

# CITY OF LAREDO

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A-2021-R-10

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CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1110 HOUSTON STREET

LAREDO, TEXAS 78040

June 7, 2021

5:30 P.M.

### (5. DISABILITY ACCESS STATEMENT (5.

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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 17, 2021

### Citizen comments

Citizens are required to fill out a witness card and submit it to the City Secretary no later than 5:45 p.m. and identify themselves at the microphone. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. No more than three (3) persons will be allowed to speak on any side of an issue. 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.

## VI. RECOGNITION

1. Recognizing Laredo Independent School District and United Independent School District nurses for their services to the community and assisting the City of Laredo with inoculations for 25% of the population.
2. Recognizing Laredo native Chef Jesse Kuykendall, also known as "Chef Kirk," for winning season 47, episode 13 of "Chopped" on the Food Network.
3. Recognizing Monika Sanchez from the United South Middle School Art Club, and her students, for the construction of the super-sized 13-foot long paper-mache maracas. Over one million people worldwide saw their post on social media which also caught the attention and interest of "Ripley's Believe It or Not!".

## VII. COMMUNICATIONS

## VIII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Re-appointment by Council Member Ruben A. Gutierrez, Jr. of Jesus Martinez to the Municipal Civil Service Commission.
2. Appointment by Council Member Vanessa J. Perez of Jose Angel Martinez to the Telecommunications Advisory Committee.
3. Appointment by Council Member Vanessa J. Perez of Lucy Morris to the Third Party Funding Advisory Committee.

4. Appointment by Council Member Vanessa J. Perez of Arturo Dominguez to the Port of Entry Advisory Committee.
5. Appointment by Council Member Vanessa J. Perez of Daniel Elizondo to the Ethics Committee.
6. Appointment by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr. of Guillermo Tietzsch to the Bridge Advisory Board.
7. Appointment by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa of Valerie Gonzalez to the Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee.

## IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the FY 2020-2021 Community Development Department's budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$200,000.00 in order to appropriate Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) funds available for the Texas Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (TEMAP) to assist low to moderate income eligible families/individuals impacted by COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, amending the FY 2020-2021 full-time equivalent (FTE) position listing by adding one (1) Grant Coordinator, R35 position.
2. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Community Development Department's budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$8,295,954.90 in order to appropriate the second allocation from the U.S. Department of the Treasury in the amount of \$6,275,789.90 and a High-Need Allocation of \$2,020,165.00. Funds are available for Emergency Rental Assistance through the American Rescue Plan for households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic, to be provided to eligible families/individuals with incomes at or below the 80 percent of the area median.
3. Public Hearing allowing interested persons to comment on the 2021-2022 One Year Action Plan which identifies the projects proposed to be funded by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The City anticipates receiving \$3,748,497.00 in 47th Action Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, \$1,158,599.00 through the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and \$328,355.00 through the

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). An additional \$72,000.00 is anticipated to be received in Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan funds, and \$260,000.00 in HOME program income. The following projects are proposed to be funded:

47th AY Community Development Block Grant

1	<del>Housing Rehabilitation Administration</del>	<del>\$338,000.00</del>
3	Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program (PI)	\$600,000.00
4	Code Enforcement	\$508,107.00
5	Graffiti Removal Program	\$ 31,550.00
6	Downtown Senior Recreational Program	\$165,000.00
7	Downtown	
	Rental Rehabilitation Program	\$562,130.00
8	Park	
	Improvements in District I	\$ 59,000.00
9	Sidewalks in	
	District I	\$ 59,000.00
10	Park	
	Improvements in District II	\$118,000.00
11	Park	
	Improvements in District III	\$ 68,000.00
12	Sidewalks in	
	District III	\$ 50,000.00
13	Park	
	Improvements in District IV	\$ 75,000.00
14	Sidewalks in District IV	\$ 43,000.00
15	Park Improvements in District V	\$118,000.00
16	Sidewalks in District VII	\$ 50,000.00
17	Park Improvements in District VII	\$168,000.00
18	Sidewalks in District VII	\$168,000.00
19	TOTAL	\$3,748,497.00

