CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
A-2021-S-08
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
September 20, 2021
5:30 P.M.

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SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

I. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment by Council Member Vanessa Perez to replace Tricia Cortez with to the Redistricting Commission.

II. 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.

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

1. Authorizing the City Manager to ratify various License Agreements with local league associations for the use of city playing fields for youth and adult programs, the term of each agreement being from April 19th through December 1st, 2021; no fee will be charged by the City to the associations in view of the public benefit in allowing the associations to use the City's facilities for baseball, softball, soccer and flag football programs for the benefit of the youth/adults of Laredo.

   YOUTH LEAGUES:
   Laredo American Little League
   Laredo Hillside Little League
   Laredo Norhtwest Little League
   Laredo Central Little League

Laredo Baseball Select
Girls Softball (South)
Girls Softball (North)
Pony Little League
Pony/Gateway Girls Softball League

ADULT BASEBALL:
Laredo Adult Baseball League
Liga Masters Independent
Border Baseball League Inc

ADULT SOFTBALL:
City League

FLAG FOOTBALL:
Border Flag Football

SOCCER LEAGUE:
Border Soccer League/Santa Rita
Father McNaboe League
Laredo Soccer Association
Laredo Soccer League
United Premier League
Unified Soccer League
Texas Warball League

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

III. STAFF REPORT

2. Status report on retaining a consultant to assess the underserved hospital and medical needs in our city, and any other matters incident thereto.

IV. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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

1. Discussion with possible action regarding the parking requirements for multi-family R2, R3, and B1 zones, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Ruben A. Gutierrez, Jr.)**

2. Discussion with possible action to have subdivisions assess their design and street connectivity, and plan for existing and future streets to include an entrance with a separate exit, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.)**

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

1. Discussion with possible action to modernize our payment system for Transit patrons, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Vanessa Perez)**

C. **Request by Council Member Vanessa J. Perez**

1. Discussion with possible action on the creation of a policy to mandate advance notice and communication to the City Council by any official, officer, or employee of the City with special knowledge of an impending event of significance within the City of Laredo, including but not limited to, the issuance of public health orders, visits by a state or national elected official, dedications, awards, pinning, and other activities hosted by departments, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa)**

V. 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, September 17, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Angelica Arispe

for: Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary

CITY OF LAREDO

RECOGNITION AND COMMUNICATION NOTICE

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
September 20, 2021
5:00 P.M.

The Mayor will be presenting the following:

1. Recognizing Captain Merla and Mobile Vaccination Team Y2 for their dedication to the City of Laredo and District 7. In a time when the community needed to get our essential workers vaccinated, they devised a plan to create a drive-up clinic where the trucking and trade industry could conveniently receive their vaccinations located on FM1472. Through their efforts over 24 weeks, they have safely vaccinated 31,535 individuals, making our community and essential workers safer.

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CITY OF LAREDO

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A-2021-R-16

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

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LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
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5:30 P.M.

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

Approval of the minutes of September 7, 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

VII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment by Council Member Vanessa Perez to replace Tricia Cortez with Erasmo Villarreal to the Redistricting Commission.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING AND INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

1. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the City of Laredo FY 2021 Capital Improvements Fund by appropriating revenues and expenditures, and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget amendment for improvements at North Central Park in the amount of $300,000.00 that shall include the construction of an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) park, playground amenities, shades, trash receptacles and bicycle racks. Funds are from a donation by Robert P. Gutierrez.

2. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by the rezoning of approximately 8.20-acre more or less, situated in Porcion 35, Abstract 546, Jose M. Dias, Original Grantee, and out of a 358.54-acres' tract as conveyed and recorded per Warranty deed dated June 3, 2015, Volume. 3801, Page. 143-147, Webb County Official Public Records, located south of Lomas Del Sur Blvd., from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District).

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

   ZC-059-2021
   District I

3. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit (SUP) for a restaurant serving alcohol on Lot 1, Block 1, Royal Oaks Subdivision, Phase 1, located, on 110 Willow Oak St.

