

CITY OF LAREDO

RECOGNITION AND COMMUNICATION NOTICE

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1110 HOUSTON STREET

LAREDO, TEXAS 78040

August 2, 2021

5:00 P.M.

The Mayor will be presenting the following:

1. Recognizing the PONY 2021 Laredo 8U All Stars for representing Laredo at the South Zone 8U PONY World Series in Youngsville, Louisiana and becoming the Pinto World Series Champions.
2. Recognizing the PONY 2021 Laredo 9U All Stars for representing Laredo at the 9U World Series in Walnut, California and becoming Mustang-9 Zone Tournament Champions.
3. Recognizing Ms. Victoria Ariel Rendon for being selected into the International Space University in Illkirch, France.
4. Recognition and presentation by participants of Laredo's first Climate Camp, held July 23-24 at the Laredo Water Museum, and organized by the Rio Grande International Study Center and SOMOS Sunrise with the goal of building a new generation of young climate leaders on the South Texas border to advocate for our river, our wildlife, and our community.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A-2021-R-13

LIVE WEB LINK: <http://laredotx.swagit.com/live>

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DISABILITY ACCESS STATEMENT



Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aid or services are requested to contact Jose A. Valdez Jr., City Secretary, at (956) 791-7308 at least two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. The accessible entrance and accessible parking spaces are located at City Hall, 1100 Victoria Ave.

Out of consideration for all attendees of the City Council meetings, please turn off all cellular phones and pagers, or place on inaudible signal. Thank you for your consideration.

Pursuant to the Texas Penal Code (trespass by holder of license to carry a handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (Concealed Handgun Law or Handgun Licensing Law), may not enter into the City Council Chamber while City Council is in session with a concealed or openly-carried handgun.

Strategic Outcomes



Dynamic and Sustainable



Excellent and Connected



Planned and Moving



Welcoming and Equitable



**Prosperous and
Affordable**



Healthy and Safe

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

IV. ROLL CALL

V. MINUTES

No approval of minutes

Citizen comments

Citizens can provide public comment in person, written, and virtual. 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.

- **In-Person Participation:** Submit witness card to the City Secretary no later than 5:45 p.m. the day of meeting.
- **Written Comments:** Submit comments to above link by 5:45 p.m. the day of meeting.
- **Video Participation:** Submit contact information on above link no later than 3:00 p.m. the day of meeting.

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez of Rafael Miner to the Port of Entry Advisory Committee.
2. Appointment by Keep Laredo Beautiful Board of Directors of Kenneth Duncan.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Healthy and Safe**



Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$25,500.00 with a local match of \$2,318.18 from the Department of Homeland Security-FEMA (COVID-19 Supplemental) and to amend the FY2021 Special Fire Grant by appropriating revenues and expenses in the same amount. This funding is to provide COVID-19 response equipment. Funding for the local match will be from General Fund.

2. **Healthy and Safe**



Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into 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 \$1,471,343.00 for COVID-19 response activities and in the amount of \$2,000,555.00 for COVID-19 laboratory activities for a total amount of \$3,471,898.00 and amending the FY 2020-2021 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Position Listing by adding two (2) Epidemiologist, R38 positions, one (1) Public Health Technician, R36, one (1) Caseworker, R34, one (1) Microbiologist, R37 position, one (1) Medical Office Assistant I, R28 position, one (1) Administrative Secretary, R29 and one (1) Custodian, R23 position for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) IDCU/COVID-19 Grant Program for the term period from September 1, 2020 (or upon execution) through July 31, 2023.

3. **Healthy and Safe**



Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances by adding Article III, Section 7-32 through 7-35 , to be entitled 'Vacant Building Registration ' to establish a program for identifying and registering vacant buildings; provide a standard of care for vacant properties; to establish the following fees: a registration fee in the amount of \$300.00 beginning January 23, 2021, a registration fee in the amount of \$500.00 beginning January 2, 2024, a registration fee in the amount of \$750.00 beginning January 2, 2025 and thereafter; a late registration fee in the amount of \$100.00; a building re-inspection fee in the amount of \$250.00, an administrative transfer fee in the amount of \$25.00; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; providing for publication; and declaring an effective date.

