

# CITY OF LAREDO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A-2021-R-14

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CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1110 HOUSTON STREET

LAREDO, TEXAS 78040

August 16, 2021

5:30 P.M.



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## 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

**Approval of the minutes of July 23, 2021, July 26,2021, August 2, 2021, August 3 - 6, 2021, and August 5, 2021.**

**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. RECOGNITION**

**VII. COMMUNICATIONS**

**VIII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

1. Appointment by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa of Rosie Santos to the Transportation & Traffic Safety Advisory Committee.

**IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. **Public Hearing** of the City of Laredo, Texas providing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed establishment of a Property Assessed Clean Energy program (PACE program) by the City pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 399 (the "PACE Act"). 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 through an approved PACE lender. A property assessment mechanism allows access to low-cost, long-term capital to finance improvements to an eligible 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. This program is currently being used in nearly sixty (60) other counties and municipalities across the state of Texas.

2. **Healthy and Safe**



**Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo Police Department Special Police Fund FY2020-2021 Full Time Equivalent

(FTE) Position Listing by adding one (1) Administrative Assistant II, R35, and two (2) Intelligence Analysts, R32. Funding will be provided by the Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) FY 2022 Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Program for the period of September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022. This grant does not require matching funds. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund.

3. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning of approximately 10.878 acre more or less, situated in Porc. 38, Abst. 472, Todeo Sanchez, Original Grantee, Vol. 4527, Pg. 702-706, O.P.R.W.C.T., located East of US Highway 83 and South of Obsidian Blvd., from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) & B-3 (Community Business District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District).

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

**ZC-048-2021**  
**District I**

4. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 17.72 acres, more or less situated in Por. 39., Abst. 250 Jose Antonio Nasario Original Grantee as described in Special Warranty Deed from TDB Holiday, LLC. to TDB Land Holding, LTD., also being out of 12.72 acres out of CARM Properties, LTD., a 61.87 acre tract and 0.52 acre out of CARM Properties, LTD., a 215.7063 acre tract of land as recorded in Vol. 2262, Pg. 99-104, O.P.R.W.C.T. and 4.49 acres out of 45.99 tract of land owned by CL Commercial Investment, Ltd., located Southwest of St. David Ln. and west of Moses Loop., from R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) & R-1MH (Single Family Manufactured Housing District) to R-1B (Single Family High Density District).

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

**ZC-050-2021**  
**District I**

5. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 25.21 acres more or less situated in Porc. 39, Abst. 250 Jose Antonio Nasario Original Grantee as further described in Vol. 650, Pg. 707-710, O.P.R.W.C.T., located South of St. Luke Blvd. and west of Cuatro Vientos Rd., from R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) to R-1B (Single Family High Density District).

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

**ZC-051-2021**  
**District I**

6. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 5, Block 1, Los Corralitos, located at 18211 FM 1472, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District).

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

**ZC-047-2021**  
**District VII**

7. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning all of block 575 Western Division located at 2720 San Bernardo Ave., from B-3 (Community Business District) & B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District).

The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended **denial** of the proposed zone change and Staff **does not supports** the application.

**ZC-052-2021**  
**District VIII**

**(Recess)**  
**(Press Availability)**

## **X. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES**

8. **Excellent and Connected**



Authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to a lease agreement between the City of Laredo, as LESSOR, and SBA Properties, LLC, as LESSEE, approved by Ordinance 2005-O-033 dated May 2, 2005, to add an additional three (3) renewal terms of five (5) years each. The first additional renewal term shall commence on September 1, 2027 and the last renewal term shall end on August 31, 2042. The current annual rent is \$31,256.36 and will be adjusted in September 2022 based on 12% of the then appraised fair market value. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged and in effect.

