

# **CITY OF LAREDO**

## **RECOGNITION AND COMMUNICATION NOTICE**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1110 HOUSTON STREET  
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040  
February 6, 2023  
11:30 A.M.**

**The Mayor will be presenting the following:**

1. Recognizing Miss Megan Ochoa for their title Miss Laredo USA 2023 and Miss Priscilla Gonzalez for obtaining the title Miss Laredo Teen USA 2023. Megan and Priscilla have been competing at the pageants for multiple years and both say the events have helped shape them to who they are today. Both Megan and Priscilla will be competing for Miss Texas in July in Houston, Texas
2. Recognizing Harmony School of Excellence Laredo for being named official Texas State "Schools of Character" by Character.org, a national advocate and leader for character development in schools. Harmony Laredo is among nine new campuses from Harmony Public Schools around Texas recognized for its outstanding efforts in promoting cultures of character on-campus and in the community.
3. Recognizing Laredoans Mario Aguero, Armando Aguero, and Frank Berlanga of Team Rigor Mortis for competing in the 7th Annual Pelagic Rockstar Offshore Tournament in Costa Rica, one of the largest and richest fishing tournament and achieving the recognition of 1st place in the Tuna Division. **(Sponsored by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.)**
4. Recognizing a design firm, Able City, founded in Laredo, Texas for being named 2022 Firm of the Year by the American Institute of Architects. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr. and Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa)**
5. Recognizing the winners of the 2023 employee bowling tournament that took place on February 2, 2023.

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# **AS AMENDED**

## **CITY OF LAREDO CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**A-2023-R-02**

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

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**1110 HOUSTON STREET**

**LAREDO, TEXAS 78040**

**February 6, 2023**

**12:05 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 Section 30.06 Penal Code (trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun.

Pursuant to Section 30.07 Penal Code (trespass by license holder with an openly carried handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing

law), may not enter this property with a handgun that is carried openly.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**IV. ROLL CALL**

**V. MINUTES**

**Approval of the minutes of November 28, 2022 and January 24, 2023.**

**Citizen comments**

Citizens can participate through in-person and written comments submitted through an online form.

Citizens wishing to provide in-person comments are required to fill out a witness card and submit it to the City Secretary no later than 12:15 p.m. and identify themselves at the microphone. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. Speakers may not pass their minutes to any other speaker. Citizens wishing to submit a written public comment must submit here or visit

<https://www.cityoflaredo.com/council-agendas.html> by 12:15 p.m. the day of the meeting. All comments should be relevant to City business and delivered in a professional manner. No derogatory remarks will be permitted.

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

1. Ratifying the Interim City Manager's appointment of Andy Linares, District 5, to the Keep Laredo Beautiful Board of Directors.
2. Re-appointment by Mayor Dr. Victor Treviño of Gene Lidgren to the Port of Entry Advisory Committee.
3. Re-appointment by Mayor Dr. Victor Treviño of Carlos Blanco, Jr. to the City Utilities Advisory Commission.
4. Re-appointment by Mayor Dr. Victor Treviño of Council Member Ruben Gutierrez, Jr. to the Laredo Economic Development Corporation.

5. Re-appointment by Mayor Dr. Victor Treviño of Elmo Lopez, Jr. of Municipal Hospital Authority Ad-Hoc Committee.
6. Re-appointment by Mayor Dr. Victor Treviño of Dr. Maurice Click to the Municipal Hospital Authority Ad-Hoc Committee.
7. Appointment by Mayor and City Council of Cindy Ruiz to the Animal Care Services Advisory Committee.
8. Appointment by Council Member Gilbert Gonzalez of Oscar Buitron to the Ethics Commission.
9. Appointment by Council Member Gilbert Gonzalez of Maxine Rebeles of the Suicide Prevention Committee.
10. Appointment by Council Member Gilbert Gonzalez of Tomas Izaguirre to the Historic District/Landmark Board.
11. Appointment by Council Member Gilbert Gonzalez of Ernesto Hernandez to the Municipal Hospital Authority Ad-Hoc Committee.
12. Appointment by Council Member Gilbert Gonzalez of Raul Reyes to the Transportation & Traffic Safety Advisory Committee.
13. Appointment by Council Member Melissa Cigarroa of Ricardo A. Solis to the City Utilities Advisory Commission.
14. Appointment by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr. of Marisela S. Jacaman to the Suicide Prevention Committee.
15. Appointment by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr. of Anita Zuñiga Dodier to the Para Transit Advisory Committee.