(Recess)
(Press Availability)

VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

4. **Healthy and Safe**



An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 19, Article XV, of the Code of Ordinances by adding Section 19-658 to be entitled "Speed Humps on Private Roads" establishing an approval process for speed humps on private roads to ensure safe and efficient flow of traffic for emergency vehicles; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; providing for publication; and declaring an effective date.

IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

5. **Prosperous and Affordable**



2021-O-138 Amending the FY 2020-2021 of Community Development Department full-time equivalent (FTE) position listing by adding two (2) Administrative Assistant I, R32 positions in the amount of \$116,000.00 funded through the second allocation from the U.S. Department of the Treasury available for Emergency Rental Assistance (Account 212-5021). Additionally, adding one (1) Administrative Assistant I, R32 position in the amount of \$58,000.00 funded through the Emergency Solutions Grant Coronavirus 2nd Allocation (ESG-CV2) (Account 219-9252).

6. **Healthy and Safe**



2021-O-139 Authorizing the City Manager to amend Ordinance 2020-O-160 which authorized the City to enter into a contract with the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), amended the FY 2020-2021 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$33,333.33 with a match of \$11,111.11 for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Breast and Cervical Cancer Services Program for the term period from January 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021, to repeal said Ordinance as the contract was terminated due to the City not being able to recruit providers to provide Breast and Cervical Cancer Services (BCCS); providing for severability and an effective date.

7. **Healthy and Safe**



2021-O-140 Authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), amending the FY 2020-2021 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$2,000,000.00, with no match and amending the FY 2020-2021 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) position listing by adding one (1) Chief of Epidemiology, R41, one (1) Public Information Specialist, R35, one (1) Microbiologist, R37, one (1) Epidemiologist, R38, one (1) Licensed Professional Counselor, R37, one (1) Health Grant Specialist, R34, one (1) Training Specialist, R35, one (1) Sanitarian I, R33, one (1) Custodian, R23, one (1) Senior Recruiter, R35, and one (1) Public Health Technician, R36 for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Public Health Workforce Grant for the term period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023. No grant match required.

8. **Healthy and Safe**



2021-O-141 Authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), amending the FY 2020-2021 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$500,000.00, with no match and amending the FY 2020-2021 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Position Listing by adding one (1) Health Equity Analyst, R38 position and one (1) Administrative Assistant I, R32 position for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Covid-19 Health Equity Grant for the term period of September 1, 2021 – May 31, 2023. No grant match required.

9. **2021-O-142** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 7.38 acres out of a tract of land conveyed by deed to Martinez Paving Co. VOL 3544, Page 807, O.P.R.W.C.T, located North of Hwy 359 - 1.57 miles east of Loop 20, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District).

**ZC-046-2021
District II**

10. **2021-O-143** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 73.01 acres out of a tract of land conveyed by deed to Martinez Paving Co. VOL 3272, Page 327, O.P.R.W.C.T, located North of Hwy 359 - 1.57 miles east of Loop 20, from AG (Agricultural District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District).

**ZC-045-2021
District II**

11. **2021-O-144** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 5, Block 823, Eastern Division, located at 1420 N. Meadow Ave., from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District).

**ZC-044-2021
District III**

12. **2021-O-145** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 10, Block 288, Eastern Division, located at 2205 Logan Ave., from R-2 (Multi-family District) to B-1 (Limited Business District).

**ZC-043-2021
District IV**

13. **2021-O-146** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 1 & 3, Block 367, Western Division, located at 1802 Santa Ursula Ave., from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District).

**ZC-042-2021
District VIII**

14. **2021-O-147** Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to purchase the "surface only " of a 1.1417-acre tract of land, more or less being out of an 8.00-acre tract, recorded in volume 1397 pages 395-398, official public records of Webb County, Texas. Herein described tract, situated in porcion 23, abstract 283, original grantee Leonardo Sanchez, Webb County, Texas for the amount of \$186,500.00. Springfield Extension Phase II funding is from the 2019 certificate of obligations.
15. **2021-O-148** Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to purchase the "surface only" of a tract of land containing 9.994 acres of land, more or less situated in Porcion 12, Abstract 278, Santiago Sanchez, Original Grantee, conveyed by partition deed as tract " A " to Manuel Garcia Garcia, M.D. and Rosario D. Garcia, recorded in volume 2492, pages 545-559, Webb County, Texas for the amount of \$200,000.00. Funding is available in the Unitec WWTP.

