

CITY OF LAREDO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A-2021-R-09

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CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1110 HOUSTON STREET

LAREDO, TEXAS 78040

May 17, 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 May 3, 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:**

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VI. RECOGNITION

1. Recognizing Miss Melanie Duron, a Martin High School student and athlete member of the track and field team, for making Laredo proud after competing in the U.I.L. State Track and Field meet at Austin last week. Miss Duron competed in the shot put throw and set a city record at 45 feet and she was crowned 2021 Girls 5A Shot Put State Champion.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

VIII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa of Ermilo Richer IV to the Port of Entry Advisory Committee.
2. Appointment by Council Member Vanessa Perez of Daniella Sada Paz to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the City of Laredo FY 2021 Airport Operations Fund Budget to appropriate expenditures in the amount of \$104,665.00. Funding is available in the Airport's fund balance from revenues received last fiscal year from the Department of Justice Equitable Sharing Program to the Laredo International Airport. The funds will be used for law enforcement equipment and training in the Airport Security Division.
2. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the City of Laredo FY 2021 Capital Grants Fund by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$357,000.00, as the local match, for the Plum and Mier Street Shared Used Path Project. The funding for the amendment is as follows: \$46,000.00 from the 2012 Certificates of Obligation Fund; \$129,343.00 from the 2014 Certificates of Obligation Fund, and \$181,657.00 from the 2019 Certificates of Obligation Fund.
3. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the City of Laredo Noise Abatement Fund FY 2020-2021 Annual Budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$120,000.00 and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents related to the grant agreement between Frontier Energy, Inc. and the City of Laredo Municipal Housing for the AEP Central Division/Targeted Low-Income Program. The program will provide for the installation of eligible energy efficiency improvements for at least 15 Noise Abatement home properties. There is no match requirement and it is based on a reimbursement basis.
4. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY 2020-2021 Parkland Acquisition and Park Improvement Fund and appropriate revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$163,292.00. Revenues are from park improvement fees and/or cash payment in lieu of land paid by the developers of R&W Ranch, District I, Cielito Lindo, District I, Antler Crossing, District VI, International Plat, District VI, Santa Elena, District III, and Crownridge Park, District VI. The expenditures will be utilized as per ordinance 2008-O-058 Section 24.56.2E and amended Ordinance 2019-O-036 Section 24.56.2.C for park improvements.
5. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY 2021 General Fund - Police Department Annual Budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$133,522.00. The revenues are from forfeiture cases involving abandoned and unclaimed money from the Laredo Police Department Property and Evidence Section. These funds will be used for maintenance, repairs, and improvements to the Police Department buildings. Funding is available in

the General Fund.

6. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** authorizing the City Manager to amend the FY2021 Transit Budget by appropriating funds in the amount of \$541,136.00 by increasing the Sales Tax Automobile expense account and draw down on the Transit Sales Tax Fund Balance. Funds will be used for the purchase of one (1) pick-up truck for \$27,726.00 and one (1) heavy-duty low floor 35ft. CNG bus for \$513,410.00, as approved by the Laredo Mass Transit Board on April 19, 2021.
7. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the City of Laredo Subdivision Ordinance to allow the Building Official the authority to issue permits for the reconstruction of single family homes on lots that do not conform to the rules, under certain circumstances.
8. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the City of Laredo Land Development Code to allow for the administrative approval of special and conditional use permits, where one already exists and new owners desire to transfer the permit and keep the same conditions in order to significantly expedite and simplify the process.
9. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 4.74 acres out of land a tract of land conveyed by deed to Martinez Paving Co. Inc., vol. 3272, pg. 327, and Cezar Martinez and George Martinez, vol. 3544, pg 807, located at north of U.S. Highway 359 and east of Loop 20, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District).

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

ZC-30-2021 District II

10. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 13.61 acres out of a tract of land conveyed by deed to Martinez Paving Co. Inc., vol. 3272, pg. 327, and Cezar Martinez and George Martinez, vol. 3544, pg. 807, located north of U. S. Highway 359 and east of Loop 20, from AG (Agricultural District) to R1-A (Single Family Reduced Area District).

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

ZC-033-2021
District II

11. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 1, 2, 7, & 8, Block 2111, Eastern Division, located at 3100 State Highway 359, from B-3 (Community Business District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

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

ZC-029-2021
District III

12. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 5.94 acres of Lot 2 and part of Lot 1, Block 1, Escondido Subdivision, Unit 3, located at West of Escondido Dr., and North of U.S. Highway 59, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-3 PUD (Community Business District Planned Unit Development).