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>--- HOME Investment Partnership Grant

21	HOME Program Administration	\$114,000.00
22	Down Payment Assistance Program (PI)	\$260,000.00
23	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	\$400,000.00

24	Community Housing Development Organization (CHOO)		\$200,000.00
<del>25</del>	Homeowner Reconstruction Program	<del>4</del>	<del>\$100,000.00</del>
2 -6	Affordable Rental Housing Program	<del>4</del>	<del>\$344,599.00</del>
-	TOTAL	<del>4</del>	\$1,418,599.00

Emergency Solutions Grant

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27	ESG Program Administration	\$
	<del>16,258.00</del>	
28	Emergency Shelter – Shelter Operations	\$
	<del>106,318.00</del>	
29	Emergency Shelter – Essential Services	\$ 45,000.00
30	Street Outreach	\$ 9,884.00
31	Rapid Re-Housing	\$ 82,352.00
32	Homelessness Prevention	\$ 60,543.00
	Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	8,000.00
	TOTAL	\$328,355.00

4. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance creating the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Fund and appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$42,779,444.00. Payment represents the first of two payments from the allocation of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

5. Public Hearing on the adoption of an amendment to the Future Thoroughfare Plan as Appendix D of the City of Laredo's Comprehensive Plan to modify the functional classification of the proposed Aquero Blvd. from a Collector and Minor Arterial to a Principal Arterial throughout.

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## X. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

6. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Health and Benefits Fund by appropriating revenues and expenses of \$1,150,000.00 for health medical claims.
7. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a First Amendment to the Ground Lease between the City of Laredo ("Landlord") and Pinnacle Towers Acquisition LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Tenant"), as Successor in Interest to Nextel WIP Lease Corp, for ground space at 327 Riverfront, Laredo, Webb County, Texas, for the continued maintenance and operation of a 250 ft. high self-supporting tower and related ground facilities.

Term of the Amendment is for seven (7) consecutive renewal terms of five (5 years); effective November 21, 2000.

8. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a First Amendment to Site License Agreement ("License") between the City of Laredo ("Licensor") and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, by and through its attorney in fact, CCATT LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Licensee") for ground space at 911 Galveston, Laredo, Webb County, Texas, for the continued maintenance and operation of a 180 fl. high self-supporting tower and related ground facilities. Term of the Amendment is for five (5) consecutive renewal terms of five (5 years); effective September 1, 2020.
9. An ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 24, Article v, Section 24-78, of the City of Laredo Land Development Code by deleting section 24-78.2(e)(2), regarding dead storage parking lots; amending section 24-78.2(e)(3), regarding time limitations and compliance; adding paving requirements for industrial parking lots under and over one acre; amending chapter 24, Appendix A by deleting the definition for dead storage parking lots and adding definitions for industrial parking lots and operational area; adopting construction standards for industrial parking lots over one acre, entitled industrial parking lot design standards; amending 24-78(G) to provide for trackage and spillage control requirements and a penalty provision; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; providing for publication; and declaring an effective date.

## XI. SECOND READING

10. 2021-0-114 Authorizing the renewal amendment to 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.

## XII. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

11. 2021-0-100 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.



12. 2021-0-101 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 \$ 18 1,657.00 from the 2019 Certificates of Obligation Fund.
13. 2021-0-102 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 AE P Central Division/Targeted Low- Income Program. The program will provide for the replacement of complete central air conditioning and heating units for at least 15 Noise Abatement home properties. There is no match requirement and it is based on a reimbursement basis.
14. 2021-0-103 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 2008-0-058 Section 24.56.2E and amended Ordinance 20 19-0-036 Section 24.56.2.C for park improvements.
15. 2021-0-104 Authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY 202 1 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.
16. 2021-0-105 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.