9. **Planned and Moving**



Repealing Ordinance No. 91-O-097 approved on May 6, 1991 and amendments approved by Ordinance No. 2000-O-172 on July 3, 2000 and Ordinance No. 2008-O-030 on February 25, 2008 between the City of Laredo and Barker Aeromotive, Inc. for two-thirds of hangar #1309 consisting of approximately 20,078 square feet of hangar space and approximately 1,404 square feet of office space, and authorizing the City Manager to execute a new lease agreement between the City of Laredo, as LESSOR, and Barker Aeromotive Inc., as LESSEE, to lease Hangar No. 1309 of approximately 33,482 square feet of hangar space and office space located at 4207 N. Jarvis Avenue at the Laredo International Airport. The lease term shall be for twenty (20) years commencing on the first day of the month

immediately following the execution of this lease agreement. The monthly rent shall be \$10,318.33 and will be adjusted annually according to changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

10. **Planned and Moving**



Repealing Ordinance No. 2000-O-259 approved on October 23, 2000 and amendment approved by Ordinance No. 2008-O-240 on December 1, 2008 between the City of Laredo and Barker Aeromotive, Inc. for approximately 2,529 square feet of land located in Block No. 1 at the Laredo International Airport, and authorizing the City Manager to execute a new lease agreement between the City of Laredo, as LESSOR, and Barker Aeromotive Inc., as LESSEE, for approximately 7,029 square feet of land located in Block No. 1 at the Laredo International Airport. The lease term shall be for twenty (20) years commencing the first day of the month immediately following the execution. The monthly rent shall be \$916.57 and will be adjusted annually according to changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

11. **Dynamic and Sustainable**



Amending the City of Laredo Water Availability Fund FY 2021 annual budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$1,133,066.97 by appropriating from the COVID19-Economic Assistance Special Revenue Fund to be used for the purchase of water rights.

12. **Dynamic and Sustainable**



Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agricultural land lease with Mr. Kenneth Wilikins with Chapotal Farms (Lessee), for the property located in La Grulla, Texas. Lease will consist of 933.542 acres to commence on September 1, 2021 for a five (5) year term, to August 31, 2026. Property will be leased at an annual rate of \$50,000.00 per annum, due every January 5th during the term period and Lessee will be responsible for paying property taxes. Revenues to be accounted for in the Water Works Fund - Water Availability Division.

**XI. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

13. **Prosperous and Affordable**



**2021-O-137** Amending the City of Laredo Municipal Housing Fund FY2021 Annual Budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$250,000.00 for the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA) Homes for Texas Heroes Grant (H4TXH). The Community Development Department, through the Municipal Housing (MH) Division, received an award in the amount of \$250,000.00 to provide home modifications for the Veteran community within the City of Laredo area. The initial term of the grant shall be one (1) year from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. There is no match requirement.



14. **Healthy and Safe**



**2021-O-150** 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.

15. **Healthy and Safe**



**2021-O-151** 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.

16. **Healthy and Safe**



**2021-O-152** Amending Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances by adding Article III, Sections 7-32 to 7-47, 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; in the initial implementation year from January 1, 2022 to January 1, 2023 registration fees will be waived; a registration fee in the amount of \$300.00 beginning January 2, 2023; a registration fee of \$500.00 after 2 years of vacancy; a registration fee of \$750.00 after 3 years of vacancy; and a late registration fee of \$100.00; providing for severability; providing for publication; and providing for an effective date.

17. **Healthy and Safe**



**2021-O-153** 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 "Traffic Calming Devices 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.

18. **Dynamic and Sustainable**



**2021-O-154** 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.

**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.**

**AIRPORT:** STAFF SOURCE JEFFREY J. MILLER, AIRPORT DIRECTOR

19. Consideration to award contract FY21-088 Runway Lighting Cable Replacement to sole bidder LED Electric and Lighting Contractors, Laredo, TX for the amount not to exceed \$83,624.00. This contract is to replace damaged runway lighting cables to comply with FAA requirements and continue operations. Contract includes labor, material and other unforeseen expenses that may arise during this service. Funding is available in the International Airport Fund.

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

20. **2021-R-152** Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a Tax Abatement Agreement between the City of Laredo and Nancy Martinez for a proposed project located at 3418 Culiacan Drive, lot 1, block 38, Las Americas 2 that consists of residential, 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 \$119,280.00, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$756.23 and estimated total fee waivers of \$780.56. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information.
21. **2021-R-154** Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a Tax Abatement Agreement between the City of Laredo and Esmeralda Zuniga for a proposed project located at 2318 Marcella Ave, lot 7, block 299 Eastern Division that consists of two single family residences, 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 \$210,000.00, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$1,331.40 and estimated total fee waivers of \$1,850.60. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information.

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

22. **Welcoming and Equitable**



Authorizing City Management to pursue a Sister Cities agreement with the City of Uruapan, Michoacán; given the increase of avocado business coming through our community and our objective to highlight produce in Port Laredo.

23. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Interlocal Agreement to donate one (1) 2003 Peterbilt rear loader refuse 5 Ton Truck to the municipality of Villanueva, Zacatecas in Mexico. This vehicle will be used for Solid Waste related purposes. The City of Laredo donates this vehicle as is and does not assume any liability associated with its use after it has been transferred. This vehicle was received by the Fleet Department on Jan 15, 2003; it has fully depreciated and has a book value of zero (0).

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

24. **Dynamic and Sustainable**



**2021-R-184** Discussion with possible action on a memorandum of understanding between the City of Laredo and the TAMU Small Business Development Center (SBDC) focused on government contracting programs such as 8(a) and Historically Underutilized Business Zones (HUBZones). The SBDC will provide initial advising and certification, while the City will refer potential clients and collaborate on marketing these programs. The MOU's goal is to train, advise and certify local businesses in federal contracting programs as there are few federally certified small business contractors in the Laredo region. This MOU received a positive recommendation from the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

**ENGINEERING:** STAFF SOURCE RAMON E. CHAVEZ, CITY ENGINEER

25. **Planned and Moving**



**2021-R-181** Ratify authorization for the City Manager to enter into a temporary Right-of-Entry agreement between the City of Laredo and the Texas Army National Guard to provide access to survey property located near 26911 Pinto Valle Dr. Situated in Webb County, Texas and being THE SURFACE ONLY of a tract of land containing 150.00 Acres, more or less, situated in Porcion 1, Abstract 231, Porcion 2, Abstract 232, and Porcion 3, Abstract 233, Webb County Texas, said 150.00 acre tract being out of land called 1359.38 acres as per deed recorded in Volume 1385, Page 645, Real Property Records of Webb County. The access shall be termed for thirty (30) calendar days; providing for an effective date. This project is necessary for the Right-of-Way acquisition of the US59/Loop 20 Interchange Project.



26. **Planned and Moving**



Consideration for approval to award a construction contract to the lowest responsible responsive bidder REIM Construction, Inc., Mission, Texas, in the amount of \$8,219,272.45 for the Laredo International Airport Taxiways G1 and G2 construction with a construction contract time of three hundred seventy-five (375) calendar days; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related contract documents contingent upon receipt and approval of insurance and bond documents. After a notice to proceed is issued, the estimated completion date for the project is September 2022. Funding is available in the Airport Construction Fund Grant No. 95. This item is contingent on approval of Ordinance 2021-O-154.

27. **Dynamic and Sustainable**



Consideration for approval to award a professional services contract to JHS Architect, Inc., Laredo, Texas for the City of Laredo Sports Complex Venue (Phase II), in the amount not to exceed \$3,250,680.00 to provide surveying (boundary & aerial), architectural, engineering professional services and off-site engineering and surveying services. Funding is available in the 2021 Sports Venue Tax and Utility Revenue Bond.

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

28. Consideration to renew annual service contract number FY18-092 with LED Electric and Lighting Contractor, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$450,000.00 for electrical repair services to include, but not limited to minor repairs, maintenance of various electrical systems, and/or equipment devices for various city 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 can be renewed one (1) additional one-year period upon mutual agreement of the parties. There was no price increase during the last extension period. All services will be purchased on an as-needed basis. Funding is available in respective departmental budgets.

**FLEET MANAGEMENT:** STAFF SOURCE RONALD MILLER, FLEET DIRECTOR

29. 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	Bergkamp Equip.	Kinloch Equipment	Pasadena, TX	\$80,000.00
II	Vactor Vacuum Body			
II	ETNRYE Dispenser	Cooper Equipment	San Antonio, TX	\$50,000.00

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.

30. Consideration to renew annual parts supply contract FY20-007 with Rush Truck Center, Laredo, TX, in an amount up to \$275,000.00 for the purchase of original equipment manufacturer (OEM) truck parts for the City's medium and heavy duty 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 contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This contract can be renewed for one (1) additional year. There was no price increase during the last extension period. All parts will be secured on an as-needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.
31. Consideration to amend annual service contract FY21-019 by 25% with 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 in December 2021. All services are purchased on an as-needed basis and funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.

**HEALTH:** STAFF SOURCE RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, HEALTH DIRECTOR

32. **Healthy and Safe**



**2021-R-185** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the Lactation Policy to include changes in the duration of the policy; changes in the storage requirements of the policy; and providing for an effective date.

33. **Healthy and Safe**



**2020-R-186** Ratifying the submission of a continuation grant application in the estimated amount of \$130,512.00 to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) through the South Texas Development Council (STDC) to continue the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) State Services Program for HIV prevention and education for the term period from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant. No grant match required.

34. **Healthy and Safe**



**2021-R-187** Ratifying the submission of a continuation grant application in the estimated amount of \$137,837.00 to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) through the South Texas Development Council (STDC) to continue the City of Laredo Health Department's Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Project (HOPWA) for the term period from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant.

35. **Healthy and Safe**



**2021-R-188** Ratifying the execution of a contract from the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) in the amount of \$5,704,173.00 for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program to continue to provide nutrition education and food supplemental services to women and children with nutrition and health risks for the term from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

**LAREDO ANIMAL CARE SERVICES:** STAFF SOURCE KARINA ELIZONDO, INTERIM LACS DIRECTOR

36. Consideration to authorize the purchase of pressure washing equipment for Laredo Animal Care Services in the amount of \$59,524.00 from Hotsy Equipment Company through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program's Contract No. 577-18. Funding is available in the Laredo Animal Care Services General Fund.

**PLANNING & ZONING:** STAFF SOURCE ORLANDO NAVARRO, PLANNING & ZONING DIRECTOR

37. Discussion with possible action to appoint sixteen (16) registered City voters who shall comprise the Redistricting Commission. The Commissioners shall not be employed by the City in any capacity. Each Council Member will appoint two (2) Commissioners, per the City of Laredo City Charter, Section 10.06 (B) Redistricting Commission, and any matters incident thereto.

**POLICE:** STAFF SOURCE CLAUDIO TREVINO, CHIEF OF POLICE

38. **Healthy and Safe**



**2021-R-176** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$1,600,000.00 from the Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) for the purpose of funding the FY 2022 Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Program for the period of September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022. Funding will be used

to pay for costs associated with the establishment of a physical and operational infrastructure for a regional TAG Center such as personnel, contractual costs for building enhancements and information system interfaces, equipment, training, supplies and direct operating expenses. This grant does not require matching funds. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund.

39. **Healthy and Safe**



**2021-R-179** Authorizing the City Manager to renew one (1) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Laredo Police Department and the Texas Joint Counterdrug Task Force. The Police Department's participation is part of the community service provided to our citizens and our partner law enforcement agencies with no cost to the City of Laredo.

40. **Healthy and Safe**



**2021-R-180** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$756,565.00 from the Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority to fund the Laredo Auto Theft Task Force for the period of September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022. This grant pays for salaries, supplies and equipment for the LPD Auto Theft Unit. The grant requires a cash match in the amount of \$441,969.00 for a total grant amount of \$1,198,534.00. Funding is available in the Auto Theft Task Force Fund.

41. **Healthy and Safe**



Consideration to award a contract to Converjint Technologies, LLC. Austin TX, utilizing the State of Texas contract award, in the total amount of \$160,117.48 for the Police Department to upgrade security video equipment for Bridge 1 and 2. Funding is available in the HIDTA Task Force budget.

42. **Healthy and Safe**




Consideration to award contract FY21-077 to Enterprise Rent-A-Car for providing rental of vehicles for the Laredo Police Department in an estimated yearly cost of \$139,920.00. This contract secures eleven (11) vehicles for the Auto Theft Task Force. The term of this contract, as per mutual agreement between the City of Laredo and Enterprise Rent-A-Car, will be for one year (1) to begin on September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022. Funding is available in the Auto Theft Task Force Fund and General Fund.