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

ZC-031-2021
District V

13. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 0.4935 acres of block 5, Calton Gardens Subdivision, located at 515 W. Hillside Rd., from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-3 (Community Business District).

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

ZC-032-2021
District V

14. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 55.9260 acres of Porcion 12, Abst. 278, S. Sanches, and Porcion 13, Abst. 51, J. M. Garcia located at South of F.M. 1472 & northwest of Vidal Cantu Rd., from B-4 (Highway Commercial District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

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

ZC-028-2021
District VII

(Recess)
(Press Availability)

X. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

15. Authorizing the renewal amendment in order grant a non-exclusive franchise to Laredo Clean Sweep, Inc. D/B/A Southern Sanitation Services 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 purposes of constructing, maintaining and operating a commercial container refuse gathering and disposal service, setting forth terms and conditions to govern the franchise; providing for franchise payments; and providing a severability clause.

XI. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

16. **2021-O-088** Amending the City of Laredo's FY 2021 Capital Grants Fund by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$2,493,000.00 for the Los Presidentes Avenue Project. Funding for the amendment is as follows: Contributions from Webb County City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority (WCCL RMA) and Webb County Drainage District # 1 in the amount of \$993,000.00 and a transfer in from 2019 Certificate of Obligation in the amount of \$1,500,000.00.
17. **2021-O-089** Ratifying the execution of a contract amendment from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), amending the FY 2020-2021 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$88,176.00, with no match and amending the FY 2020-2021 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Position Listing by adding one (1) Licensed Vocational Nurse III, R33 position for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Immunization Action Plan (IAP) Program for COVID-19 activities for the term period upon execution through August 31, 2022. No grant match required.

18. **2021-O-090** Ratifying the execution of a contract from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), amending the FY 2020-2021 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$3,106,637.00 and amending the FY 2020-2021 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Position Listing by adding one (1) Registered Nurse II, R38 position, four (4) Medical Office Assistant I, R28 positions, four (4) Clerk III, R27 positions, one (1) Management Information Application Analyst, R36 position, one (1) Program Coordinator, R33 position, and one (1) Budget Analyst I, R33 position for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) COVID-19 Vaccination Capacity program for the term period from April 22, 2021 through June 30, 2024.
19. **2021-O-091** Amending the City of Laredo Land Development Code Section 24.66.4 to adjust the rules of the Historic District. This amendment will allow minor improvement and rehabilitation projects while still protecting historic structures. The ordinance will also allow the Historic Board to authorize staff to administratively approve items which do require Board approval, expediting selected activities.
20. **2021-O-092** An Ordinance concerning a voluntary annexation application by EMA Commercial Investments LLC, altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo by annexing additional territory of 9.961 acres, more or less, located east of Loop 20 (Bob Bullock Loop) and north of East Del Mar Blvd., providing for the effective date of the ordinance, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of B-3.

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

AN-010-021
District VI

21. **2021-O-093** An Ordinance concerning a voluntary annexation application by Emerald Riverview Development LTD, altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo by annexing additional territory of 15.556 acres, more or less, located south of FM 1472 (Mines Rd) and southwest of Verde Rd., providing for the effective date of the ordinance, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-1.

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

AN-008-2021

District VII

22. **2021-O-094** An Ordinance concerning a voluntary annexation application by Cinco 28 LLC, altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo by annexing additional territory of 2.7904 acres, more or less, located south of FM 1472 (Mines Rd) and southwest of Verde Rd., providing for the effective date of the ordinance, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-1.

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

AN-009-2021

District VII

23. **2021-O-095** An Ordinance concerning a voluntary annexation application by Maria De La Luz Marquez, altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo by annexing additional territory of 0.09 acres, more or less, located north of FM 1472 (Mines Rd) and west of Copper Mine Rd., providing for the effective date of the ordinance, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-1.