17. 2021-0-106 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.
18. 2021-0-107 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.
19. 2021-0-108 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).

ZC-30-2021  
District II

20. 2021-0-109 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 R 1-A (Single Family Reduced Area District).

ZC-033-2021  
District II

21. 2021-0-110 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 1, 2, 7, & 8, Block 2 11 1, Eastern Division, located at 3100 State Highway 359, from B-3 (Community Business District) to M-1 ( Light Manufacturing District).

ZC-029-2021  
District III

22. 2021-0-111 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).

ZC-031-2021  
District V

23. 2021-0-112 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).

ZC-032-2021  
District V

24. 2021-0-113 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).

ZC-028-2021  
District VII

25. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, pursuant to Section 2.11 of the City Charter, amending the Public Health COVID-19 Emergency Ordinance by removing mask requirements consistent with state law and extending the Emergency Declaration of Local Disaster currently scheduled to expire on June 7, 2021 to July 26, 2021; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

### XIII. CONSENT AGENDA

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

AIRPORT: STA FF SOURCE JEFFREY J. MILLER, AIRPORT DIRECTOR

26. Consideration to authorize the purchase of two (2) 2021 Ford First Responder Pickups in the total amount of \$90,615.68 from Silsbee Ford, Silsbee, Texas through the Goodbuy Cooperative Purchasing Program's contract pricing. These vehicles are replacements of two vehicles which had reached their useful life. Both vehicles will be assigned to the Laredo International Airport and will be used by Airport Police. Funding is available in the Airport Forfeiture Fund. This item is contingent on the approval of Ordinance 2021-0-100.
27. Consideration to ratify a service contract to Johnson Controls Inc., San Antonio, TX, for a cumulative amount of \$59,303.23 and to further authorize future related expenditures for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 for the International Airport Terminal HVAC Systems. Services rendered include emergency (unforeseen, unexpected) service calls and allow for future services of: preventive maintenance, installation/repair services and parts; services are obtained on an as needed basis using Sourcewell cooperative pricing under Contract#030817-JHN. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is subject to future appropriations. Funding for this contract is available in the International Airport Fund.
28. Consideration to authorize a professional service contract with RS&H Inc., San Antonio, TX and sub-consulting firm Unison Consulting (DBE), Chicago, IL for Concessions and Terminal Planning Support for the Laredo International Airport in the amount not to exceed \$67,863.00. These services will determine the availability of terminal space and complete all necessary planning and coordination to support the advertisement and selection of a second concessionaire for such space. Funding is available under the Airport Operation Fund.

BRIDGE: STAFF SOURCE YVETTE LIMON, BRIDGE DIRECTOR

29. Consideration to authorize the extension of current service agreement for call to repair response on-site proactive care support of the Hewlett Packard equipment related to the Laredo Bridge System Electronic Toll Collection System and Customer Service Center (CSC) Systems from Networks 2000, Inc., San Diego, California, through the State of Texas DIR Cooperative Purchase Contract# DIR-TSO-4160 in the total amount of \$66,740.70. Funding is available in the Bridge System Toll Revenue.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: STAFF SOURCE TINA MARTINEZ, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

