National Agreement# 2019.001896 - Cooperative Purchasing Program. Funding is available in the Health Department Fund and respective departments' budgets.

26. Consideration to award contract FY21-020 to LabWare, Inc., from Wilmington, DE. for the Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) software license application and maintenance for the City of Laredo Health Department in an amount up to \$500,141.00 for the first year of installation and a subsequent yearly maintenance amount of approximately \$104,236.00 for the term of period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. The contract may be extended for three additional one (1) year periods. Funding is available in the Health Department Fund and CDBG CARES Funds.

HUMAN RESOURCES: STAFF SOURCE MELINA BERMUDEZ, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

27. Authorizing the City Manager to exercise the option to renew the first of two (2) one (1) year options of the Management Agreement between First Transit, Inc. and the City of Laredo to provide automobile liability and general liability coverages for Laredo Transit Management. Inc., its employees and volunteers; with a combined single limit of no less than \$10,000,000.00 per occurrence, with a zero (\$0) dollar deductible. First Transit will name City of Laredo as an additional insured and provide waiver of subrogation endorsements on both automobile liability and general liability insurance policies. Annual premium cost to be \$615,262.00 for renewal year.

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

28. **2021-R-098** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a donation agreement between the City of Laredo and Krizia L. Keiser Memorial Foundation for an iron angel artwork and surrounding garden improvements located within the Krizia L. Keiser Memorial Garden at the Jovita !dar's El Progreso Park and entering into an adopt-a-spot agreement with the foundation.
29. **2021-R-111** A Resolution by the Council of the City of Laredo, adopting the Parks, Recreation. and Open Space Master Plan as Appendix "E" of the Comprehensive Plan.

30. **2021-R-115** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into negotiations and execute a joint use agreement between the City of Laredo and the Catholic Diocese of Laredo to allow the City to use the parking lot situated at Divine Mercy Catholic Church for use of public park parking. The Diocese shall grant a non-exclusive use of parking space at Divine Mercy Catholic Church and the City shall maintain the parking lot and provide signage at no cost to the Diocese. The initial term of the Agreement will be for one (1) year and may be renewed on a month-to-month basis after the initial term.
31. **2021-R-116** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into negotiations and execute a joint use agreement between the City of Laredo ("City") and Metex Development Corporation ("MDC") to allow the City to use twenty-five (25) parking lot spaces for the property located at 2455 Monarch Drive ("Property") for use by the public for park parking. MDC shall permit the public to enter the property to use for public parking adjacent to the North Rim of North Central Park and the City shall maintain the premises at no cost to MDC. The initial term of the Agreement will be for twenty-five (25) years with an automatic yearly renewal thereafter, subject to termination upon approval of City Council.

POLICE: STAFF SOURCE CLAUDIO TREVINO, CHIEF OF POLICE

32. **2021-R-101** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$24,999.75 from the Texas Department of Transportation for the enforcement of Vehicle Occupant Protection during the "Click It or Ticket" (CIOT) Campaign. The City of Laredo will match \$7,749.92 for a total project amount of \$32,749.67. The grant period for 2021 CIOT will begin May 21, 2021 through June 9, 2021. This grant is to pay overtime salaries and fringe benefits for officers to conduct intense occupant protection enforcement in order to increase occupant restraint use in all passenger vehicles and trucks. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund.
33. **2021-R-106** Authorizing the City Manager to renew one (1) cooperative working agreement between the City of Laredo Police Department (LPD) and Serving Children and Adults in Need, Inc. (SCAN, Inc.) Sexual Assault Services and Information (SASI) Program for the purpose of coordinating services for victims of sexual crimes. The Police Department's participation is part of the community service provided to our citizens and our partner law enforcement agencies with no cost to the City of Laredo.

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

34. Authorizing the City Manager to execute and approve a professional services contract with NewGen Strategies & Solutions- Richardson, Texas in the amount of \$348,843.00 to conduct a solid waste rate study and master plan. These services will include a rate study, baseline of operations, composting facility, and twenty-year solid waste master plan. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Services Fund.

TAX: STAFF SOURCE DORA MALDONADO, TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

35. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts adjusted for the month of March 2021 represent a decrease of \$40,932.98. These adjustments are determined by the Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.
36. Approve property tax refunds due to overpayments and payable to Art by God Inc. for \$1,554.78, Resolution Finance, LLC for \$1,000.00, and First National Holdings, LLC for \$849.28.