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

   ZC-057-2021
   District II

4. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by the rezoning of approximately 2.34 acres situated in Porcion 32, Abstract. 296, Antonio Trevino, Original Grantee, tract being out of Aquero Management II, LLC; Tract I as described in Warranty Deed Recorded in Volume 4389, Page 636-646, of the Deed Records of Webb County, Texas, located south of US Highway 359 and west of Las Misiones Boulevard, from R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District).

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

   ZC-060-2021
   District II

5. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by the rezoning of Lot 2, Block 1865, Eastern Division, located at 3003 Market St., from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District).

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

ZC-055-2021
District III

6. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by the rezoning of approximately 1.6-acres, a part of Block 32 of the Subdivision Plat of the Laredo International Airport in the northern addition, as per plat filed Record Volume 5, Page 1 and Volume 16, Page 49, Public Records Webb County, Texas, located at 1419 Pappas Street, from M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) to B-3 (Community Business District).

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

ZC-061-2021
Council District IV

7. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by the rezoning of approximately 2.00-acre tract of land more or less being comprised of the entire individual called 1.0-acre tract 8-A thru 8-D, as conveyed to Alvarado Properties Ltd., Vol. 1449, Pg. 678 O.P.R.W.C.T., Survey 2150, Abst. 660, Dario Sanchez, Original Grantee located at 8408 Casa Verde Rd, from R-2 (Multi-Family District) to B-1 (Limited Business District).

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

ZC-053-2021
District V

8. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for an amusement redemption machine establishment on Lot 9, Block 9, Country Club Commercial Subdivision, located at 4302 E. Saunders St., Suites 1 and 2 only.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **approval** of the proposed CUP, with the addition of a condition stipulating that either Suite 3 or 4 will remain vacant, or used for the property owner's storage, until the use authorized by the CUP ceases. Staff **does not support** the application.

ZC-058-2021

District V

9. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by the rezoning of approximately 2.94-acres out of the 1,450-acres of land conveyed to Delfina Benavides Alexander and Josefina Alexander Gonzalez, Record Volume 414, Pages 502-506, subsequently conveyed to D & J Alexander Investments, LLC per Open Public Records Webb County, Texas., situated in Porcion 26, Agustin Sanchez Original Grantee, abstract 282, located north of University Boulevard and west of Patricia Highsmith Drive, from B-1 (Limited Business District) to R-1B (Single Family High Density District).

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

   ZC-063-2021
   District V

10. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by the rezoning of Lot 7 and 8, Block 92, Eastern Division, located at 719 Corpus Christi Street, from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-3 (Community Business District).

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

    ZC-062-2021
    District VII

(Recess)
(Press Availability)

IX. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

11. An Ordinance amending Section 19-350 of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances by removing a provision requiring a 48-hour notice for abandoned vehicles before they may be removed by law enforcement officers.

12. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances in order to adopt the 2018 editions of the following International Code Council ("ICC") Codes: (1) International Building Code, (2) International Mechanical Code, (3) International Residential Code, (4) International Property Maintenance Code, (5) International Energy Conservation Code; and (6) International Existing Building Code; adding sections 7-11 by adopting the 2012 Edition of the Texas Accessibility Standards; repealing all ordinances and/or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for a savings clause; providing for a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

13. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinances in order to adopt the 2017 edition of the National Electrical Code of the National Fire Protection Association; repealing all ordinances and/or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for a savings clause; providing for a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

14. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances in order to adopt the 2018 edition of the International Code Council International Fire Code; providing for local amendments to the adopted code; repealing all ordinances and/or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for a savings clause; providing for a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

15. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 15, Health and Sanitation, Article IX, Swimming Pools of the Code of Ordinances adopting the 2018 edition of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code of the International Code Council; repealing all ordinances and/or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for a savings clause; providing for a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

16. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 18, of the Code of Ordinances by adding Article VIII, Mobile Business Regulations; establishing rules and regulations for the registraton of mobile businesses; establishing operation hours and locations; providing for an annual registration; providing enforcement; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing for a savings clause; providing for a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

17. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 25 of the Code of Ordinances in order to adopt the 2018 edition of the following International Code Council ("ICC") Codes: (1) International Plumbing Code, (2) International Fuel Gas Code, and (3) International Private Sewage Disposal Code; repealing all ordinances and/or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for a savings clause; providing for a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

18. Amending Ordinance 2019-O-169 of the City of Laredo, Texas ; (Laredo Commission for Women - By Laws); Article X, sections 10.04 (F) (eligibility and selection guidelines); 10.07 (scoring/rating process); 10.08 (categories) as attached. and providing an effective date.

19. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 15, Article IX, (swimming pools), of the Code of Ordinances for purposes of providing the specific permit requirements for privately owned swimming pools which are open to the general public for a fee, to include language prohibiting such use in any residential area, as well as the immediate disqualification from consideration of any application for a zone change or conditional use permit that relates to this intended use in any

residential district; providing for a savings clause; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date.

X. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

20. **Planned and Moving**

2021-O-168 Adopting the proposed annual budget for FY21-22 by appropriating the proposed revenues, expenditures and balances reported therein for the year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022, consistent with the financial plan described in said annual budget (see Exhibit "A") and motions approved by City Council at a public workshop on August 3-6, 2021 (see Exhibit "B") and the Holiday Schedule for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (see Exhibit "C") and authorizing the City Manager to implement said annual budget.

21. **Planned and Moving**

2021-O-169 Authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY21-22 Airport Construction Budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of $3,416,741.00 for the Laredo International Airport Terminal Improvement Program. Funds are available in the CARES grant No. 91.

22. **Excellent and Connected**

2021-O-170 Authorizing the City Manager to amend the FY21-22 General Fund budget to appropriate revenues and expenditures in the amount of $1,921,990.00 awarded to the City under the Emergency Food and Shelter Program as a special funding request from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Funds will be used to cover the cost of transportation, food, administration and other humanitarian services.

23. **Excellent and Connected**

2021-O-171 Authorizing the City Manager to amend the FY21-22 Contractual Obligations Fund to appropriate revenues and expenditures in the amount of $65,000.00. Revenues are available from the reimbursement of a milling machine. Funds will be appropriated for the acquisition of machinery and equipment for the Public Works Department.

24. **Healthy and Safe**

2021-O-172 Amending the FY2021-2022 full-time equivalent position listing by adding one (1) Health Educator I, R29 position for the City of Laredo Health Department's Healthy Texas Women Program. Funding is available through the Health Department Budget through grant funds from the Health and Human Services Commission **(AS AMENDED)**.

25. **Healthy and Safe**

2021-O-173 Amending the City of Laredo Health and Benefits Fund FY20-21 annual budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of $340,000.00 in appropriation from the Reimbursement - Insurance Fund 660-0000-373-2010, to be used for dental claims.

26. **Healthy and Safe**

2021-O-174 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a supplemental grant and amend the Financial Task Force fund budget for FY20-21 by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of $10,000.00. This grant is funded by the Executive Office of the President, Office of the National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) at no cost to the City. Funding will be used to pay overtime, fringe benefits, and operational expenses from January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2021, for the LPD HIDTA Task Force.

27. **2021-O-175** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by the rezoning of Lot 1, Block 1602, of Phase II, South View Subdivision located at 3301 S. Louisiana Ave. from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District).

ZC-001-2021
District II

28. **2021-O-176** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by the rezoning of Lot 4A, Block 1, McPherson West Subdivision, Unit 3, Manor Plaza, located at 610 Manor Rd., from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-3 PUD (Community Business District-Planned Unit Development).