30. Ratification of the submission of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Texas Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (TEMAP) grant application and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents. The program, under this \$200,000.00 grant, will provide emergency mortgage assistance to eligible low to moderate income families/individuals impacted by COVID-19 pandemic
31. Consideration to award contract FY21-064 to sole bidder Chavarria Plumbing, Laredo, TX in the estimate amount of \$65,000.00 per year for providing plumbing maintenance and repairs services for City owned Municipal Housing and Noise Abatement properties on an "as-needed basis". The term of this contract shall be for a period of two (2) years beginning the date of execution. This contract may be extended for one (1) additional two (2) year periods. All services will be secured on an as-needed basis. Funding for this contract is available in the Municipal Housing and Noise Abatement Budget.
32. Consideration to award contract FY21-052 to Redline Architecture, LLC, Laredo, TX., and Cavazos Architects, Laredo, TX., to provide a professional complete design product to include surveys, testing, and preparation of plans and specifications for owner-occupied, single-family residential projects for the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program and HOME Homeowner Reconstruction Program. The two companies selected will be rotated. It is estimated that the design projects will be undertaken annually depending on funding availability, contract will be between approved homeowners and the selected architects. It is estimated the annual combined design costs for these services will not exceed \$60,000.00. The term of this contract shall be for a period of two (2) years, subject to future appropriations, beginning the date of its execution. The contract may be extended for one (1) additional two (2) year periods. Funding is available through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds.
33. Ratification of the submission of the U.S. Department of the Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program II payment information and acceptance of award terms and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents. Direct allocation of \$6,275,789.90 and High-Need Allocation of \$2,020,165.00 to total \$8,295,954.90. The program under this grant will provide Emergency Rental Assistance to eligible low to moderate income families/individuals impacted by COVID-19 pandemic.

34. Authorizing the City Manager to accept late submission of the applications for Third Party Funding FY 2021-2022 from the Children's Advocacy Center and Special Olympics.

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

35. 2021-R-145 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas approving a Chapter 380 Agreement between the City of Laredo and West Pak Avocado, Inc. pursuant to an economic development incentive under Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code; providing for severability; providing for an effective date; and providing for publication, and authorizing the City Manager to execute all relevant documents, and any other matters incident thereto.

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

36. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an advanced funding agreement (AFA) no. CSJ-0922-33-200 with the Texas Department of Transportation for the design, engineering, and construction of a multi-use bicycle and pedestrian trail along East Chacon Creek (from Independence Hills Park to Century City). The local match of \$ 104,000.00 is available in the Environmental Services Fund, Maximum Transportation Alternatives set aside funding available is \$160,000.00, with \$ 11,933.00 in indirect state costs for a total estimated project cost of \$275,933.00; any overruns shall be covered by the City of Laredo.

FIRE: STAFF SOURCE GUILLERMO HEARD, FIRE CHIEF

37. Authorizing the City Manager to enter and execute a Memorandum of Agreement between Texas A&M International University (TAMU) on behalf of the College of Nursing & Health Sciences ("CONHS") and the Laredo Fire Department for the purpose of providing nursing and public health students with an opportunity to directly apply knowledge and skills gained in the classroom in a practicum and clinical setting.

38. Consideration to ratify a service contract to exclusive dealer Siddons Martin Emergency Group, Houston, TX, for a cumulative amount of \$59,778.38 and to further authorize future related expenditures for an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00 for mechanical repair services and parts rendered and emergency (unforeseen, unexpected) service repairs. These are repairs done on fire emergency units including two tankers, one fire engine and two aerial trucks. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is subject to future appropriations. Funding for this contract is available in the Fire Department Funds.

FLEET MANAGEMENT: STAFF SOURCE RONALD MILLER, FLEET DIRECTOR

39. Consideration to award annual contract FY21-054 for the purchase of Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) parts/service for the City's John Deere equipment with sole bidder RDO Equipment, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$200,000.00. All parts and services will be secured on an as needed basis. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This contract allows for three additional, one year extensions upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.
40. Consideration to renew the existing annual contract FY18-085 with Gonzalez Auto Parts, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$115,000.00, for the purchase of automotive batteries for the City's fleet vehicles. All batteries will be secured on an as-needed basis. There was no price increase during the last extension period. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year and shall be contingent upon availability of appropriated funds. This is the last extension period for this contract. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.
41. Consideration to renew contract FY19-024 for the purchase of Ford Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) automotive parts for the City's Fleet vehicles with Sames Motor Company, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$150,000.00. All parts will be secured on an as-needed basis. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the last extension period for this contract. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.

42. Consideration to renew annual contract FY20-058 with the following vendors:

1. Andy's Auto Air & Supplies, Inc. (OBA: Andy's Auto & Bus Air, Inc.), Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$70,000.00;and

2. Rotex Truck Center, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$70,000.00;

for air conditioning system repairs for medium and heavy duty trucks, and construction equipment for the Fleet Department. The term of the contract shall be for period of one (1) year with an opportunity to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year periods and is subject to future appropriations. There was no price increase during the last extension period. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.

43. Consideration to renew contract number FY20-052 with Lopez Transmission, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$60,000.00 to provide automatic transmission repair services for the Fleet Department. This contract establishes a discount percentage on parts and an hourly labor rate for repair services. 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. The contract may be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year periods, each upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Fleet Department Fund.

44. Consideration to amend annual service contract number FY14-062 by 25% with Lozano Body Shop, Laredo, Texas for an amount increase of \$56,250.00 and a new contract with a total amount of \$281,250.00 to provide automotive and truck body shop repair services for the Fleet Department. The term of this contract shall expire on July 1, 2022. Contract amendment is due to an increase in body shop repairs and to cover future expenditures until a new contract is awarded on August, 2021. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.

45. Consideration to award contract FY21-067 to the sole bidder Gutierrez Machine Shop, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$75,000.00 for professional metal and aluminum welding repair and fabrication services for the Fleet Department. The services requested include repair and fabrication services to include the installation, alteration, repair, relocation, and replacement of equipment parts on the city's vehicles and heavy duty 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. This contract can be renewed for three (3) additional one (1) year extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.

HEALTH: STAFF SOURCE RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, HEALTH DIRECTOR

46. 2021 -R-1 41 Authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a continuation contract from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in the amount of \$300,000.00 for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Ryan White Part C HIV outpatient early intervention, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of HIV in the STDC Region for the term from May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022.
47. 2021 -R-1 42 Ratifying the execution of a contract amendment from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in the amount of \$216,147.00 with no match for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) HIV Prevention Program to continue to provide preventive interventions, testing, educational, and outreach services for the term period from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022. No grant match required.
48. 2021 -R-1 43 Ratifying the execution of a contract amendment from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in the amount of \$497,072.00 with no match to continue the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Office of Public Health Practices (OPHP) services which include disease control, food safety, and local public health system support for the term period of September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2023. No grant match required.
49. 2021 -R-1 44 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) to rapidly scale up innovative COVID-19 education, testing, contact tracing, vaccination, and other prevention and mitigation strategies with refugee, immigrant, and migrant (RIM) communities through the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) for the term period upon execution of the contract (between July 1 and July 31, 2021) to July 31, 2022 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant.

50. Authorizing City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement by and between the City of Laredo and Webb County for the creation of a Local Government Corporation to operate a Detox Center, its daily management, staffing, service and fundraising needs.

HUMAN RESOURCES : STAFF SOURCE MELINA BERMUDEZ,  
HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

51. Consideration to award contract FY21-049 to Nuestra Salud Health Clinic, Laredo, TX to provide after hours physician/medical services to City employees, employee's dependents and City of Laredo Retirees enrolled in the City of Laredo's Medical Plan for the estimated amount of \$80,000.00 per year. The term of this contract shall be for a period of two (2) years beginning as of the date of its execution. This contract is subject to future appropriations and may be extended for one (1) additional two (2) year period, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Human Resources, Employee Health and Wellness Division and in the Health and Benefits fund.

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

52. Authorizing the City Manager to ratify the existing contract between ESRI and the City of Laredo to include the purchase of license maintenance, a server upgrade, and training, a sole source provider, in the total amount of \$95,881.77. These licenses, server upgrade and training will be provided for each of the four 911 Database Coordinators in Webb, Jim Hogg, Starr and Zapata Counties located throughout the South Texas Region. Funding is available in the Regional 9-1-1 Fund.
53. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute contract payments with AT&T Business for providing the 9-1-1 telephone network infrastructure, service and FirstNet LTE backup network for the South Texas region, including Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb and Zapata Counties, in the amount of \$206,698.88. Pricing provided through the Texas Department of Information Resources, DIR-TSO-3420. Payments are for the period of April 1, 2021 through August 31, 2023. Funding is available in the 9-1-1 Regional Fund.

POLICE: STAFF SOURCE CLAUDIO TREVINO, CHIEF OF POLICE

2021-R-129 Authorizing the City Manager to ratify and accept a grant 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 Campaign 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.

PUBLIC WORKS: STAFF SOURCE JOHN ORFI LA, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

55. Consideration to renew contract FY19-070 to Vulcan Materials Company, San Antonio, TX for an annual amount up to \$400,000.00 for the purchase of Public Works materials (Asphalt Cold Laid - LRA Premix Type DS/LRA Black base Type 1 Grade AA) for various departments. There was a price increase on materials due to recent oil/gas market price increase. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution, this is the second of three extension periods. Funding is available in the General Fund-Public Works Construction Budget.

SECTION I: LRA Premix Type DS \$66.32/ton

SECTION II: LRA Black base Type 1 Grade AA @ \$65.32/ton

56. Consideration to award Contract FY21-065 for the supply of MC-30 Prime Oil Asphalt, for street paving projects, to the following bidders :

Century Asphalt; Houston, TX - Primary vendor in an amount up to \$180,000.00 annually.

Anderson Columbia Co., Inc. Weslaco, TX - Secondary vendor in an amount up to \$180,000.00 annually.

All materials are purchased on an as needed basis utilizing the construction project budgets. This is a one (1) year contract, subject to future appropriations and may be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Public Works Department construction project budget.

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

57. Consideration to award contract FY21-057 for the purchase of a portable construction office for the Landfill to lowest responsive responsible bidder Manufactured Housing Consultants, Laredo, TX for the amount of \$68,900.00. This portable construction office will be installed at the Landfill to provide office space for two supervisors. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Services Department Fund.
58. Consideration to award contract FY21-061 for Wood Grinding Services for Landfill to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder Nick Benavides, Laredo, TX in the annual amount of \$150,000.00. The term for this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year. Contract can be extended for three (3) additional one (1) year periods upon mutual agreement of the parties and contingent on availability of funds. Funding is available in the Solid Waste funds.
59. Authorizing the City Manager to increase rental amount by \$90,000.00 of a purchase option agreement with Humdinger Equipment, Ltd. of Lubbock, Texas. Original agreement was capped at \$90,000.00, with this increase, the total rental amount is \$180,000.00. This agreement is for rental with purchase option of a trash compactor for the City of Laredo's landfill. The agreement includes a purchase option of the compactor in the amount of \$929,855.00 (Buy Board), less the rental amount. Funding for rental is available in the Solid Waste Department fund. It is the City's intent to purchase compactor contingent upon sale of the 2021 Solid Waste CO.

TAX: STAFF SOURCE DORA MALDONADO, TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

60. Approving a refund for property taxes in the amount of \$921.04 due to an overpayment and payable to Arguindegui Real Estate Ltd., account number 9001-619494-001.

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

61. Consideration to renew annual contract FY19-059 with Nick Benavides, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$75,000.00 for landscaping and maintenance services for various wastewater treatment plants and for the water treatment plant. This contract establishes a cost per cycle rate to include, but not limited to, the collection of trash, debris, litter, and mowing trimmings. All services will be secured on an as needed basis. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This contract

can be renewed one (1) additional one (1) year extension period upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Water Works and Waste Water Departments Budget Funds.