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

AN-006-2021

District VII

24. **2021-O-096** Authorizing the City Manager to ratify the execution of a lease agreement with the City of Laredo Health Department, as LESSEE, for the center portion of the building consisting of approximately 2,873 square feet of building space and parking lot located at 1605 E. Hillside at the Laredo International Airport. The lease term shall be for three (3) years commencing on May 1, 2021 and ending on April 30, 2024 with two (2) one-year options to extend ending in April 30, 2025 and April 30, 2026. The monthly rental shall be \$2,873.00 and will be adjusted annually according to changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

25. **2021-O-097** 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 95-O-154 dated August 7, 1995, as amended by Ordinance 97-O-152 dated July 21, 1997, as amended by Ordinance 2007-O-197 dated October 1, 2007, to amend Section 1.05, Term of Leasehold, Commencement of Term, Suspension, by changing the end dates of lease term to September 30, 2025 and September 30, 2030 and adding an additional one five (5) year option to extend ending on August 31, 2035. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged and in effect.
26. **2021-O-098** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, Amending Chapter 2, Article II, Division 6 (Pay Administration), of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, specifically Section 2.87(c)(12)a, by providing for a three percent (3%) Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA), subject to the City receiving funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, to the existing wage schedule and to all City employees, except Interns, Cooperative Education Program employees (CO-OPS), Elected Officials, Temporary Staffing Agency employees, and employees subject to any Collective Bargaining Agreement; providing for a repealing clause; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date.
27. **2021-O-099** An Ordinance amending Chapter 19, Article VIII, Section 19-360, of the Laredo Code of Ordinances by adding Subsection (e), to establish a mobile payment service application and convenience fees under certain terms and conditions; providing for severability and declaring and effective date.

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

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

BUILDING: STAFF SOURCE GERARDO J. PINZON, ACTING BUILDING DIRECTOR

28. **2021-R-130** Resolution extending the borders of Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ), number one within the City of Laredo, and making the necessary findings of public benefit and public purpose to support the extension of the zone in City Council District III in the City of Laredo for the purpose of development.

29. **2021-R-041** Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and Martinez & Cox Property Rental L.L.C. for a proposed project located at 2820 Springfield Avenue, lot 2, block 347, eastern division that consists of commercial property, in accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ). This 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 \$80,973.39, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$513.38 and estimated total fee waivers of \$1,444.00. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information. This project is located in City Council District IV.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: STAFF SOURCE TINA MARTINEZ, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

30. Authorizing the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Bethany House as the designated Coordinated Entry Planning Entity. This MOU implements a process for the purpose of ensuring that the local coordinated system accurately documents homeless housing and service needs, and that the limited available resources will be duly allocated in order to achieve the most efficient results.

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

31. Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract for marketing, advertising, and/or public relations services with Sorenson Advertising, dba Relic not to exceed a total contract amount of \$221,000.00 for (5) months beginning June 1, 2021 thru October 31, 2021, with an option to renew for two more fiscal years covering October 1, 2021 thru September 30, 2023.

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

32. **2021-R-122** Creating an economic incentive program and guidelines pursuant to Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code for the purposes of promoting state or local economic development and to stimulate business and commercial activity in the City of Laredo and the region.

ENGINEERING: STAFF SOURCE RAMON E. CHAVEZ, CITY ENGINEER

33. **2021-R-136** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) with the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) CSJ# 0922-33-201 for a Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) program project MPO-selected off-system described as the Plum and Mier St. shared use path connecting K. Tarver Elementary and Nixon High School (District 4) and Lamar Middle School and St. Augustine High School (District 3) respectively; the total project cost estimate is \$1,226,020.00 and the total estimated local match participation by the City of Laredo is estimated to be \$357,000.00 plus 100% of overruns. The total estimated local match includes (20%) local participation in the amount of \$204,000.00 for preliminary engineering, environmental cost, construction plus direct state costs incurred for review, inspection, administration and oversight in the amount of \$153,000.00. The state participation that includes authorized Economically Disadvantaged County (EDC) amount is \$53,020.00. Local match will be funded by the 2012 C.O., 2014 C.O. and 2019 C.O.

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

34. **2021-R-131** A resolution designating the Riverbend as Laredo's first nature preserve.

HEALTH: STAFF SOURCE RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, HEALTH DIRECTOR

35. **2021-R-133** Ratifying the execution of a contract amendment from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in the amount of \$125,000.00 with no match to continue the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Diabetes Prevention and Control Program for the term period of September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022. No grant match required.
36. **2021-R-134** Ratifying the execution of a contract amendment from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in the amount of \$222,837.00 with a match of \$44,567.00 and projected program income of \$15,182.00 for a total of \$282,586.00 for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Tuberculosis Elimination/State Program for the term of September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022.