16. Appointment by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr. of Sabas Zapata III to the Telecommunications Advisory Committee.
17. Appointment by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr. of Cindy Cantu to the Animal Care Services Advisory Committee.
18. Appointment by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr. of Orfelio Quintanilla to the Port of Entry Advisory Committee.
19. Appointment by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr. of Sylvia Bruni to the Ethics Commission.
20. Appointment by Council Member Ruben Gutierrez, Jr. of Earl Medina to the Suicide Prevention Committee.
21. Appointment by Council Member Ruben Gutierrez, Jr. of Monica Reyes to the Animal Care Services Committee.
22. Appointment by Council Member Dr. Tyler King of Gabriel Martinez, LPC to the Suicide Prevention Committee.
23. Appointment by Council Member Dr. Tyler King of Janet Zapata to the Facility Naming & Recognition Commission.
24. Appointment by Council Member Dr. Tyler King of Matias De Llano to the Board of Adjustment.
25. Appointment by Council Member Dr. Tyler King of David Vasquez to the Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

26. Appointment by Council Member Dr. Tyler King of Dr. Maria Garcia, MD to the Municipal Hospital Authority Ad-Hoc Committee.
27. Appointment by Council Member Dr. Tyler King of Mika Ziesman to the Laredo-Webb Drug and Alcohol Committee.
28. Appointment by Council Member Dr. Tyler King of Dr. Mario Flores, MD to the Para Transit Advisory Committee.
29. Appointment by Council Member Dr. Tyler King of Francisco "Paco" Barrientos to the Historic District/Landmark Board.
30. Appointment by Council Member Dr. Tyler King of Arturo Perez to the Cemetery Committee.
31. Re-appointment by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa of Adolfo Martinez to the Ethics Commission.
32. Appointment by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa of Marrett Flores to the Transportation & Traffic Safety Advisory Committee.

## **VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. **Public hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to ratify the acceptance of Federal Aviation Administration Grant No. 3-48-0136-103-2023 and amend the City of Laredo FY 22-23 Airport Operations budget to appropriate the grant funds in the amount of \$2,637,579.00. The purpose of the grant is for the Airport Terminal Program through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL); 95% federal funds (\$2,500,000.00) and 5% (\$131,579.00) local match for a total of \$2,631,579.00. Federal grant funding is available under Airport Operations Budget and providing for an effective date.

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

## **VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES**

2. Authorizing the Release and Abandonment of Easements of Tract "A", a 2,565.5 sq. ft. of land out of an existing utility easement out of Lot 1, Block 1, proposed Green House Subdivision, recorded in Volume 25, Page 157, Webb County, Texas, and more particularly described in the attached Exhibit "A". Tract "B", a 2,504.5 sq. ft. of land out of an existing utility easement out of Lot 1, Block 1, proposed Green House Subdivision,

recorded in Volume 25, Page 157, Webb County, Texas and more particularly described in the attached Exhibit "B". A 33,179.2 sq.ft. tract of land out of an existing utility easement out of Lot 1, Block 1, proposed Green House Subdivision, recorded in Volume 25, Page 157, Webb County, Texas and more particularly described in the attached Exhibit "C", and providing for an effective date.

3. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a Lease Agreement with Kansas City Southern for the properties legally described as all of blocks 679, 724, and 708 Western Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas at a monthly rate of \$400.00 for a thirty-six (36) month lease term with early termination option and providing for an effective date.
4. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all necessary documents to purchase the "Surface Only" of a 0.3211 acre tract out of Lot 5, Block 16, Crown Ridge Subdivision, Phase 1, recorded in Volume 14, Pages 72-73, Plat Records of Webb County, Texas, from River Sea Properties Ltd., for the amount of \$555,000.00. This 0.3211 acre tract being more particularly described in the attached Exhibit "A" and depicted in the attached Exhibit "B"; and providing for an effective date. The parcel is part of the Springfield Extension Project. Funding is available in the 2022 C.O. Bond.
5. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a renewal of a billboard lease with Lamar Outdoor Advertising located on U.S. Highway 83, (US HWY 83 & Thurman St.), referred to as HWY 83 South at Hall St. The term for this parcel will consist of a five (5) year lease, at the annual base rent amount of \$3,600.00 with an additional 20% of revenue generated less the base rent for a 12-month period.
6. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the renewal of a lease agreement with Webb County for its Head Start Program for the following parcels of land at the updated Consumer Price Index (CPI) for a five (5) year term, as referenced below. Except for "Jesus Garcia Head Start", parcel shall be a month-to-month lease. The terms for these parcels will consist of five (5) year leases, with an option to renew an additional term of five (5) years at the adjusted Consumer Price Index (CPI).