ZC-039-2021
District V

29. **2021-O-177** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by the rezoning of approximately 41.8 acres more or less, situated on a tract of land out of 557-acres remainder of Farias Development Property, recorded in Volume 4890, Page 425-437, official public records of Webb County, situated in Porcion 21, Abstract 49, Leonardo Garcia, original grantee, and Porcion 20, Abstract 48, Bautista Garcia, original grantee, located East of FM 1472 and South of Loop 20, from B-4 (Highway Commercial District), R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) and R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

ZC-049A-2021
District VII

30. **2021-O-178** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by the rezoning of approximately 8.2 acres of land out of a 557-acre remainder of Farias Development Property, recorded in Volume 4890, Page 425-437, official public records of Webb County, Texas and Embarcadero Southeast Quadrant, Unit 1, Recorded in Volume 30, Page 79, plat records of Webb County, Texas, situated in Porcion 21, Abstract 49, Leonardo Garcia, original grantee, located east of FM 1472 Rd and north of Rancho Viejo Rd., from R-2 (Single Family Residential District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District).

ZC-049B-2021
District VII

31. **2021-O-179** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by the rezoning of approximately 215-acres out of a 557-acre remainder of Farias Development Property, recorded in Volume 4890, Page 425-437, official public records of Webb County, Texas, and Embarcadero Southeast Quadrant, Unit 1, recorded in Volume 30, Page 79, plat records of Webb County, Texas, situated in Porcion 21, Abstract 49, survey 2415, Abstract 3294, Porcion. 22, Abstract 277, located south of Bob Bullock Loop and west of Interstate Highway 35, from B-4 (Highway Commercial District), R-1 Single Family Residential District, R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District), B-3 (Community Business District), and M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District).

ZC-049C-2021
District VII

32. **2021-O-180** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by the rezoning of approximately 90.9 acres out of a 557-acre remainder of Farias Development Property, recorded in Volume 4890, Page 425-437, official public records of Webb County, Texas, Leonardo Garcia, original grantee, survey 2415, Abstract 3294, F&I Farias, original grantee, and Porcion 22, Abstract 277 Maria De Jesus Sanchez, original grantee, located South of Bob Bullock Loop and West of Interstate Highway 35, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District), and M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) to AG (Agricultural District).

ZC-049D-2021
District VII

33. **2021-O-181** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by the rezoning of approximately a 28-acre tract of land out of a 557-acre remainder of Farias Development Property, recorded in Volume 4890, Page 425-437, official public records of Webb County, situated in Porcion 21, Abstract 49, Leonardo Garcia, original grantee, located south of Bob Bullock Loop and west of Interstate Highway 35, from M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District).

ZC-049E-2021
District VII

34. **2021-O-182** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 20, Municipal Court, Article II, Sections 20-20 and 20-21 of the Code of Ordinances to provide the Municipal Court Judge the discretion to call upon Associate Judges to serve for the efficient management of cases; containing a savings clause; containing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

35. **Healthy and Safe**

2021-O-183 An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 33, Article II, Division 2, Subsection I, Section 33-48 (A), of the Code of Ordinances by adding number 4 to Section 33-48 (A) and Section 33-58 to add a permit restriction of a 500-foot buffer zone between hazardous materials storage and schools and to add a severability clause; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; and declaring an effective date.

36. **Excellent and Connected**

2021-O-184 An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 2, Article II, Division 1, Section 2-16, “Departments of the City” of the Code of Ordinances by consolidating the Environmental Services and Solid Waste Departments, and creating the Environmental and Solid Waste Services Department; creating an Environmental and Solid Waste Services Department Director Grade R45; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date.

37. **Healthy and Safe**

2021-O-185 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the contract with LexisNexis, that provides an online police report distribution system. This system allows police reports to be secured via the internet. The amendment to the existing agreement entails the fee for the Police Department which will increase to $6.00 for each police report secured from the online system. Additionally, the amendment delineates the fee structure and adds/clarifies language to comply with the Federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act as well as the indemnification clause. The term of this agreement shall commence upon the effective date and shall continue until terminated in accordance with this agreement. All revenues generated from this service contract will be deposited to the General Fund.

38. **2021-O-186** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, providing for the adoption of a tax rate of $0.615370 per $100 value. This tax rate will have a Maintenance and Operation Rate of $0.469421 per $100 value and an Interest and Sinking Fund Rate of $0.145949 per $100 value for the levy and the collection of General and Special Ad Valorem taxes for the City of Laredo for Tax Year 2021 and Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

XI. 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

39. **2021-R-218** Authorizing the City Manager to ratify the submission of a grant application to execute a grant agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation – Aviation Division under the Routine Airport Maintenance Program in the amount of $50,000.00 for the purpose of airside and landside maintenance at the Laredo International Airport, and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents resulting from the award. The local match in the amount of $50,000.00 for this project is available in the Airport Operations Fund. Total estimated project cost is $100,000.00.

BUDGET: STAFF SOURCE GILBERTO SANCHEZ, BUDGET DIRECTOR

40. Consideration to award contract number FY21-104 to the lowest responsive responsible bidder to provide landscaping services for the Sames Auto Arena. The contract amount shall be announced/determined at City Council Meeting and is subject to future appropriations. Funding is available in the Sports Venue –Sales and Community Fund.

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

41. **2021-R-191** 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 506 E Olive Street, Lot 9, Block 122, eastern division that consists of a duplex, 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 $149,875.00, estimated annual tax abatement total of $950.20 and estimated total fee waivers of $1,566.24. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information.

42. **2021-R-193** Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a Tax Abatement Agreement between the City of Laredo and Roberto Vela for a proposed project located at 1620 Mier Street, Lot 7 and Lot 8, Block 887 Eastern Division that consists of a single-family residence, 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 $260,947.65, estimated annual tax abatement total of $1,439.45 and estimated total fee waivers of $1,979.29. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information.

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

43. Authorizing the City Manager to execute and approve Amendment #1, for the additional engineering services contract with Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc. in the amount of $154,687.00. The total contract amount with this amendment is $204,672.00 for enrollment of the City of Laredo into the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Amendment #1 provides for CRS preparation and submittal. Funding is available in the Environmental Services Fund.

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

44. Consideration to award contract FY21-101 to lowest responsive, responsible bidders: Cougar Bus Lines, Laredo, TX - primary vendor/provider and Lily's Bus Lines, Houston, TX - secondary vendor/provider, for a total contract amount of $1,250,000.00. This contract is for bus transportation services provided to migrants that are dropped-off and processed through the City of Laredo to other U.S. city destinations. The term shall be on a month by month basis for an estimated four to six months with an option to renew an additional four to six months, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available under General Fund - Emergency Food & Shelter Program Grant.

FLEET MANAGEMENT: STAFF SOURCE RONALD MILLER, FLEET DIRECTOR

45. Consideration to authorize a purchase of one (1) street sweeper from TYMCO Inc., San Antonio, Texas in the total amount of $284,915.00 for the Public Works Department. This purchase contract is utilizing the HGAC Purchasing Program contract pricing. This sweeper is a replacement unit and funding is available in 2019 Personal Property Finance Contractual Obligation Bond (PPFCO).

46. Consideration to renew the existing annual service contract FY19-003 for the purchase of Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) parts/service for the City's Caterpillar heavy equipment currently awarded to Holt CAT, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to $350,000.00. 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 one (1) year extension period, upon mutual agreement of the parties. 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.

HEALTH: STAFF SOURCE RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, HEALTH DIRECTOR

47. **Healthy and Safe**

2021-R-211 Authorizing City Manager to accept and execute a contract from the Health and Human Services Commission in the amount of $57,875.00 for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department Title V Child Health and Dental Services for the term period from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022. No grant match required.

48. **Healthy and Safe**

2021-R-214 Ratifying the execution of a contract amendment from the Texas Department of State Health Services in the estimated amount of $152,561.00 with

no match to continue the City of Laredo Health Department Family Support/Community Resources program to assist families with children with special healthcare needs for the term period of 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.

49. **Healthy and Safe**

2021-R-215 Authorizing City Manager to accept and enter into contract with the South Texas Development Council in the estimated amount of $130,512.00 through the Texas Department of State Health Services to continue the City of Laredo Health Department State Services Program for HIV prevention and education for the term period from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022.

50. **Healthy and Safe**

2021-R-216 Authorizing City Manager to accept and enter into contract with the South Texas Development Council in estimated amount of $137,837.00 through the Texas Department of State Health Services to continue the City of Laredo Health Department's Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Project for the term period from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022.

51. **Healthy and Safe**

Consideration to authorize the lease of six (6) vehicles from Enterprise Rent-A-Car in the total amount of $98,559.36 for a twelve (12) month term for City of Laredo Health Department operations. Funding is available through the COVID-19 Health Disparities Grant, Public Health Workforce Grant, COVID-19 Vaccination Capacity Grant.

52. **Healthy and Safe**

Consideration to approve the purchase of laboratory equipment from sole source Fisher Healthcare in the amount of $176,916.41 for COVID-19 testing for the City of Laredo Health Department. Funding is available in the IDCU/COVID Lab Expansion Grant.

53. **Healthy and Safe**

Authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a continuation contract with provider Maurice Click, M.D. for physician services for the City of Laredo Health Department Primary Care, Women's Health and Chronic Disease services in the amount not to exceed $63,100.00 for the term of September 1, 2021 through August 30, 2022. The contract may be renewed for another year, contingent on funding availability and both parties agreeing to enter into a new contract. Funding is available through the Health Department Budget.

54. **Healthy and Safe**

Consideration to ratify purchases from Kimball International dba Kimball Office Inc., Jasper, IN. (G & S Office Supply - local rep.), in the amount of $53,667.49 and to allow for future supplier purchases for an amount not to exceed $70,000.00 for office furniture and installation for the Health (WIC) Department and various other City departments. Funding is available in the Health Department Fund and respective departments' budgets.

HUMAN RESOURCES: STAFF SOURCE MELINA BERMUDEZ, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

55. Consideration to renew a one (1) year professional services contract FY19-088 with ComPsych Corporation, Chicago, Illinois to provide an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and to authorize the City Manager to execute all contract documents. This program allows employees to receive confidential assistance in many areas without having to access their medical benefits. The City of Laredo provides EAP coverage to approximately 2,615 employees plus their dependents. The types of services provided are: confidential counseling (stress, anxiety, depression, relationships, grief, etc.), financial planning, legal support, smoking cessation to name a few. It is estimated that the program will incur a cost of approximately $47,383.80 per year. The contract is based on a fee of $1.51 per active employee per month. Contract has a five (5) year price rate guarantee and is subject to future appropriations. The term of this contract was for a period of two years and has option to be renewed three (3) additional one (1) year periods. This is the first of three extension periods. Funding is available in the Risk Management fund - Human Resources Employee Health and Wellness Division.

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

56. Approval to increase contract amount from $50,000.00 to $60,000.00 with Best, Best & Krieger L.L.P., to advise the city on telecommunications and cable issues and transactions as requested by the City of Laredo on an as-needed basis. The current contract term for this engagement ends on September 30, 2021; final date of contract is April 16, 2022. Funding is available in the IST Department Budget.

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

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

57. Consideration to renew the contract with Landscapes Management Company, LLC, for the operation and management of the clubhouse, golf course, cart facility, maintenance building and appurtenances, and any other golf course or golf-related facility owned by the City and situated on the real property located at 27700 FM 1472, known as the Max A. Mandel Municipal Golf Course with the following terms:

1. A management fee will be $7,000.00 per month due October 2021, if requirements are met ($84,000.00 a year)
2. The management fee will increase by 3% on October 1st, 2022 as an incentive fee if increase in net operating-income over the prior fiscal year.
3. In the event that Landscapes fails to meet the Net Operating Income projections by $100,000.00 or more for the fiscal year, the City shall have the right, in its discretion, to adjust the Base Management Fee as per the contract.

This is the first of a two (2) year extension period based on the 2019 Amendment. This contract will commence on October 1, 2021 and end on September 30, 2023 on terms mutually agreed. There was a price reduction during the last extension period. This contract is subject to the approval of the FY21-22 budget appropriations.

POLICE: STAFF SOURCE CLAUDIO TREVINO, CHIEF OF POLICE

58. **Healthy and Safe**

Consideration to award a contract to Convergint Technologies, LLC., San Antonio, Texas, utilizing the State of Texas Omnia Contract #170502, in the amount of $194,920.64 for the purchase and installation of surveillance equipment in thirteen (13) intersections in the downtown area. This project is an extension of the downtown police substation camera surveillance system which connects directly to the Laredo Police Department Real Time Crime Center. Funding is available in the 2019 C.O. Bond-Police Downtown Substation.

PUBLIC WORKS: STAFF SOURCE JOHN ORFILA, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

59. Consideration to authorize the purchase of three (3) 2021 John Deere Backhoe loaders from RDO Equipment, Laredo, Texas in the amount of $258,300.00. The purchase of these backhoes for the Public Works Department Creek Maintenance Division shall be from the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program. Funding is available in the Environmental Services Fund.

TAX: STAFF SOURCE DORA MALDONADO, TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

60. **2021-R-217** A resolution to nominate a Council Member/Person as the City of Laredo's candidate to the Webb County Appraisal District Board of Directors for the 2022-2023 year term as per Section 6.03 of the Texas Property Tax Code; and directing the City Secretary to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Chief Appraiser of the Webb County Appraisal District before October 15, 2021.

61. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts adjusted for the month of August 2021 represent a decrease of $92,955.57. These adjustments are determined by the Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

TRAFFIC SAFETY: STAFF SOURCE DANNY MAGEE, TRAFFIC DIRECTOR

62. **2021-R-219** Authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all necessary documents to effect the memorialization of Cielitio Lindo Blvd. as "Lance Corporal David Lee Espinoza Memorial Blvd." in honor of Lance Corporal David Lee Espinoza.

63. Consideration to authorize the purchase of signal poles and related traffic hardware from Consolidated Traffic Controls, Arlington, Texas, in an amount up to $58,276.00 and to further authorize future related traffic project expenditures for an amount not to exceed $300,000.00 through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program's contract pricing in a total amount of $358,276.00. Signal poles, mast arms, equipment and related traffic control accessories are needed for the completion of various city traffic projects. 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 is available in the Traffic Safety Department Budget and the 2019 CDBG Grant.

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

64. **Excellent and Connected**

Authorizing the City Manager to award a contract to Barcom Technology Solutions, in the amount of $346,327.53 for the purchase and installation of Utilities I-Net Core network equipment through the State of Texas, Department of Information Resources (DIR) cooperative purchase contracts, DIR-TSO-4167. This contract is to modernize equipment which makes the Utilities Department vulnerable to cyber security attacks. Funding is available in the American Rescue Act Plan Funds.

65. Consideration to authorize the purchase of two (2) 2021 Ford F150 (V6) Extended Cab Trucks and three (3) 2021 Ford F150 (V8) Extended Cab Trucks in the amount of $153,248.50 from Silsbee Ford, Silsbee, Texas through the GoodBuy Cooperative Purchasing Program's contract pricing. These vehicles are replacement units which have already reached its useful life. Funding is available in the Waterworks 2018 Personal Property Finance Contractual Obligation Bond (PPFCO).

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XII. STAFF REPORTS

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. 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.

68. Discussion with possible action to request clarification on the use of $50,000.00 approved at the 2022 Budget Workshop as to whether to use for a Spay & Neuter Voucher Program and/or In-House Surgeries.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

69. **Planned and Moving**

Motion to rescind the action taken on April 19, 2021, regarding a bus purchase with GILLIG Commonwealth of Virginia State Contract #194-193 and further authorize approval of a new contract with GILLIG, located in Livermore, California, utilizing the State of Washington Contract #06719-01 for the purchase of one (1) 29 ft. GILLIG Low-Floor CNG bus in the amount of $495,680.00. Savings of $17,730.00 will be realized. The Virginia State Contract expired on May 31, 2021, before budget funding was available to fully execute purchase. Funding is available through the Transit Sales Tax Fund.

70. **Planned and Moving**

Motion to rescind the action taken on June 1, 2020, regarding the purchase of two (2) vans with Alliance Bus Group State Contract# 99999-001-SPD000138 and further authorize approval of a new contract with Creative Bus Sales, utilizing the State of Oklahoma State Contract #SW-797C for the purchase of two (2) 2022 Low-Floor Paratransit Vans in the amount of $268,392.00. Funding is available through the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 #TX-2020-027 and the Transit Sales Tax Fund.

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

71. **GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. **Request by Mayor Pete Saenz**

1. Discussion with possible action on status of amusement machine business (maquinitas) ordinance since last amended, in regards to permits issued by district, revenue collected, enforcement actions, impact on community, and possible changes to ordinance, and any other matters incident thereto.

2. Discussion with possible action to approve and proceed with coordinating with Mexican counterparts the construction of the expansion of the World

Trade International Bridge, and any other matters incident thereto.

3. Discussion with possible action to identify and designate the location of the 4th-5th International Bridge, and any other matters incident thereto.

B. **Request by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa**

1. Discussion with possible action to cancel the Council approved Bruni Plaza Renovations and rescind selection or architects related to said project, and any other matters incident thereto.

2. Discussion with possible action to designate the Old Federal Court House, 2nd floor as the new Senior Fitness Center and public library branch, and any other matters incident thereto.

3. Update on the Junked Vehicle Ordinance to better protect the public health and welfare of residents and strengthen corresponding code enforcement efforts with possible action, and any other matters incident thereto.

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

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 II Priority Funds will be used for this project.

- 500 France Ct.

D. **Request by Council Member Alberto Torres, 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 IV Priority Funds will be used for this project.

- 2501 Cedar
- 1700 Plum Street

2. Discussion with possible action to authorize the City Manager to assist H-E-B with the annual "Feast of Sharing" Thanksgiving Dinner Event on Thursday, November 11, 2021 at the Sames Auto Arena, and any other matters incident thereto.

3. Discussion with possible action on the City/County Agreement for the use of effluent water at the County Casa Blanca Golf Course, 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.

- 5413 Campos Drive

2. Discussion with possible action to initiate an inquiry on all K9 deaths within the past two years, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III, Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr, and Council Member Vanessa Perez)**

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

1. Discussion with possible action regarding the street sweeping schedule, and any other matters incident thereto.

2. Discussion with possible action regarding the street resurfacing program and monies allocated to sidewalks, and any other matters incident thereto.

3. Discussion with possible action regarding the re-opening of recreation centers for all, and any other matters incident thereto.

G. **Request by Council Member Vanessa J. Perez**

1. Discussion with possible action on amending Chapter 18 (licenses, permits and miscellaneous business regulations) of the Code of Ordinances by adding a new Article VIII for purposes of establishing a

permitting process for privately owned homes in residential areas for any event in which they are being rented to the general public for a fee, in an effort to protect the health and safety of the guests, adjacent landowners, and community at large, and any other matters incident thereto.

2. Discussion with possible action on the existing policy regarding the public's use of city owned recreational fields and facilities, and the status of the license agreements with all youth and adult sports league organizations who have duly registered with the parks department for exclusive field usage, and any other matters incident thereto.
(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Ruben A. Gutierrez, Jr.)

XVI. ADJOURN

This notice was posted at the Municipal Government Offices, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas, at a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times. Said notice was posted on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 7:45 p.m.

Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary

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