16. **Excellent and Connected**



2021-O-149 Authorizing the City Manager to amend Ordinance 2021-O-043, a lease agreement by and between Laredo Transit Management, Inc., (Lessor) and the Community Development Department, (Lessee) increasing the leased space at the Laredo Transit Center located at 1301 Farragut St. from 6,628 square to 9,309.61 square feet for an additional 2,681.61 square feet which will include the 2nd floor West and East office space, and the 3rd floor East offices. The term will be for the remainder of the year and will expire on December 1, 2021. The monthly sum is \$6,442.25 (\$.6920 per square foot). The prorated shared cost of 20% of the electric and water bills will remain the same.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

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

BRIDGE: STAFF SOURCE YVETTE LIMON, BRIDGE DIRECTOR

17. **Planned and Moving**



Consideration to authorize the purchase of Cisco network switches to replace current equipment infrastructure related to the Laredo Bridge System network from Computer Solutions, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, through the State of Texas DIR Cooperative Purchase Contract # DIR-TSO-4167 in the total amount of \$75,033.25. Funding is available in the Bridge Operations Budget.

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

18. **2021-R-072** Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and Park Avenue Construction, L.L.C. for a proposed project located at 3102 Ligarde Street, south 1/2 of the west 2/3 of lot 8; block 1929 eastern division that consists of new residential construction, in accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ). This agreement will be for a five (5) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$196,379.00, an estimated annual tax abatement total of \$1,244.41 and estimated total fee waivers of \$1,231.24. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information.
19. **2021-R-151** Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and E Kearney St. Apartments, L.L.C. for a proposed project located at 2717 N Arkansas Avenue, lot 1, 2, 3, block 1689, eastern division that consists of multi-family, 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 \$667,963.00, an estimated annual tax abatement total of \$4,234.89 and estimated total fee waivers of \$6,752.00. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: STAFF SOURCE TINA MARTINEZ, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

20. **Planned and Moving**



Authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo's 2020-2021 One Year Action Plan to allow for the substantial amendment of a previously identified project "Bike Lanes in District VII" described in the 2020 plan as the design and construction of bike lanes to include lighting, markings, signage and related improvements, in the amount of \$147,500.00.

It is also proposed to cancel/reprogram the following projects from prior fiscal years:

- FY 2019-2020 District VII Neighborhood Bike Lanes \$125,000.00
- FY 2018-2019 Bike Lanes in District VII \$120,000.00
- FY 2017-2018 Bike Lanes in District VII \$43,759.00 (project balance)
- FY 2014-2015 Sidewalks in District VII \$10,651.00 (project balance)

The reprogramming and cancellation of these funds will allow the creation of the newly proposed "Park Facility in District VII" project which will entail the acquisition

and/or construction of a park facility to include park amenities and other items as deemed necessary to enhance recreational activities in District VII. Funding for this new project derived from this reprogramming totals \$446,910.00.

21. **Healthy and Safe**



Authorizing the City Manager to award and enter into a contract with Bethany House of Laredo, Inc. as follows:

- COVID-19 Emergency Solutions Grant - Coronavirus (ESG-CV2) Program funds made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the total amount of \$1,189,371.00 for the site assessment, design, renovation and other items associated with the acquisition and/or renovation of a building to be used as a homeless shelter.
- COVID-19 Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV3) Program funds made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the total amount of \$1,500,000.00 for the design, acquisition and/or rehabilitation of a building to be used as a homeless shelter, cost of operations, and essential services to be offered to homeless individuals and families

The execution of the contract with Bethany House of Laredo, Inc. is contingent on satisfactorily completing an environmental review and receiving an "Authority to Use Grant Funds" from HUD, if required.