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| Jesus Garcia Head Start | 2518 Cedar Avenue     | \$1,008.03 |
| Tatangelo Head Start    | 2200 Zacatecas Street | \$690.53   |
| Villa Alegre Head Start | 3501 Eagle Pass       | \$1,001.05 |
| Coordinators Annex      | 2802 McDonell Avenue  | \$597.43   |

7. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a lease agreement between the Laredo International Airport and Jorge and Mayra Enterprises Inc. for approximately 5,590 square feet located at Hangar No. 3, at 5513 Thomas Avenue, Laredo, Webb County, Texas situated on property described as Block No. 1, of the subdivision plat of Laredo Airport according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 5, Page 1, plat records of Webb County, Texas. The lease term is for five (5) years and may be extended for one (5) year option until February 28, 2027. The initial monthly rent shall be \$1,437.00 a month and will be adjusted annually according to changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and providing for an effective date.
8. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all necessary documents granting a 10-foot perpetual easement and right-of-way to AEP Texas Central Company to install, construct and maintain certain electric distribution facilities. Easement would be located on an 8.93 acre tract of land at the Laredo International Airport and providing for an effective date.
9. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute legal documents conveying to CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., a utility easement containing 0.093 acres and a fifteen foot (15') wide access easement containing 0.103 acres being more or less out of a 125 acre tract of land out of a 490.78 acre tract of land tract 5 Cuatro Vientos South, Ltd Vol. 4225, Pages 242-258, Webb County Texas being more particularly described by

the attached Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" attached hereto and made part of, and providing for an effective date.

**IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

10. **2023-O-011** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by amending Ordinance 2016-O-139, which authorized a Conditional Use Permit for an amusement redemption machine establishment on Lot 1, Block 1, Anil Associates, Limited Liability Company, Phase I, located at 9110 McPherson Road in order to remove Anil Gupta and Yam Ping Li and replace with Anil Gupta and Jorge Vicencio Barcen as the parties to whom the permit is issued.

**ZC-095-2022**

**District VI**

11. **2023-O-012** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for a restaurant serving alcohol on Lot 4-A, Block 8-A, Las Brisas Del Mar Subdivision, located at 8602 McPherson Road, Suites 101 and 102 (2,057 square feet).

**ZC-001-2023**

**District V**

12. **2023-O-013** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 1, KGNS Plat, located at 120 Del Mar Boulevard, from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District).

**ZC-002-2023**

**District VII**

13. **2023-O-014** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 12, Lot 11 and west 1/2 of Lot 10, Block 1702, Eastern Division, located at 1401 North Arkansas Avenue and 2806 Corpus Christi Street, from B-1 (Limited Business District) and R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District).

**ZC-003-2023**

**District III**

14. **2023-O-015** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 6 and Lot 7, Block 977, Western Division, located at 3801 San Bernardo Avenue and 3802 Santa Ursula Avenue, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District).

**ZC-004-2023**

**District VIII**

15. **2023-O-016** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 7,418.05 square feet tract of land (0.17 acres), being the east 53.41 feet of Lot 5, Block 572, Eastern Division, City of Laredo, being the same tract of land conveyed in a deed recorded in Volume 5367, page 327, Webb County Official Public Records, Webb County Texas, located at 1020 San Pedro Street, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to R-O (Residential Office District).

**ZC-015-2023**

**District IV**

16. **2023-O-017** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning an approximately 0.057 acres tract of land (east 32.3 feet) out of Lot 9, Block 1574, Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, located at 2606 Jaime Zapata Memorial Highway, from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District).

**ZC-016-2023**

**District III**



17. **2023-O-018** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning an approximately 7.83 acre tract of land situated in Porcion 34, Abstract 762, Jose Antonio Diaz, Original Grantee, within the limits of the City of Laredo, in Webb County, Texas, said 7.83 acre tract being out and part of 4V Holdings, Limited Tract I (148.91 acres), Tract II (8.72 acres), and Tract III (1.33 acres) as recorded in Volume 3702, pages 643-646 of the Webb County Deed Records, Webb County Texas, located east of Cuatro Vientos Road and south of Wright Ranch Boulevard, from B-4 (Highway Commercial District) to B-3 (Community Business District).

**ZC-017-2023**

**District I**

18. **2023-O-019** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning an approximately 2.93 acre tract of land, situated in Porcion 34, Abstract 762, Jose Antonio Diaz, Original Grantee, within the limits of the City of Laredo, in Webb County, Texas, said 2.93 acre tract being out and part of 4V Holdings, Limited Tract I (148.91 acres) as recorded in Volume 3702, pages 643-646 of the Webb County Deed Records, Webb County Texas, located east of Cuatro Vientos Road and south of Bluestone Creek Boulevard, from B-4 (Highway Commercial District) to B-3 (Community Business District).

**ZC-018-2023**

**District I**

19. **2023-O-020** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 60 and 61, Block 7, Lomas del Sur Subdivision, located 4231 and 4233 Katiana Drive, from R-1A (Single-Family Reduced Area) to B-1 (Limited Business District).

**ZC-020-2023**

**District II**

20. **2023-O-021** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning an approximately 28.37 acres of land situated in Porcion 10, Abstract 280, Tomas Sanchez original grantee same being out of a called 104.59 acre tract as recorded in Volume 5044, Pages 429-435, Webb County Official Public Records, located north of FM 1472 and east of Copper Mine Road, from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

**ZC-024-2023**

**District VII**

21. **2023-O-022** Amending the FY 2022-2023 9-1-1 Regional Administration budget by appropriating additional revenues and expenditures provided by the Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) in the amount of \$684,680.00 to provide additional funding for Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb and Zapata counties for the period beginning September 1, 2021 and ending August 31, 2023. Funding will be used for operating expenses which include equipment, maintenance, training and other services.
22. **2023-O-023** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 with a local match of \$20,200.00 for a total of \$40,200.00 from the National Endowment of Arts and to amend the FY 2023 Keep Laredo Beautiful Fund by appropriating revenues and expenses in the same amount. Funding for the local match will be from Environmental Services, General Fund-Parks, and District VI Priority Funds.
23. **2023-O-024** Setting the construction speed zone limit on SH359 from 65 mph to 55 mph, approximately 280 feet after Dasaw Lane (Mile point 7.781) to approximate 3,405 feet after Camino Nuevo Road (Mile Point 11.053/3.272 miles) as defined in the Texas Department of Transportation Control Section Map 0086-01 to be in effective upon receipt of approved City Ordinance.
24. **2023-O-025** Ordinance to rescind Ordinance 2022-O-190 Authorizing the Interim City Manager to negotiate and execute all documents necessary to complete the sale of the "Surface Only" of City right-of-way for the amount of \$1,735,441.69 to Texas Department of Transportation. City property is located at 9402 NE Bob Bullock Loop in Laredo,

Texas, Webb County; legally described as Fire Station No. 12, Block 1, Lot 1A. The City of Laredo reserves any and all visible and apparent easements recorded or not recorded; approving and providing for an effective date.

25. **2023-O-027** Amending Ordinance 2010-O-139, which adopted the speed hump installation policy of the City of Laredo, to amend language in the policy to reflect the use of asphalt speed humps instead of rubber speed cushions; to revise the special revision by removing the minimum requirements for one official accident report, to reduce the number of signatures required by residents, and to incorporate other changes to the installation procedures providing for publication and effective date.
26. **2023-O-028** Authorizing the City Manager to execute a License Agreement with Cellco Partnership, a Delaware General Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless ("Licensee"), for ground space and tower space at city owned tower located at 1500 Water Street, Laredo, Webb County, Texas, for the operation of their communications equipment and related ground facilities. Term of License is one (1) initial term of five (5) years commencing on the first day of installation or 180 days following the effective date and ending on midnight on the day before the 5th anniversary, with five (5) additional five (5) year renewal options. The annual fee will be \$30,000.00 with a three percent (3%) annual escalator. The city will also receive a \$7,500.00 one-time payment for the processing and documenting of this License.
27. **2023-O-029** Amending Chapter 15, Article I, of the Code of Ordinances by adding Section 15-16 to be entitled "Detoxification Department" establishing a Detoxification Department; designating a Director with supervisory responsibility over the department; providing a severability clause and an effective date.
28. **2023-O-030** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to amend the FY22-23 Full-Time Equivalent Position Listing by creating one (1) Director, R45, position, one (1) Disease Intervention Manager, R39, position, nine (9) Registered Nurse II, R38, positions, twelve (12) Public Health Technicians, R36, positions, one (1) Pharmacy Technician, R29, position, one (1) Nurse Practitioner Supervisor, R40 position, two (2) Caseworkers, R34, positions, one (1) Grant Coordinator, R35, position, one (1) Licensed Professional Counselor, R37, position, two (2) Clerk III, R27, positions, one (1) Building Maintenance Mechanic, R28, position, and one (1) Custodian, R23, position, for the City of Laredo/Webb Detoxification Center.