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

37. **2021-R-100** Accepting the conveyance of a variable width Sanitary Sewer and Access Easement, out of Lot 3 and Lot 4, Block 1, Springhill LTD Subdivision as recorded in Volume 10, Page 39, Plat Records of Webb county, Texas; for drainage easement, in the City of Laredo, Texas and being more particularly described by Metes and Bounds in exhibit "B" and depicted on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made part hereof. The easement will serve as a sanitary sewer and access easement for the purpose of construction, replacement, repair, and perpetual maintenance of a sanitary sewer line, and the right of free, full and unimpeded access to grantee's equipment; and providing for an effective date.
38. Consideration to award annual heavy equipment rental contracts FY21-047 with the following vendors:

Section.IJ Rental of Heavy Equipment Affiliated Recommendation
ROO Equipment, Laredo, Texas [\$80,000:00] Primary Vendor

Nueces Power Equipment, \$ 40,000.00 Secondary
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All equipment rentals 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 may be extended for three (3) additional one (1) year periods upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Fund.

XII. STAFF REPORTS

39. Consideration to renew annual contract FY20-040 with MG Landscaping, Laredo, Texas in an amount, not to exceed, \$90,000.00 for lawn and landscaping repairs caused by water line break repairs. 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 secured on an as-needed basis. Funding is available in the Water Works Fund Budget.

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41. 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.
42. Status update on the Public Input Survey, and any other matters incident thereto.
43. Status report with possible action on the hiring of an outside attorney for the collection of delinquent property taxes in accordance with sections 33.07 and 33.11 of the Texas Property Tax Code in light of the impending expiration of the city's existing contract with the firm of Flores, Flores, & Canales, P.L.L.C. on September 30, 2021, and any other matters incident thereto.

XIII. 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.

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

44. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one (1) 2021 Ford F150 Super Cab in the total amount of \$27,726.00 from Silsbee Ford, Silsbee, Texas through the TIPS USA 200206 Transportation Vehicles Purchasing Program's contract pricing. The new vehicle will be replacing Service Vehicle Ford F-150 2004 CNG Fuel Unit #25 which has already reached its useful life. Funding is available in the Transit's Sales Tax Fund.
45. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for the purchase of one (1) 35ft. Gillig LIF CNG bus in the amount of \$513,410.00 from Gillig L.L.C. ("Gillig"), located in Livermore, California, utilizing the Commonwealth of Virginia State Contract #194-193. Funding is available through the Transit Sales Tax Fund.

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

46. 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 "Los Martinez Basketball Court" in District VII, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Vanessa Perez)**
2. Presentation by Laredo Center for Urban Agriculture and Sustainability (LCUAS) on the upcoming Laredo Food Policy Council Kickoff Meeting, with possible action. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Mercurio Martinez)**

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

1. Discussion with possible action to direct the City Manager to instruct the Transit General Manager to draft a Micro-Transit Pilot Program that provides residents with enhanced mobility, and to further allow connectivity with current fixed route services, and any other matters incident thereto.

C. Request by Council Member Vanessa J. Perez

1. Discussion with possible action directing management to assess the competitiveness of our economic development model by evaluating how other cities structure and staff their economic development department, and report on any modifications needed to our current model that would enhance our overall competitiveness including, but not limited to, inclusion of key metrics like efficiency, compliance, workforce training, retail, redevelopment, recruitment, etc., and any other matters incident thereto. Ideally, this assessment would be utilized during the 2021 budgeting process.

2. Status update, with possible action, on the feasibility study of Wolfcreek Drive to evaluate the signage necessary to prevent industrial traffic from entering and blocking the ingress and egress to the Wolfcreek Subdivision, with consideration for connectivity to Red Cloud Circle, and any other matters incident thereto.
3. Status update, with possible action, on the Dellwood apartments, and any other matters incident thereto.

D. Request by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa

1. Discussion with possible action on amending Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances to add a new Article III to be entitled Vacant Building Registration to establish guidelines and requirements for property owners in an effort to protect residential and commercial neighborhoods from becoming blighted through the lack of maintenance and security of abandoned properties, and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Status update with possible action from the Transportation & Traffic Safety Advisory Committee on the creation of a Downtown Parking Subcommittee and modification to the downtown citation practices that would promote business commerce in the area, and any other matters incident thereto.
3. Status Report with possible action on the creation of the City's Arts Master plan, and any other matters incident thereto.

(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Dr. Marte A. Martinez)

E. 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 4500 Alvarado Ln

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

1. Discussion with possible action to direct City Manager to instruct Traffic department to conduct a traffic study along Bartlett street, beginning with the intersection of Bartlett and Jacaman ending with Bartlett and Saunders, and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action on hosting an overnight family movie and camping event at the Jovita Idar Park, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez and Council Member Dr. Marte A. Martinez)**
3. Discussion with possible action to direct the City Manager to replace the old playground equipment at Uni-trade Stadium with batting cages, and any other matters incident thereto. Funding available in the Sports Venue Sales Tax.

XVI. 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 14, 2021 at 6:30p.m.

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