37. Consideration to amend and ratify contract FY21-020 for the Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) software license application and maintenance for the City of Laredo Health Department and to award as follows:

* LabWare, Inc., from Wilmington, DE. for the LIMS software and license application and maintenance for an amount up to \$411,341.00 for the first year of installation, and a subsequent yearly maintenance amount of approximately \$16,636.00 for the term of period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution.

* Simplicia Corporation from Wilmington, DE. for the cloud services and hosting fees for an amount up to \$88,800.00 for the first year of installation and a subsequent yearly maintenance amount of approximately \$87,600.00 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.

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

38. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a contract between Intrado Life & Safety Corp. and the City of Laredo for the purchase and continued service of Power Metrics Advanced to provide reporting and analytics services for Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb and Zapata Counties through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Contract No. EC07-20 in the total amount of \$73,076.00 from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2023 (\$36,538.00 per year). Funding is available in the Regional 9-1-1 Fund.
39. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a contract between Intrado Life & Safety Solutions Corp. and the City of Laredo for maintenance renewal to purchase Software Subscription Support and Software Protection and Remote Technical Services Support through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Contract EC07-20 in the total amount of \$138,339.60 (\$69,006.00 for year one and \$69,333.60 for year two). This software and technical support will be provided for each of the eight (8) Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) located throughout the South Texas Region. Funding is available in the Regional 9-1-1 Fund.

40. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute contract payments with vendors (AT&T and Western States Communication) for providing 9-1-1 Database/Network services and Wireless/Equipment Maintenance for the South Texas Region, including Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb and Zapata Counties, in the amount of \$463,459.80. Payments are for the period of September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2023. Funding is available in the 9-1-1 Regional Fund.

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

41. **2021-R-132** A resolution designating the Las Palmas Nature Trail as Laredo's first birding sanctuary.
42. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Fun Abounds, Inc., Sugar Land, Texas for the purchase and installation of exercise equipment at the Independence Hills Park located at 1102 North Merida, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$58,530.00. This purchase is utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program. Funding is available in the 2018 and 2019 CO Bonds.
43. Accepting an in-kind donation from Mike Rodriguez of baseball equipment, to include all the poles for backstop, nets, benches and bases needed for usage at the four new baseball fields located at the upper pond of North Central Park, and any other matter incident thereto.

POLICE: STAFF SOURCE CLAUDIO TREVINO, CHIEF OF POLICE

44. Consideration to authorize the purchase of holsters for the Laredo Police Department in the amount of \$62,291.22 from G.T. Distributors, Inc., Austin, Texas through the Buyboard Cooperative Purchasing program's contract pricing. Funding is available in the Police Department Trust Fund.

TAX: STAFF SOURCE DORA MALDONADO, TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

45. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts adjusted for the month of April 2021 represent a decrease of \$25,498.22. These adjustments are determined by the Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

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

46. Authorizing the City Manager to award a construction contract for the rehabilitation of interceptor from Canal Street to Zacate WWTP to the bidder Insituform Technologies who has a base bid in the amount of \$1,572,175.00. Funding is available in the 2019 Sewer Revenue Bond.
47. Consideration to ratify the issuance of an emergency purchase order by the City Manager in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 to United Rentals, Corpus Christi, Texas for the rental of a 7,500 GPM skid mounted diesel pump with associated 18" HDPE by-pass piping, manifold, and fittings for the El Pico Water Treatment Plant Intermediate Pump Station. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Water Construction Fund.
48. Consideration to select and negotiate for the Engineering & Surveying Services with Porras Nance Engineering of Laredo, Texas for the 24-inch transmission main in South Laredo. Two (2) Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) were received for the 24-inch transmission main in South Laredo 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.
49. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program pricing (BuyBoard Proposal Code No. WM09-20) to Core & Main LP, of St. Louis, Missouri for the furnishing and delivery of 1,800 linear feet of 24-inch diameter PVC DR18 x 20-ft pipes for a portion of a waterline from Ejido to Sierra Vista Booster Pump Station project in the amount of \$212,760.00. Funding is available in the 2019 Water Revenue Bond.
50. Authorizing City Manager to award a construction contract for furnishing of equipment, manpower and fittings for the installation of 710 linear feet of 24-inch water transmission main from Ejido to Sierra Vista Booster Pump Station within the Cuatro Vientos Sur Subdivision Phase VII to Soliz Paving, Inc., of Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$84,920.00. Pipes, fittings and related appurtenances will be provided by the Utilities Department. Funding is available in the 2019 Water Revenue Bond.