## **X. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

### **AIRPORT: STAFF SOURCE GILBERTO SANCHEZ, AIRPORT DIRECTOR**

29. Consideration to renew and amend contract FY22-025 to Madison Avenue Marketing, Laredo, TX to allow for a 25% increase of \$22,500.00 to the contract, for a new annual total of \$112,500.00. These services are for airport and airline marketing campaigns that will include: social media management, professional videography & photography, website management and graphic design. This is the first extension, one (1) year renewal, of two (2) renewal options, contingent upon mutual agreement and availability of funds. Funding is available in the International Airport Budget.
30. Consideration to approve a five-year contract for the City of Laredo International Airport with the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE), from Alexandria, VA, in an amount not to exceed \$177,500.00 for an Interactive Employee Training Software that consists of updates for compliance-based training content that covers 14 CFR Part 139 regulations. The American Association of Airport Executives is the sole-protected

distributor for the trainings in the United States. Funding is available in the International Airport Budget.

**BRIDGE: STAFF SOURCE YVETTE LIMON, BRIDGE DIRECTOR**

31. Authorizing Interim City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with State of Tamaulipas, Mexico for the purpose of working together on the World Trade Bridge Expansion Project.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: STAFF SOURCE TINA MARTINEZ, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

32. **2023-R-028** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute an agreement and accept a land donation from Watson-Laredo Company, Ltd. a 1.977 acre tract more particularly described on the attached Exhibit A. Parcel intended use is for Hike and Bike Trail. The parcel has an estimated value of \$98,850.00
33. **2023-R-045** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application to AEP Texas for the AEP Texas Targeted Low-Income Program in the estimated amount of \$55,000.00 and to execute all necessary documents. The program will provide for the replacement of complete central air conditioning and heating units for an estimated 15 Noise Abatement home properties. The estimated project cost is \$100,000.00, which includes a City match of \$45,000.00. Funding for the grant match is available in the Noise Abatement Fund.
34. **2023-R-051** Accepting the conveyance of a fifteen (15) foot wide utility easement from SSP Estates, Inc, containing 10,839 square feet more or less situated in Lot 1 & 2, Block 2, N.D. Hachar Industrial Park, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas. Being more particularly described by the attached Exhibit "A" and "B" attached hereto and made part of; and providing for an effective date.
35. Approving the submission of the HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) as a substantial amendment to the fiscal year 2021 annual action plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to request for funding in the amount of \$4,199,095. Also authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute all documents as a result of the plan's submission. The plan identifies the activities proposed to be funded by HUD through the HOME-ARP Program.

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| Administration and Planning              | \$600,000.00   |
| Development of Affordable Rental Housing | \$2,800,000.00 |
| Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)    | \$449,095.00   |
| Supportive Services                      | \$350,000.00   |
| Total                                    | \$4,199,095.00 |

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

36. Consideration for approval of FY22-ENG-21 Uni-Trade Stadium stud wall repairs as complete, approval of change order No. 2 a decrease in the amount of \$20,720.00 for the reduction of the scope of work, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$27,235.80 to R&A Construction, LLC., Laredo Texas. The final construction contract amount is \$272,358.00. Funding is available in the Sports Venue Fund - Uni-Trade Operations.
37. Consideration for approval of the Freddie Benavides Park Baseball Outfield Fence Project FY22-ENG-30 as complete, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$6,969.00 to Midas Contractors LLC, Laredo, Texas. The final construction

contract amount is \$69,690.00 and a total of sixty (60) working days. Funding is available in District Priority Fund 2019 C.O. Bond.

38. Consideration for approval of the Freddie Benavides Park Baseball Field Concrete Columns and Iron Fence Project FY22-ENG-31 as complete, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$13,219.50 to Midas Contractors LLC, Laredo, Texas. The final construction contract amount is \$132,195.00 and a total of sixty 60 working days. Funding is available in District Priority Fund 2019 and 2021 C.O. Bonds.
39. Consideration for approval of FY22-ENG-32 Freddie Benavides Park Baseball Field Concession Stand & Restrooms Upgrades Project, as complete, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$18,145.00 to Midas Contractors LLC, Laredo, Texas. The final construction contract amount is \$181,450.00. Funding is available in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 CDBG Grant Years.
40. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into and execute the Advance Funding Agreement (CSJ #0922-33-213) for Surface Transportation Program-Metropolitan Mobility Off-System by and between the State of Texas acting by and through the Texas Department of Transportation called the "State", and the City of Laredo acting by and through its duly authorized officials, called "Local Government". The Agreement is for the design and construction to widen the existing World Trade Bridge (Structure #22-240-0-B013-76-001) with two additional lanes; and the addition of a new northbound bridge proposed to carry eight lanes of traffic located downstream of the existing bridge. The existing World Trade Bridge will eventually become the southbound once the proposed northbound bridge is in place. Project cost is estimated at \$24,779,118, with federal participation in the amount of \$1,000,000, state participation in the amount of \$1,296,618 and local participation in the amount of \$22,482,500 as shown in attachment B-Project Budget of the agreement. The estimated amount obligated under this agreement by the City of Laredo is \$1,460,000 and is available in the Bridge Construction Fund. The remainder local participation obligation of \$21 million will be funded with the sale of future bonds and/or SIB loan.
41. **2023-R-053** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, expressing the City's support for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to designate Hachar-Reuthinger extension as a new location On-System Roadway from FM 1472 to IH35 West Frontage road. The City of Laredo will be obligated to assume future responsibility to operate and maintain Spur 400, San Bernardo Ave., and Jaime Zapata Memorial Highway; and providing an effective date.

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

42. Consideration to award contract FY23-023 to Night Owl Security, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated annual amount of \$1,500,000.00 for providing city wide security guard services at various municipal buildings/locations. This vendor is being recommended for a contract award based on a best value evaluation criteria. The term of this contract shall be for a period of two (2) years, subject to future appropriations, beginning as of the date of its execution. Contract has the option for three renewal extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the respective departmental budgets.

**FIRE: STAFF SOURCE GUILLERMO HEARD, FIRE CHIEF**

43. **2023-R-047** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$339,031.00 to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program. If awarded, this grant will provide funding to establish a Wellness and Fitness Program to provide National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) approved physicals, laboratory testing, comprehensive cancer screenings, and cardiovascular and fitness exams for all firefighters. The City of Laredo shall agree to make available non-federal funds in an amount equal to less than 10% of the grant awarded from the General Fund. Grant will be accounted for in the Special Fire Grants Fund.
44. **2023-R-048** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit grant application in the amount of \$1,339,733.00 to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA),

Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program. If awarded, this grant will provide funding to purchase a new ladder fire truck. The City of Laredo shall agree to make available non-federal funds in an amount equal to not less than 10% of the grant awarded from General Fund. Grant will be accounted for in the Special Fire Grants Fund.

45. Consideration to approve a contract with CPAT Distribution, Inc. Murrieta, CA, in the amount of \$114,169.03 for the purchase of nationally recognized agility test package, which includes, fitness and exercise equipment, tools, and gear. These items are manufactured to the specifications of the IAFF/IAFC Fire Service Joint Labor Management Candidate Physical Ability Test, which will be used by the upcoming entrance exam agility testing. CPAT Distribution, Inc. is the sole distributor of these items sold as a kit. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund.
46. Consideration to approve a Student Affiliation Agreement between Laredo Medical Center and the City of Laredo Fire Department to provide clinical education for the Laredo Fire Department Paramedic School which is accredited with CoAEMSP. No financial impact.
47. Consideration to approve a contract with Siddons-Martin Emergency Group Denton, Texas, and Metro Fire Apparatus Specialists, Inc., Houston, Texas, in the amount of \$1,450,212.00 for the purchase of two (2) replacement Spartan S-180 Pumpers, \$690,207.00 for one (1) replacement Pierce Enforcer Pumper, and \$1,282,005.00 for one (1) replacement Pierce Enforcer Aerial Ladder Truck. The grand total for all four (4) fire trucks is \$3,442,424.00. Funding is available in the 2022 C.O. Bonds.

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

48. Consideration to award annual contracts FY23-027, Outside Tire Repair Contract to the following vendors:

- Section I: outside tire repairs for mid-size vehicles: Southern Tire Mart, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$75,000.00 (Primary Vendor);
- Toro Auto Sales, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$65,000.00 (Secondary Vendor); and
- Border Tire, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$45,000.00 (Secondary Vendor);
  
- Section II: outside tire repairs for heavy trucks: Southern Tire Mart, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$50,000.00 (Primary Vendor);
- Toro Auto Sales, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$35,000.00 (Secondary Vendor); and
- Border Tire, Laredo, Texas in amount up to \$20,000.00 (Secondary Vendor);
  
- Section III: outside tire repairs industrial: Southern Tire Mart, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$60,000.00 (Primary Vendor).

All outside tire repair services will be secured on an as needed basis. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This contract can be renewed three (3) additional one (1) year extension periods upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Fleet Management Fund.

49. Consideration to award contract FY23-029 to the sole bidder Nueces Power Equipment, Laredo, Texas in an annual amount up to \$250,000.00 for the purchase of Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) parts/services for the City's Liebherr heavy

equipment. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This contract may be extended for three additional one (1) year periods. Funding is available in the Fleet Management Budget.

50. Consideration to award contract (parts only) FY23-026 for the purchase of Chevrolet/GM Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) parts to the following vendor's:

1) Gonzalez Auto Parts, Laredo, TX in an amount of up to \$125,000.00 (Primary Vendor);

2) Toro Auto Sales, Laredo, TX in an amount of up to \$75,000.00 (Secondary Vendor);

for the City's fleet vehicle repairs. 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 budget appropriations. This contract can be renewed three (3) additional one (1) year extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. All parts will be purchased on an as needed basis and funding will be secured from the Fleet Management Fund.

51. Consideration to renew annual supply contract FY21-079 with Hydrhose Services, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$55,000.00 for the fabrication of hydraulic hoses with fittings for the City's heavy equipment. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. The contract may be extended for one (1) additional year, each upon mutual agreement of the parties and contingent upon future funding appropriations. There was no price increase during the last extension period. All hoses will be purchased on an as-needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Management Budget.

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

52. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into License Agreements with various local league associations who have met the requirements as set under the Agreement, for the use of city playing fields for youth and adult programs, the term of each agreement being from March 1, 2023, through December 15, 2023; a \$10 fee per player per year, or \$5 per player per year if they have a current membership card for any City of Laredo recreation facility will be required for all players participating in local leagues that have entered into Temporary License Agreements with the City of Laredo to use the City's facilities for baseball, softball, basketball, soccer, and flag football programs for the benefit of the youth/adults of Laredo.

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

53. **2023-R-025** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$44,527.00, to the Office of the Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division for the purpose of funding the State Homeland Security Program - Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities Grant. This funding will be utilized to purchase one (1) complete Med Eng EOD 10E bomb suit for the Laredo Police Department (LPD) Bomb Squad Unit. No local match is required. Grant will be accounted for in the Special Police Fund.
54. **2023-R-026** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$202,613.00 to the Office of the Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) for the purpose of funding the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)-Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA) Grant. This funding will be utilized to upgrade core components of the Andros F6 Remotec bomb disposal robot assigned to the Laredo Police Department (LPD) Bomb Squad Unit. No local match is required. Grant will be accounted for in the Special Police Fund.
55. **2023-R-030** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$350,000.00 to the Office of the Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) for the purpose of funding the 2023 State Homeland Security

Program-Competitive National Priority Area Project (SHSP-NPA) Grant for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024. This funding will be used to enhance the Laredo Police Department's information technology and cybersecurity systems in order to protect it from any internal and external threats. No local match is required. Grant will be accounted for in the Special Police Fund.

56. **2023-R-031** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$52,000.00, to the Office of the Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division for the purpose of funding the 2023 State Homeland Security Program for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024. This funding will be utilized to upgrade and replace SWAT communications gear and to purchase portable and accessible breaching equipment necessary in the prevention and response to terrorist events and targeted violence. No local match is required. Grant will be accounted for in the Special Police Fund.
57. **2023-R-032** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$500,000.00 to the Office of the Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division for the purpose of funding the 2024 Local Border Security Program (LBSP) for the period of September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024. This grant does not require matching funds. Funding will be used to pay for overtime to increase patrol security along the Texas-Mexico border. Grant will be accounted for in the Special Police Fund.
58. **2023-R-034** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$83,000.00 to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the FY 2024 General Victim Assistance Program Grant under the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024. This grant will fund the salary of the Crime Victims Service Coordinator position, supplies affiliated with the grant program, and training. No local match is required. Grant will be accounted for in the Special Police Fund.
59. **2023-R-035** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$31,500.00 to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the FY 2024 First Responder Mental Health Grant, Peer Support Program. The grant performance period will be October 01, 2023, through September 30, 2024. The Laredo Police Department will utilize this funding to obtain a professional service contract for Clinical Advisory for trauma and work-related counseling, training, and outreach supplies for the sustainment of the LPD Peer Support Program. No local match is required. Grant will be accounted for in the Special Police Fund.
60. **2023-R-036** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$24,500.00 to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the FY 2024 Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program Grant for the period of October 01, 2023, through September 30, 2024. This grant will provide funding for Crimes Against Women training for Laredo Police Department personnel. The City of Laredo will be responsible for a required match of 30% of total project funds. Funding will be available in the Special Police Fund.
61. **2023-R-037** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$50,000.00 to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division, to fund the FY 2024 Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Program for the period of October 01, 2023, through September 30, 2024. This funding will provide overtime funds for details which will utilize target enforcement techniques against criminal and transnational organizations responsible for violent criminal activity. No local match is required. Grant will be accounted for in the Special Police Fund.
62. **2023-R-040** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$125,000.00 to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the funding of FY2024 Criminal Justice Grant Program-Laredo Police Department Mental Health/Crisis Intervention Unit for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024. This funding will be utilized for overtime, training,

and for the purchase of a police vehicle for the LPD Mental Health/Crisis Intervention Unit. No local match is required. Grant will be accounted for in the Special Police Fund.