62. Consideration to renew annual contract FY19-064 with Rafter P. Transport, Floresville, Texas, in an amount up to \$700,000.00 to provide hauling and disposal services of approximately 5,500 cubic yards of wastewater bio-solids from the City of Laredo South Wastewater Treatment Plant to San Antonio which is an approved State of Texas TCEQ registered solids disposal facility. All services will be secured on an as needed basis. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This contract can be renewed one (1) additional one (1) year extension period, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Utilities Department - Wastewater Treatment Division budget.
63. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to purchase the "Surface Only" of 3602 Jaime Zapata Hwy legally described as a tract of land containing 4.30 acres (187,458.09 SF), more or less, situated in Porcion 31, Abstract 31 16, Jose Trevino, original grantee and Porcion 32, Abstract 298, Antonio Trevino, original grantee, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, being out of the Consolidated Towne East Holdings, L.C. 18.48 acre tract recorded in Volume 558, Pages 390-392, Webb County Official Public Records, Webb County, Texas for the amount of \$280,000.00. Funding will be from the 2019 Sewer Revenue Bond.
64. Consideration to ratify issued purchase order#345622 to Sulzer Pump Solutions, Inc. for the purchase and installation of equipment repair and equipment replacement for the South Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$75,599. 18. Sulzer Pump Solutions, Inc, is the Texas Regional Manufacturer Representative for the for the sale and maintenance of this equipment. Total contract amount is \$1 13,398.77. Funding available in the Sewer Construction Fund.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

#### XIV. STAFF REPORTS

65. Staff presentation and status Update on Wi-Fi Service aboard all El Metro Buses and El Lift Vans

66. 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.
67. Standard project timeline of 90 days for completion, as well as set a new standard for when a project should commence once it is approved with possible action.
68. Presentation on the Water Sewer Master Plan.
69. Discussion with possible action of the recommended usage of the American Recovery Funding received.
70. Status update on the Public Input Survey for the FY 21-22 Budget, and any other matters incident thereto.
71. Consideration to change the City Council Meeting regularly scheduled for July 19, 2021, to July 26, 2021, and any other matters incident thereto.
72. Request to set meeting for Budget and CIP Submittal on July 26, 2021 and set Budget Workshop dates for August, with possible action.
73. Consideration for the approval of the appointment by the City Manager of the Planning & Zoning Department Director pursuant to Section 9.01 of the Charter.

#### XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

74. Request for executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and 551.074 (personnel matters) to discuss the findings of an internal investigation on allegations regarding cheating, favoritism, and other alleged unfair practices in the hiring process of entry level cadets within the Fire Department.
75. Request for executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney) to discuss a proposed Management Agreement for UNI-TRADE STADIUM with STX LOO Management LLC., and any other attorney consultation matters incident thereto, and return to open session for possible action.

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

76. Authorizing the City Manager and staff to execute the Public Transportation Master Grant Agreement#MGA-2022-026-Laredo-043 with the Texas Department Transportation called the "State" and the City of Laredo called the "Subrecipient" for a five (5) year term beginning September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026. The Federal and State laws require that the State and Subrecipients meet certain standards relating to the management and administration of state and federal funds for consideration for new state and federal grant funding.
77. Consideration to award contract FY21-056 for the purchase and service maintenance of an industrial sweeper to the vendor who provided the best value to the Laredo Transit Management Inc. (LTMI) Gulf Coast Paper Inc., Corpus Christi, TX in the amount of \$71,782.40. This price includes the cost of the equipment in the amount of \$60,782.40, a three (3) year "Gold" maintenance service in the amount of \$9,800 and approximately \$1,200 in labor/parts (when necessary). Funding is available in the Transit CARES Act grant capital budget.

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

78. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Request by Mayor Pete Saenz

1. Discussion with possible action on status of Veterans Museum, and any other matters related thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Ruben A. Gutierrez, Jr.)
2. Discussion with possible action on adding and recognizing an additional veterans group to the already existing list of City recognized veterans groups, and any other matters related thereto.