**TAX:** STAFF SOURCE DORA MALDONADO, TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR



43. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts adjusted for the month of July 2021 represent a decrease of \$48,929.57. These adjustments are determined by the Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

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

44. **2021-R-177** Accepting the conveyance of a 20-foot wide utility and access easement containing 0.7195 acres (31,342.45 square feet), more or less, situated in survey 2143, abstract 591, A. Morgan, original grantee, Webb County, Texas and out a tract of land conveyed to Killam Ranch Properties, LTD. As recorded in volume 540, pages 632-634, official public records of Webb County, Texas said 20' utility and access easement being more particularly described by metes and bounds in attached exhibit "A" and depicted on exhibit "B"; Attached hereto and made part hereof.
45. **2021-R-178** Accepting the conveyance of a 15-foot wide utility and access easement over and across a 1.31-acre tract of land, out of 40.1759-acre tract of land, conveyed to Jesse Jacaman, as described in deed recorded in Volume 1126, Pages 25-30, Deed Records, Webb County, Texas, situated in Portion 23, Leonardo Sanchez, Original Grantee, Abstract 283, Webb County, Texas. Official Public Records of Webb County, Texas, said 15-foot utility and access easement being more particularly described by Metes and Bounds in attached Exhibit "A" and depicted on Exhibit "B" attached hereto and made part hereof.
46. **Dynamic and Sustainable**
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- 2021-R-182** Authorizing the City Manager to sign a water rights sales agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit A, between the City of Laredo and Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 16, in which the city is agreeing, subject to notice required by Section 49.504, Texas Water Code, to purchase the right to divert and use 900-acre feet per annum of municipal use water rights allocated with municipal use priority of allocation to the Rio Grande at \$3,000.00 per ac./ft., for a purchase price of \$2,700,000.00, plus transactional expenses; and further authorizing the City Manager to sign and file necessary application(s) with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on behalf of the city requesting that said water rights be severed from the certificate of adjudication no. 23-802, as amended, of the seller and combined with certificate of adjudication no. 23-3997, as amended, of the city and that the point(s) of diversion, and place of use of said water rights be changed as required by the city. Funding is available in the Water Availability Fund and is contingent upon approval of the amended Fiscal Year 2021 Budget for the Water Availability Fund.
47. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract utilizing the TIPS Purchasing Cooperative to Construction Production Marketing of Phoenix, Arizona for the rehabilitation of the 12" McPherson Lift Station forcemain going from the lift station to the North Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant though the Country Club in the amount of \$1,383,160.00, providing 120 calendar days for completion. Funding is available in the 2019 Sewer Revenue Bond.
48. Motion to ratify purchase order 348847 to Grace Water Services in the amount of \$61,891.00 for seven (7) chemical feed pumps at the El Pico Water Treatment Plant. Funding is available in the Waterworks construction fund.



49. Authorizing the City Manager to ratify the increase of purchase order 345493 for the additional amount of \$28,368.00 for the 240-ft of 24-in PVC pipe in the contract utilizing the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) No. WM09-20 to Core & Main LP, of St. Louis, Missouri to complete a portion of a waterline from Ejido to Sierra Vista Booster Pump Station project. The new contract amount will be \$241,128.00. Funding is available in the 2019 Water Revenue Bond.
50. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract utilizing the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) No. WM09-20 with Core & Main LP, of St. Louis, Missouri for the furnishing and delivery of 1,000 linear feet of 16-inch diameter PVC DR18 pipes for the looping of dead ends in the City in the amount of \$66,900.00. Funding is available in the 2019 Water Revenue Bond.
51. Motion to ratify Purchase Order Number 347997 to AWC, Inc. from San Antonio, Texas in the total amount of \$171,752.27 for twenty-seven (27) Solar Powered RTU units - wireless alarm systems and twenty-seven (27) VAC Powered RTU units - wireless alarm systems for \$141,328.67; and fifty-four (54) annual service packages for cellular communications for \$30,423.60. Funding is available in the 2020A Waterworks Revenue Bond.

AWC, Inc. is a sole source supplier for Mission Communications.

52. Consideration to authorize the purchase of two (2) centrifugal diesel pumps from Precision Pump Systems, Cary, North Carolina in the total amount of \$80,226.17. This equipment will be utilized for the maintenance of Wastewater Treatment Plants. The purchase of this equipment shall be made utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program. Funding available in the 2020 Sewer Revenue Fund.

53. **Dynamic and Sustainable**



Authorizing the City Manager to award a TIPs Cooperative Contract to Maguire Iron, Inc. in the amount of \$1,271,180 to be paid over a 5-year period. Maguire Iron, Inc. performed a visual inspection of all tanks and identified the deficiencies in each water tank. This contract is to fix the deficiencies identified on the eleven water tanks and to bring them into compliance to avoid any TCEQ violations. This contract also includes a one-time fee of \$39,000.00 to demolish the back wash water tank at Jefferson Water Treatment Plant. This contract will be paid over five years as follows: Year 1 \$356,956.00, Year 2 \$228,556.00, Year 3 \$228,556.00, Year 4 \$228,556.00 and Year 5 \$228,556.00. Funding is available in the Waterworks Construction Account.

#### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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### **XIII. STAFF REPORTS**

54. 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.
55. 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.
56. Presentation by JHS Architect regarding the City of Laredo Sports Complex Venue Master Plan, and any other matters incident thereto with possible action.
57. Presentation from Killam Development on The Coves, a 1-000 acre, 1,700-home, multi-family and commercial project set for NE Laredo.
58. Status update on migrant expenses to date and update on FEMA Funding, and any other matters incident thereto.
59. Presentation with possible action on the Bridge Master Plan, and any other matters incident thereto.
60. Status report with possible action on the reopening of the Laredo Animal Care Services intake of animals at the facility, 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.

61. 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.

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

62. **Planned and Moving**



Authorizing the City Manager to renew and continue the support and maintenance for the El Lift Paratransit dispatching and scheduling software for the next four years with the option to

renew 1 additional 4-year term for the total amount of \$42,000.00 per year. RouteMatch Software, LLC. has been the sole source vendor since 2014. Funding is available in the Transit Operations account.

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

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

#### **A. Request by Mayor Pete Saenz**

1. Status report from the Utilities Department on improvements and remediation efforts following the water boil notice, and any other matters incident thereto.

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

1. Discussion with possible action to add COMCE Noreste oficina Laredo to the Port of Entry Advisory Committee, and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action regarding the creation of a water flushing registry for home owners living on the dead ends of water lines to use discharge water for lawn watering, 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)**

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

1. Discussion with possible action on the status of a 2% or 3% cost of living adjustment for City of Laredo employees, and any other matters incident thereto.  
**(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.)**

2. Discussion with possible action to discuss bringing back the Operations and Finance Committee meetings, and any other matters incident thereto.

**E. Request by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez**

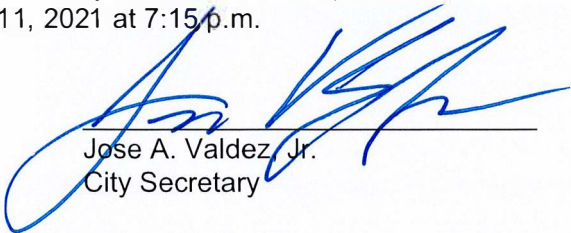
1. Status update on the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) on the produce market that was to be established in Laredo, and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action on amending Section 20-21 of the Code of Ordinances to give discretion to the municipal court judge to call upon the associate municipal judges as needed for the efficient management of cases, rather than only in his temporary absence, and any other matters incident thereto.

**F. Request by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III**

1. 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)**
2. Discussion with possible action regarding temporary one-ways around schools and other high traffic areas, and any other matters 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, August 11, 2021 at 7:15 p.m.



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Jose A. Valdez, Jr.  
City Secretary

# **CITY OF LAREDO CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**A-2021-S-06  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1110 HOUSTON STREET  
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040  
August 16, 2021  
5:30 P.M.**

## **SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA**

### **I. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**1. Excellent and Connected**



**Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending Chapter 7, Buildings and Building Regulations, Section 7-2 of the Code of Ordinances and Chapter 24, Appendix D, permit fees, to establish a new technology fee for commercial and residential construction; providing a cumulative and repealer clause; providing a severability clause; providing for publication; providing for a penalty; and declaring an effective date.

**2. Dynamic and Sustainable**



**Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the City of Laredo Water Availability Fund FY 2021 annual budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$1,133,066.97 by appropriating from the COVID19-Economic Assistance Special Revenue Fund to be used for the purchase of water rights.

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

**A. Request by Mayor Pete Saenz**

1. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo authorizing the City Manager to approve a License Agreement with Roberto L. Trevino for the installation of a provisional E650 Series Portable Doppler Radar from EWR Radar Systems, Inc. at 5210 Bob Bullock Loop Fire Station #15 on the grounds of the Laredo International Airport in order to enhance our weather warning capabilities and alert citizens of approaching increment weather. The term of the license shall be for two (2) years commencing on August 16, 2021 and terminating August 16, 2023.

### **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 Friday, August 13, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.



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