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

22. **Welcoming and Equitable**



Consideration to authorize the purchase of furniture from Kimball Office (Division of Kimball International) through authorized dealer G&S Office Supply, Inc., Laredo, TX, for the purchase, delivery, setup, and installation of event space furnishings for the new El Portal event rooms on the second floor of the building where Convention & Visitors Bureau offices are now located. The current expense is not to exceed \$178,000.00.

The purchase contracts follow:

- For round tables; OMNIA Partners Contract # R191814
- For nesting tables, rectangular tables, and seating; OMNIA Partners National Agreement # 2019.001896 - Cooperative Purchasing Program

This purchase will be phase one of two. Funding is available in the Convention &

23. **Welcoming and Equitable**



Consideration to award service contract FY21-036 to Zimmerman Agency in an amount not to exceed \$481,500.00. The contract services include design, public relations, account management, content & creative, media planning & placement, digital activation, production management, customized dashboard and video production for leisure, sports and meetings. The term of the contract is a fifteen (15) month period, beginning on date of execution. Funds are available in the Convention and Visitors Bureau Department.

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

24. **Excellent and Connected
Welcoming and Equitable**



2021-R-173 Discussion and possible action on a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas intending to establish a PACE program for the City pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 399 (the "PACE Act"); to set a public hearing date; and any other matters incident thereto. The PACE program is a state-wide economic development incentive program that provides low-cost, long-term financing for water and energy efficiency and conservation improvements to commercial and industrial properties. Under a PACE arrangement, private property owners evaluate measures that achieve energy savings and obtain financing, repaid as an assessment on the building. The assessment mechanism allows access to low-cost, long-term capital to finance improvements to a property. By eliminating upfront costs, extending financing and simplifying the transfer of repayment obligations to new owners upon sale, PACE overcomes challenges that have hindered building energy efficiency and related projects. The Resolution of Intent is the first step in establishing a PACE program for the City, followed by a public hearing, program adoption and professional services agreement.

ENGINEERING: STAFF SOURCE RAMON E. CHAVEZ, CITY ENGINEER

25. **Dynamic and Sustainable**



Consideration for approval of Amendment no. 1, an increase of \$2,955,000.00 to the professional services with JHS Architect, Inc., Laredo, Texas for the City of Laredo Sports Complex Venue (Phase II), to provide surveying (boundary & aerial) ,

architectural and engineering professional services. Current professional services contract amount with this amendment is \$3,386,544.00. Funding is available in the 2021 Sports Venue Tax.

26. **Excellent and Connected**



Consideration for approval to award a professional services to Crane Engineering, Corp., Laredo, Texas in the amount not to exceed \$441,740.00 for the CDBG Corpus Christi Street Water & Wastewater Improvements Project Phase I, from Cedar Avenue to Arkansas Avenue (District III), for basic services task 1 preliminary design including topographic survey, utility coordination, geotechnical and pavement design, water/sewer demand calculations, schematic design development and other services. Funding is available in the 2019 Water Revenue Bond and 2017 Sewer Revenue Bond.

27. **Planned and Moving**



Consideration for approval of Amendment no. 1, an increase of \$2,849,002.00 to the professional services contract with RS&H, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, for the Laredo International Airport Terminal Improvements Program. This Amendment no. 1 is for the conceptual design through bidding services for a new expansion to the first floor for airport support operations and public ticketing area improvements; a second level to relocate security checkpoint, TSA support offices, and vertical circulation improvements. Plus, reconfiguration of existing program areas and necessary investigations to support these improvements. Other services in this Amendment no.1 include roof replacement and interior remodeling of existing terminal, new inline baggage handling system, replacement of escalators, and a new emergency generator. The current professional services contract with this amendment is \$3,416,741.00. Funding is available in the Airport Operations Fund and is 100% eligible for reimbursement by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) through the CARES Act Grant No. 91.

28. **Planned and Moving**



Consideration for approval of Amendment no. 7, for an increase in the amount not to exceed \$197,200.00 to the professional services contract with Structural Engineering Associates, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, for the World Trade International Bridge U.S. Customs Exit Booth Expansion to include significantly more intensive and extended overall project management services. The current engineering contract amount with this amendment is \$2,843,062.48. Funding is available in the Bridge Construction Fund.

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

29. Consideration to approve a two-year contract with Estrada Hinojosa & Company Inc., of Dallas, Texas, for financial advisory services for the City of Laredo and approval of the new regulatory requirements as attached in Exhibit B of the contract. Financial advisory services are based on the size of the debt issuance sold and are paid from said proceeds. Funding for these services will be available from proceeds of the debt issuance. Contract period is from August 1, 2021 to July 31, 2023.

FLEET MANAGEMENT: STAFF SOURCE RONALD MILLER, FLEET DIRECTOR

30. Consideration to amend annual service contract FY21-019 by 25% with the following vendors:

Cervantes Truck Center, Laredo, Texas for an amount increase of \$62,500.00 and a new contract total amount of \$312,500.00; and

Rotex Truck Center, Laredo, Texas for an amount increase of \$43,750.00 and a new contract total amount of \$218,750.00.

This contract establishes pricing for general diesel engine repairs and parts/service for the City's Fleet Department. The term of this contract shall expire on December 7, 2021. The contract amendment is due to an increase in diesel engine repairs and to cover future expenditures until the contract is renewed on December 2021. All services are purchased on an as-needed basis and funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.

31. Consideration to award contract FY21-073 for asphalt maintenance and vacuum trucks OEM parts/services for the City's Fleet Department to the following bidders:

Section	Description	Vendor	Location	Est. Dollar Amt
I II	Bergkamp Equip. Vactor Vacuum Body	Kinloch Equipment	Pasadena, TX	\$70,000.00
II	ETNRYE Dispenser	Cooper Equipment	San Antonio, TX	\$40,000.00
I II III IV	Bergkamp Equip. ETNYRE Dispenser Camel Vacuum Body Vactor Vacuum Body	Cervantes Truck Center	Laredo, TX	\$40,000.00 Labor Only

This contract provides the Fleet Department with the ability to outsource and expedite needed services for the City's pothole patcher trucks and vacuum trucks for the Public Works & Utilities Departments. 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 has three (3) extension periods. All parts and services will be secured on an as-needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.

32. Consideration to award annual service contract FY21-076 to Cabello Recovery & Auction Services, Laredo, Texas for the auction of cars, light duty trucks, heavy duty trucks, and surplus property for the Fleet Department. This contract establishes auctioneer services for the sale of city surplus vehicles and equipment.

Cabello's auctioneer (commission) fee will be the following percentage (%) of the gross sales:

- 5.60% if the City opts to hold the auction on city property;
- 13.67% if the City opts to hold auction offsite at the vendor's location.

The City will have the option to hold its auction(s) onsite city property or offsite. The intent of this contract is to conduct turnkey public auctions, in accordance to Laws of the State of Texas (TX Department of License and Regulation), for disposal of surplus items on an as needed basis. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This contract can be renewed three (3) additional one (1) year extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. The City will not incur any direct costs for this contract.

HEALTH: STAFF SOURCE RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, HEALTH DIRECTOR

33. **Healthy and Safe**



2021-R-174 Authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a contract with the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) in the amount of \$340,208.00 for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Healthy Texas Women (HTW) program for the term period from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022. No grant match required.

34. **Healthy and Safe**



2021-R-175 Authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a contract with the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) in the amount of \$353,505.00 for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Women's Health Preventive Health Services and Family Planning program for the term period from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022. No grant match required.

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

35. Consideration to renew annual service/supply contract FY19-081 for the repairs/replacement/new installation of shades for the Parks & Recreation Department to the following vendors:

1. Impression Design, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$300,000.00 (Primary Vendor); and
2. RIYED Enterprises, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$100,000.00 (Secondary Vendor).

All services will be secured on an as needed basis. This contract establishes a percentage discount on original manufacturer shades and a labor rate for these services. The City of Laredo Purchasing Department shall obtain quotes from the primary and secondary vendors for all estimated projects that exceed \$7,000.00. The City of Laredo may add additional locations for the replacement/repair/new installation of shades throughout the contract period. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the second of three extension periods. Funding is available in the General Fund - Parks Maintenance Division Budget.

POLICE: STAFF SOURCE CLAUDIO TREVINO, CHIEF OF POLICE

36. **2021-R-169** Authorizing the City Manager to renew two (2) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Laredo Police Department and the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Certification of Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Authority and Certification of Weight Enforcement Authority, which will be used to train, retrain, test, and certify Laredo Police Department officers as inspectors as per the agreement between Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) and Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's (CVSA).

37. **Healthy and Safe**



2021-R-171 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$23,500.00 to the Office of the Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) for the purpose of funding the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) - Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA) Grant. This funding is to acquire an HD2-S Doberman Surveillance Robot which will be utilized for LPD's ERT as a remote surveillance robot in response to high-risk situations or hazardous devices to reduce exposure from threats to first responders. No local match is required. Grant will be accounted for in the Special Police Fund.

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

38. **Dynamic and Sustainable**



Consideration to authorize the purchase of a CCTV camera for the inspection of sanitary sewer lines from Green Equipment Company in the amount of \$88,507.00, utilizing the HGAC purchasing cooperative. Funding is available in the Sewer System Operating Budget.

39. **Dynamic and Sustainable**



Consideration to award a two (2) year service contract FY21-082 to the sole bidder Eurofins Xenco LLC., Stafford, Texas in an amount up to \$350,000.00 to provide laboratory analytical services for water and wastewater samples in accordance to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved standard methods. Sample testing is done on a daily, monthly, and quarterly basis. The term of this contract shall be for a period of two (2) years beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This contract can be renewed three (3) additional one (1) year extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Budget, Water and Wastewater Treatment Divisions.

40. **Dynamic and Sustainable**



Motion to ratify three (3) purchase orders to Grace Water Services for emergency services and equipment for chlorination at Jefferson Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$41,643.00 and \$9,600.00; and 50 automatic chlorine analyzers throughout storage tanks, booster stations and distribution system with authorization for an additional \$20,000.00 as contingency for further warranted

repairs. Funding is available in Waterworks Construction Budget.

41. Consideration to renew annual service contract number FY19-080 with the following vendors:

1. Rafter P. Transport Inc., Floresville, Texas in an amount up to \$100,000.00 (Primary Vendor);
2. Laredo Concrete Cutting & Sandblasting, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$75,000.00 (Secondary Vendor);

for the removal and disposal of dry sludge from the Jefferson & El Pico Water Treatment Plants to the City of Laredo landfill. The frequency and number of loads vary depending on the City's need. When the primary vendor is unavailable for the pickup of sludge, the secondary vendor shall be contacted. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the second of three extension periods. Funding is available in the Utilities Department – Water Treatment Division Budget.

42. **Dynamic and Sustainable**



Consideration to award a professional engineering services contract in the amount of \$350,000.00 to Ardurra Group, Inc. of Laredo, Texas for Water Quality Assessment and Optimization for providing operational and technical guidance to the City of Laredo Utilities Department to achieve superior water quality. Funding is available in the 2019 Water Revenue Fund.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XI. STAFF REPORTS

43. 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.
44. 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.
45. Appointment by the City Manager of an Interim City Attorney in accordance with §4.02 of the Laredo City Charter, with possible action.

46. Presentation of the outcome on the recent 2021 City of Laredo Career Expo.
47. Discussion with possible action on modifying and/or clarifying the City of Laredo Municipal Civil Service rules to modify as needed to not be in conflict with the City Charter.
48. Presentation by JHS Architect regarding the City of Laredo Sports Complex Venue Master Plan concepts and any other matters incident thereto with possible action.
49. Status update from Laredo Center for Urban Agriculture and Sustainability (LCUAS) in assisting with Public Input Meetings and establishing a local food system with possible action, and any other matters incident thereto.

XII. 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.

50. Request for executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (1)(A) to consult with attorney on pending litigation in the matter of City of Laredo vs. The United States of America, et. al., Civil Action No. 5:21-CV-72, pending in the United States District Court Southern District of Texas Laredo Division; and return to open session for possible action.

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

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

51. **GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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

1. Discussion with possible action to direct the City Manager to convert both lanes on Sinatra Blvd. to right turn lanes southbound on Loop 20, and any other matters incident thereto.