B. Request by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez

1. Discussion with possible action to allow a mural at the Carlos Rene & Raquel Ramirez WIC Clinic & Hope Center, and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to host a 4th of July event at the Freddie Benavides Cigarroa Softball Park, and any other matters incident thereto.
3. Discussion with possible action on the sponsorship by the City of Laredo for the June 6th event at the Uni-Trade Stadium, and any other matters incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Ruben A. Gutierrez, Jr.)

C. Request by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III

1. Presentation with possible action by Ivy Jay Arroyo on behalf of McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen, P.C. (MVBA), Attorneys at Law, of the potential services available to the City of Laredo for the collection of delinquent fines and fees, and any other matters incident thereto.



D. Request by Council Member Alberto Torres , Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action recognizing Grace Lopez, L. I.S. D Health Services Coordinator and Maggie Martinez, L. I. S. D Assistant Superintendent for Student Services for their cooperation, dedication and commitment to the City's efforts on administering COVID-19 vaccines to the Laredo community; and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to petition through resolution the Webb County Appraisal District to freeze property tax valuations and extend deadlines for appeals on new increases in valuations to provide relief to residents and businesses who may have been financially burdened due to the COVID-19 pandemic further requesting a moratorium on property tax penalties and interests; and any other matters incident thereto.
3. Discussion with possible action on the adoption of a commercial noise ordinance for purposes of restricting the times that music and other loud sounds may be emitted from a business when not associated with the normal operation of that business; and any other matters incident thereto.

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.
  - 100 Colorado
  - 6000 Vero Dr
  - 2 speed humps on Lucia Court

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

1. Discussion with possible action regarding the possible acquisition of a Doppler radar for the detection of local weather, and any other matters incident thereto.

2. Discussion with possible action on accepting a donation in the amount of \$45,000.00 from the Plantation Homeowners Association for materials associated with the resurfacing of streets on Country Club Boulevard, from Glover Loop to Plantation East, and any other matters incident thereto.

G. Request by Council Member Vanessa J. Perez

1. Request for status, with possible action, on the construction of a children's tree house and natural water feature at the Barbara Fasken Community Center, and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action on establishing a "Don't Block the Box" Pilot Program on FM 1472 for targeted police enforcement of Section 545.302(a) of the Texas Transportation Code, in addition to the placement of signage, at critical intersections reminding drivers that it is unsafe to block intersections, causes of traffic congestion, and is ultimately illegal for any vehicle to enter an intersection unless they are able to travel all the way through, and any other matters incident thereto.

H. Request by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa

1. Request for status, with possible action, on the presentation of the proposed improvements to the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone policy to the Economic Development Advisory Committee, and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Request for status, with possible action, on the creation of a TIRZ policy, and any other matters incident thereto.
3. Discussion with possible action on requesting management to provide an update as to how to reach individuals in our community without access to internet or telephone services to participate in the Public Input Survey through equitable and accessible avenues, and any other matters incident thereto.

## **XVIII. ADJOURN**

This notice was posted at the Municipal Government Offices, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas, at a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times. Said notice was posted on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 7:30p.m.

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# **CITY OF LAREDO CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**A-2021-S-03**

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**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**1110 HOUSTON STREET**

**LAREDO, TEXAS 78040**

**June 7, 2021**

**5:30 P.M.**

## **SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA**

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

1. Appointment by Council Member Ruben A. Gutierrez, Jr. of Joey Tellez to the Ethics Commission.

### **II. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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

1. Discussion with possible action to host a 4th of July event at the Independence Hills Park, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Vanessa J. Perez and Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa)**

#### **B. Request by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III**

1. Discussion with possible action to secure additional grapple trucks, personnel, and upgraded equipment in light of the recent storms, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez)**

### III. ADJOURNMENT

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 June 4, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

*For:*   
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Jose A. Valdez, Jr.  
City Secretary

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