63. **2023-R-041** Authorizing the Interim City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$277,116.60 from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the purpose of funding the 2023 Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program for the period of October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023. The purpose of this grant program is to provide law enforcement agencies with funding to equip peace officers with bullet-resistant shields. This grant will fund the purchase of 90 bullet resistant shields. No local match is required. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund.
64. Consideration to award a software maintenance contract to Tyler Technologies, Inc. of Plano, Texas, in the amount of \$339,226.96. This maintenance contract will provide customer support and service for the Public Safety computer software system utilized by the Police, Fire, and Municipal Court Departments. The term of the contract is for twelve (12) months commencing on January 1, 2023, and ending on December 31, 2023. Funding is available in the General Fund - Police and Fire Budget.
65. Consideration to authorize the purchase of ninety (90) bullet resistant shields for the Laredo Police Department in the amount of \$277,116.60 from Galls through the Buyboard Cooperative Purchasing Program's contract pricing. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund - Bullet Resistant Shield Grant Program.

**TRAFFIC SAFETY: STAFF SOURCE ROBERT F. PENA,**  
**INTERIM TRAFFIC DIRECTOR**

66. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one (1) 2023 Ford F-550 Bucket Truck in the total amount of \$209,245.00 from Silsbee Ford, Silsbee, Texas through the GoodBuy Cooperative Purchasing Program's contract pricing. Funding is available in General Fund-Traffic Budget.
67. Consideration to award annual supply contract FY23-028 for the purchase of speed hump signs and marking from Pathmark Traffic Equipment, LLC., San Marcos, Texas, in an amount up to \$70,000.00. All speed hump signs and marking will be secured on an as needed basis. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This contract can be renewed three (3) additional one (1) year extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the General Fund - Traffic Safety Department.

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

68. Consideration to renew supply contract number FY22-032 with the following vendors:

1) Section III: Core & Main, St. Louis, Missouri, in an amount up to \$284,888.75;

2) Section I & II: Ferguson Waterworks, Mission, Texas in an amount up to \$1,076,353.90;

For the purchase of brass fittings and valves for the Utilities Department. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This contract can be extended two (2) additional one (1) year periods, upon mutual agreement. Funding is available in the Waterworks and Sewer System Funds.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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**XI. STAFF REPORTS**



69. 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.
70. Status report with possible action by the Utilities Department on the water, including but not limited to quality, infrastructure, level status, improvements, and any other matters incident thereto.
71. Discussion with possible action to finalize and approve the 2023 Federal Legislative Agenda, and any other matters incident thereto.
72. Discussion with possible action to consider a first request for an extension of Injury Leave with Pay in accordance with 143.073 (b) of the Texas Local Government Code for Patrol Officer Christopher Garza of 90 working days. Human Resources Department and Police Department recommend an extension.

**XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

73. Request for Executive Session regarding personnel matters pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to deliberate the appointment of and employment agreement with Joseph Neeb as City Manager, return to open session for possible action on the appointment of a City Manager, and any other matters incident thereto.
74. Request for Executive Session regarding personnel matters pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 for a City Charter Section 2.06 inquiry into official conduct of Laredo Police Officers involved in Cause No. 2022CVK001669D1; Ricardo Richie Rangel, Jr. v. Daisy Campos Rodriguez; in the 49th District Court of Webb County, Texas; return to open session for possible action; and any other matters incident thereto.

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

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

**75. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Request by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino**

1. Discussion with possible action to create a Special Needs Ad Hoc Committee to report on issues impacting the special needs community. Some of these issues involving quality of life, potential job training and creation, healthcare challenges, etc., and any other matters incident thereto.

2. Discussion with possible action to approve a Memorandum of Understanding/Entendimiento between the City of Laredo and State of Tamaulipas related to the World Trade Bridge Expansion and any other matters incident thereto.

**B. Request by Council Member Ruben Gutierrez, Jr.**

1. Discussion with possible action to instruct Interim 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.

-1100 Andrew Lane

2. Discussion with possible action to create a Suicide Prevention Committee and any matters incident thereto. **(Co-sponsored by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr. and Council Member Dr. Tyler King)**

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

1. Discussion with possible action requesting the City Attorney's Office to explain the legal ruling by Judge Susan Reed, visiting judge for the 49th District Court, on February 1, 2023, regarding the District 2 election contest, including any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to request legal to draft an ordinance in furtherance of Chapter 2.06 of the City of Laredo Charter, including any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Melissa Cigarroa)**

**XV. 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 is posted on Friday, February 3, 2023 at 12:05 p.m.

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Jose A. Valdez, Jr.  
City Secretary