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

1. Discussion with possible action to re-name Divine Mercy Park to Monsignor Kevin Dunne, and any other matters incident thereto.

C. Request by Council Member Vanessa J. Perez

1. Discussion with possible action on the adoption by ordinance of mandatory procedures and guidelines for the processing of exit interviews by all employees separating from City service in an effort to gather valuable feedback for use as necessary to modify, improve, or enhance internal practices, pay, and/or working conditions, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa)**
2. Discussion with possible action to have management initiate an Engagement Survey for all current employees in an effort to gather valuable feedback for use as necessary to modify, improve, or enhance internal practices, pay, and/or working conditions, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa)**
3. Discussion with possible action to consider supporting a low cost spay and neuter program during our budgeting process, that may also assist with our trap-neuter-release initiatives, which may redirect some of the monies we allot for euthanasia, in efforts to be more proactive with controlling our animal population, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa and Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III)**

D. Request by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez

1. Discussion with possible action on the status of vacant positions within the Building Department and complaints on customer service, and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Status update on the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) on the produce

market that was to be established in Laredo, and any other matters incident thereto.

E. Request by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III

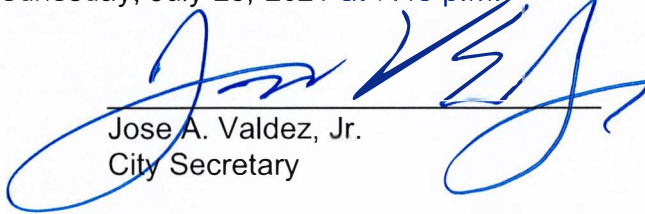
1. Recognizing Federico "Kiko" Reyes for his outstanding service to our community and for his due diligence in watching over our water.
(Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pete Saenz, Council Member Vanessa Perez, and Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa)
2. Discussion with possible action on the amendment of Chapter 5, Article V. (Regulation for New Business Registration) of the Code of Ordinances by adopting new rules for mobile businesses not presently covered by existing regulations to require registration with the City and compliance with insurance, hours of operation, location, parking, and other health and safety protocols, also directing staff to keep a listing of all approved mobile businesses for public access via the city website, and any other matter incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Vanessa Perez and Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa)**

F. Request by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action to instruct the City Manager to authorize staff to install speed humps at the following location under the Special Provision of the Speed Hump Installation Policy and to authorize the use of asphalt type speed humps instead of speed cushions which is currently required under the policy and any other matters incident thereto. City Council District IV Priority Funds will be used for this project.
 - 300 W. Locust St.
2. 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.
3. Discussion with possible action to direct the City Manager to the creation of a Tiny Homes Project for Veterans in conjunction with the Community Development Block Grant, and any other matters incident thereto.
(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Vanessa Perez)

XIV. 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, July 28, 2021 at 7:45 p.m.



Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
A-2021-S-05
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CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
August 2, 2021
5:30 P.M.**

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

I. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III of Jose D. Gonzalez to the Port of Entry Advisory Committee.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Dynamic and Sustainable**



Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to ratify the acceptance of Federal Aviation Administration Grant No. 3-48-0136-095-2021 and amend the City of Laredo FY 2021 Airport Construction Budget to appropriate the grant funds in the amount of \$9,188,272.00. The purpose of the grant is to provide funding for the construction of Taxiways G1 and G2 which are 100% Federally funded; no local match is required. Federal grant funding is available under the Airport Construction Fund.

III. 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.

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

2. Dynamic and Sustainable



Motion to ratify \$385,663.00 for three (3) purchase orders to Grace Water Services for emergency services and equipment for chlorination at Jefferson Water Treatment Plant in the amounts of \$41,643.00; \$9,600.00; and \$334,420.00 respectively for 50 automatic chlorine analyzers throughout storage tanks, booster stations and distribution system with authorization for an additional \$20,000.00 as contingency for further warranted repairs for a grand total of \$405, 663.00. Funding is available in Waterworks Construction Budget.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

IV. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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

1. Discussion with possible action to re-name Andrew Circle Park to Monsignor Kevin Dunne, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III and Council Member Vanessa Perez)**

V. ADJOURNMENT

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