51. Consideration to select and negotiate for the Engineering & Surveying Services with Garver for the booster pump stations in ND Hachar & South Laredo Elevated Storage Tank for the City of Laredo. Only one (1) Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) was received for the booster pump stations in ND Hachar & South Laredo Elevated Storage Tank. The SOQ was evaluated by City staff and was deemed qualified for the project. There is no cost involved during the interview, review and selection of the Request of Qualifications.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XIII. STAFF REPORTS

52. 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.
53. 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.
54. Status update on the Don Tomas Sanchez sculpture project; and any other matters incident thereto.
55. Presentation by Novak Consulting on overall summary and priorities from the 2021 Strategic Planning Session.
56. Review of Planning Department projects including a progress report on ReCode Laredo, Railroad Quiet Zone, city-wide Sidewalk Infrastructure Needs Study, and 2021 "Planning Nights" public meetings for each District.
57. Status update on the proposed Management Agreement for Uni-Trade Stadium with STX LDO Management LLC, and any other matters incident thereto.
58. Staff presentation on the traffic study for the extension of turning lanes on Lomas Del Sur and South Zapata Highway and Hwy 359 and Concord Hills with possible action, and any other matters incident thereto.

59. Presentation on the Point of Sale Program for Sister Cities, including San Mateo Atenco, Mexico and any other matters incident thereto.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

60. Consideration to exercise the first (1) one of (2) two one year renewal options to extend contract FY19-050 to the single responsible bidder Gonzalez Auto Parts, Laredo, Texas, for the purchase of automatic transmission fluid and CNG synthetic blend 15W40 engine oil. In the estimated yearly amount of \$283,500.00, for the revenue generating vehicles. Funding is available in the Transit FY20-21 Maintenance Funds.

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

61. **GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Request by Mayor Pete Saenz

1. Discussion with possible action on pursuing as soon as possible the active and open promotion of Covid-19 vaccine tourism by and for the City of Laredo; and any other matters incident thereto.

B. Request by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa

1. Discussion with possible action to waive trash collection fees for Holding Institute and the Catholic Institute for a period of six (6) months due to an overflow of traffic of migrants; and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action on amending Chapter 33, Article VI of the Code of Ordinances by adopting new enforcement regulations to help deter illegal dumping and littering, that includes, but is not limited to, declaring this to be a public nuisance and modifying the amount of criminal penalties for violation thereof, and any other matters incident thereto.

C. Request by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez

1. Discussion with possible action on all 311 concerns that are open for more than 90 days, including updates on what is being done and how 311 items are being handled. In addition, for management to explore an option to include before and after pictures in 311 concerns so residents can have accountability, and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action for the City of Laredo to assist North America Industrial Park, and any other matters incident thereto. This development will create nearly one thousand jobs and twenty new import/export companies for a total investment of approximately twelve (12) million dollars.
3. Discussion with possible action to distribute future Arts Bond proceeds equally in order to beautify each district on current planned projects and stay on course with Viva Laredo Comprehensive Plan, and any other matters incident thereto.

D. Request by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action regarding a request by the Society of Martha Washington for sponsorship of the Colonial Ball and Pageant to be held at the Sames Auto Arena on July 3, 2021, in proportion to the event's demonstrated impact on tourism and hotel

activity as required by Chapter 351 of the Texas Tax Code for the expenditure of hotel tax occupancy tax funds. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa and Council Member Dr. Marte A. Martinez)**

E. Request by Council Member Ruben A. Gutierrez, 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 V Priority Funds will be used for this project.

- 508 Manor Road
- 313 Westmont

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

1. Discussion with possible action on hosting a Memorial Tribute Event in honor of COVID-19 victims to be held at North Central Park on Saturday, May 29, 2021, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Vanessa Perez, Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa, and Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III)**

G. Request by Council Member Vanessa J. Perez

1. Discussion with possible action on proclaiming every Friday as "Love Laredo Friday" in an effort to promote greater community unity and civic pride within the City of Laredo, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III).**
2. Discussion with possible action on directing the City Manager to conduct an internal review to confirm that all current employees possess the certifications and licenses required for their respective positions within the City, and to also present the costs associated with verifying all degrees to Council for consideration during the budget process, and any other matter incident thereto.

XVII. ADJOURN

This notice was posted at the Municipal Government Offices, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas, at a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times. Said notice was posted on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary