

CITY OF LAREDO
RECOGNITION AND COMMUNICATION NOTICE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
February 21, 2023
5:00 P.M.

The Mayor will be presenting the following:

1. Recognizing fourth-grade teacher, Karina Ramos of Juarez-Lincoln Elementary School for her actions in saving the life of one of her students. On January 20, 2023, Ramos saved the life of Caylee Gualito, who was visibly choking as she was eating her lunch.
2. Recognizing three very talented United High School Band students, ***Bass Clarinet Kelly Prado (Senior), Flutist Fernanda Veloz (Senior) and Bari Sax Diego S. Briones (Junior)***, for their amazing musical talents. All three UHS band members earned a spot in the Honors Performance Series (HPS) which features extremely talented young musicians from all across the country and overseas. ***Kelley, Fernanda and Diego*** spent several days in New York City rehearsing under the direction of renowned, master conductors. Their 5-day trip culminated with a once-in-a-lifetime performance at the prestigious Carnegie Hall. These three young musicians are already making a difference as community role models!
3. Recognizing the Latin American International Sports Hall of Fame 47th Class local inductees:
 - Former Alexander basketball player, Andy Garcia, who was inducted for being the first ever Hispanic McDonald's All-American back in 2008. In 2015, he was the ABA Semi-Pro League's 3-point contest champion as he played for the Laredo Swarm.
 - Former Cigarroa runner Maria de Los Angeles Pantoja Zavala is arguably one of, if not the best women's track star from the Gateway City. She was inducted as she holds a handful of city records. She is the Cigarroa record-holder in 800-meter run, 100-meter hurdles, 300-meter hurdles and triple jump.
 - Joey Munoz, a former Martin runner, was the other track star inducted. Munoz excelled in track and cross-country for the Tigers. He became a district champion in 110- and 300-meter hurdles. He continued to run beyond high school, participating in local 5 and 10Ks.
 - Coach Armando Rodriguez, a United graduate, has excelled as a youth baseball manager. He helped two local 12U teams reach the regional tournament in 1993 and 2009, respectively. In 2013, he helped a local 16U team appear in the Little League World Series.
 - Coach Eddie Mendiola, a Nixon graduate, was honored as he is a former Special Olympics Coach of the Year in Texas — an accolade he achieved in 2018. He has

been an adaptive physical education coach since 2004.

- Tom Benavides, a Bruni native, was named Sportsman of the Year thanks to his contributions in the local sports scene — primarily combat sports as he enjoys practicing Judo, Tae Kwon Do, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and Skydiving.

4. Recognizing the Alexander High School Girls swim team and United High School boys swim teams on their victories for the District 30-6A titles. Alexander High School Girls also won the Region VIII 6A Championship. Both United High School Boys & Girls teams finished 6th respectively out of 26 schools.
5. Recognizing the J. W. Nixon High School Mustang Basketball Team for winning District 30-5A Champions.
6. Recognizing Carlos Carreon for receiving an All-State title and performing at the Texas Music Educators Association with the All State 5A Symphonic Band on February 11, 2023.
7. Recognizing Isabella Lopez, a Soprano One choir singer, for being selected as a member of the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) All-State Mixed Choir; and performing at the TMEA Convention on February 11, 2023.
8. Recognizing Nestor Olguín for receiving an All-State title and performing at the Texas Music Educators Association with the All State 5A Symphonic Band on February 11, 2023.

**AS AMENDED
CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
A-2023-R-03**

**LIVE WEB LINK: <http://laredotx.swagit.com/live>
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5:30 P.M.**



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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

IV. ROLL CALL

V. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of January 17, 2023, and February 6, 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 5:45 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 5:45 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. RECOGNITION

1. Recognizing Rosario C. Cabello for her dedication and commitment to the City of Laredo during her tenure as Interim City Manager.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Welcome and Introduction of City Manager Joseph Neeb.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño of himself to the Employee of the Quarter and Employee of the Year Selection Committee.
2. Appointment by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño of Council member Alberto Torres, Jr. to the Audit & Accountability Committee
3. Appointment by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño of Council Member Ruben Gutierrez, Jr. to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).
4. Appointment by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño of Council Member Melissa Cigarroa to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).
5. Appointment by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño of Veronica Ordunez to the Blue Ribbon Committee for People with Disabilities.
6. Appointment by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño of Roberto Santos to the Airport Advisory Board.
7. Appointment by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño of Guadalupe De Leon to the Municipal Civil Service Commission
8. Appointment by Council Member Gilbert Gonzalez of Amber Avis to the Laredo Commission for Women.
9. Appointment by Council Member Gilbert Gonzalez of Mario Rodriguez to the Max A. Mandel Municipal Golf Course Advisory Committee.
10. Appointment by Council Member Melissa Cigarroa of Luz Infante to the Animal Care Services Advisory Committee.

11. Appointment by Council Member Melissa Cigarroa of Ana Saenz to the Suicide Prevention Committee.
12. Appointment by Council Member Melissa Cigarroa of Jorge Dominguez to the Board of Adjustment.
13. Appointment by Council Member Melissa Cigarroa of Roberto Quiroga to the Municipal Civil Service Commission.
14. Appointment by Council Member Ruben Gutierrez, Jr. of Jesus Martinez to the Municipal Service Committee.
15. Appointment by Council Member Tyler King of Rick Benavides, III, JD to the Municipal Civil Service Commission.
16. Appointment by Council Member Vanessa Perez of Jaime Montes to the Suicide Prevention Committee.

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 6.79 acres, situated in Porcion 45, Tomas Jose de Oribe, Original Grantee, Dolores Garcia, Patentee, Abstract 54, Webb County, Texas, said 6.7912 acres being out of Part 6 of the San Rafael Farm Partition, called to contain 302.177 acres, as described and recorded in Volume 555, Pages 34-38, Official Public Records of Webb County, Texas, conveyed to Killam Ranch Properties, Limited, as per Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 1333, Pages 298-299, Official Public Records of Webb County, Texas, located west of US Highway 83 and south of Modular Boulevard, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District).

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

ZC-021-2023
District II

2. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 2.05 acres, partitioned out of Lot 1, Block 1, Martinez Plat (5.10 acres), Recorded in Volume 36, Page 8, Webb County Map Records, located at 21314 FM 1472 Road, from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

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

ZC-025-2023
District VII

3. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 28, El Rancho Subdivision, Unit 1, located at 4120 Pecan Circle Drive from R-3 (Mixed Residential 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-026-2023
District III

4. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, Block 908, Western Division, located at 1702, 1704, 1714, 1716, 1718, and 1720 Lafayette Street, 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-027-2023
District VIII

5. Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 2.58 acres, called Fernando Bruno Tract, described in "Warranty Deed" dated October 6, 1952, recorded in Volume 227, Pages 187-188, Deed Records Webb County, Texas, situated in Porcion 28, Eugenio Martinez Heirs, Original Grantee, Abstract 241, Webb County, Texas, located west of Bob Bullock Loop and south of East Saunders Street from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District).

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

ZC-028-2023
District IV

6. Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 24.91 acres, being the surface only out of an 85.07 acre tract part of the remaining portion of 300 acres conveyed to Dolores Land Company Trust, recorded in Volume 1406, Page 437, Official Public Records of Webb County, Texas, situated in Survey 1462, Abstract 502, Webb County, Texas, located west of FM 1472 Road and north of State Highway 255 from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

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

ZC-029-2023
District VII

7. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending Laredo Land Development Code, Article IV, Section 24.63.2, entitled Permitted Uses, by adding Plasma Center (Plasma Collection Service) to the permitted uses in B-3 (Community Business District), and B-4 (Highway Commercial District) zoning districts, amending Section 24.65.14, B-3 (Community Business District) and Section 24.65.15, B-4 (Highway Commercial District), to add a minimum one (1) mile (5,280 feet) separation distance requirement between Plasma Centers, and amending Appendix A, entitled Definitions, by adding the definition of "Plasma Center (Plasma Collection Service)," providing that the ordinance shall be cumulative, providing for severability clause, and providing for publication and effective date.

Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **approval** of the proposed ordinance amendment as presented to Council, and Staff **supports** the ordinance amendment.

8. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending the City of Laredo Subdivision Ordinance Section 2-1 to exempt tracts of land within the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction of the City of Laredo that are used exclusively by a public utility service provider for the delivery of a public utility service from the platting requirements of the Subdivision Ordinance of the City of Laredo; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; providing for publication and effective date.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **approval** of the proposed ordinance amendment. Staff **supports** the proposed amendment.

9. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a contract with United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Section 108 Loan, establishing the Section 108 - Southern Hotel Fund, and appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$4,115,000.00. Section 108 Loan funds will be utilized for the rehabilitation of an existing City-owned historical building known as the Southern Hotel located downtown at the 1200 block of Matamoros St., for the purpose of providing twenty-two (22) mixed income affordable rental housing units of which thirteen (13) will be designated for low-moderate income households.
10. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services for Public Health Infrastructure Funding and amend the FY 22-23 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the additional amount of \$601,178.00 for a total amount of \$2,601,178.00, with no match for the City of Laredo Health Department for the term period December 1, 2022, through November 30, 2027.
11. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services, amending the Health Department Fund FY22-23 Budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$150,000.00, and amending the FY22-23 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Position Listing by adding one (1) Health Equity Analyst, 208 position, and (1) one Public Health Technician, 206 position, for the City of Laredo Health Department Public Health Fellowship Program, for the term period from June 1, 2023, through May 31, 2024.
12. Authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a contract with Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc. for the Prosperemos Juntos / Thriving Together Learning Collaborative funding and amend the FY 22-23 Budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$5,000.00, with no match for the City of Laredo Health Department for the term period March 8, 2023, through August 31, 2023.
13. Authorizing the City Manager to accept a supplemental grant and amend the Financial Task Force Fund Budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$25,000.00. 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 salaries, overtime, fringe benefits, and operational expenses from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2023, for the Laredo Police Department- HIDTA Task Force.

14. An ordinance of the City of Laredo amending the Laredo Land Development Code, Section 24.65.9, entitled R-1B Single Family High Density District, and Section 24.77.1, entitled Dimensional Standards, to allow for R-1B zoning in the eastern and western divisions, revising requirements in R-1B (Single Family High Density District) zoning districts, and revising the minimum lot width required in R-1B zones in the eastern and western divisions from 35 feet to 34 feet, providing that the ordinance shall be cumulative, providing for severability clause, and providing for publication and effective date.
15. **Public Hearing** and adoption of the Future Thoroughfare Plan as Appendix "D" of the City of Laredo's Comprehensive Plan.
16. Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for a Bar (with Videogame Center) on Lot 1, Block 1, Alexander Ranch Milenia Professional Plaza, located at 2715 East Del Mar Boulevard Unit A8 (3184.85 square feet). (Approval will require three-fourths majority vote of all members)

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **denial** of the proposed conditional use permit and staff **does not support** the application.

ZC-019-2023
District V

(Recess)
(Press Availability)

X. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

17. An Ordinance setting the construction speed zone limit on IH 35 to 60 mph at approximately 580 feet after loop 20 (mile point 8.195) to approximately 180 feet after Port Laredo rd. (mile point 0.664 / 4.535 mile) as defined in the Texas Department of Transportation control section map 18-5 & 18-6.
18. Authorizing the City Manager to revert the conveyance of the "surface only" of a tract of land containing approximately 1.357 acres (59,106.17 sq. ft.) more or less, being out of the D. Alexander Ochoa & J. Alexander Gonzalez properties, as recorded in Volume 414, pages 502-506, Webb County Deed Records, due to restrictions in warranty deed.

19. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 2, Article VIII, of the Code of Ordinances by amending Sections 2-312 and 2-316 of the Code of Ethics by adding a definition for "abstention" and "recusal" and including abstention to the conflicts of interest section in order to provide guidance on recusal and abstention processes; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date.
20. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement renewal with Securitas Security Services USA, Inc., as a sole source as per a Customs and Border Protection approved security contract, for approximately 120 square feet of office space and an exclusive office entry lane for approximately 1,020 square feet at Juarez-Lincoln International Bridge (Bridge II). The lease term will be for one (1) year commencing April 1, 2023, and ending on March 31, 2024. The monthly rent will be \$5,400.00. The lease may be terminated by either party within a thirty (30) day notice.

XI. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

21. **2023-O-31** 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.
22. **2023-O-032** Authorizing the 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.
23. **2023-O-033** Authorizing the 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.

24. **2023-O-034** Authorizing the City Manager to execute a renewal of a billboard lease with Lamar Outdoor Advertising located on U.S. 83, (U.S. HWY 83 & Thurman St.), referred to as HWY 83 south at Hall St. The term for this lease will be for five (5) years at an annual base rent amount of \$3,600.00 with an additional 20% of revenue generated less the base rent for a 12-month period.

25. **2023-O-035** Authorizing the 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) annually.

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

26. **2023-O-036** Authorizing the 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.

27. **2023-O-037** Authorizing the 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.

28. **2023-O-38** Authorizing the 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.

29. **2023-O-040** Authorizing the 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 \$2,631,579.00. 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.

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

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

AIRPORT: STAFF SOURCE GILBERTO SANCHEZ, AIRPORT DIRECTOR

30. Consideration to renew contract FY22-025 to Madison Avenue Marketing, Laredo, Texas for an annual total of \$90,000.00. 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.

BRIDGE: STAFF SOURCE YVETTE LIMON, BRIDGE DIRECTOR

31. Consideration to authorize the purchase of video surveillance and access control equipment to replace the existing systems in the four bridge facilities from Knight Security Systems, LLC from Austin, Texas through the State of Texas DIR Cooperative Purchase Contract DIR-CPO-4494 in the total amount of \$568,581.00. Funding is available in the Bridge System 2022 Revenue Bond.
32. Consideration to authorize the purchase of servers for the video surveillance and access control systems. This will be for the four bridge facilities from Dell Technologies from Round Rock, Texas through the State of Texas DIR Cooperative Purchase Contract DIR-TSO-3763 in total amount of \$140,959.66. Funding is available in the Bridge System 2022 the Revenue Bond and Bridge Operations Budget.

BUILDING: STAFF SOURCE JOHN HICKLE, BUILDING DIRECTOR

33. **2023-R-007** Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and GM Group Enterprises LLC for a proposed project located at 315 Dorel, Lot 1 Block 1 Moreno Commercial that consists of multi-family (20-unit apartments), in accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ). This agreement will be for a ten (10) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$1,650,000.00, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$9,405.00 and an estimated total fee waiver of \$12,135.00. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information. This project is located within City Council District III.
34. **2023-R-014** Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and Gonzalez & Gonzalez Real Estate LLC for a proposed project located at 1215 Laredo St, Lot 2, 3 Block 695 eastern division that consists of new construction, in accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ). This agreement will be for a ten (10) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$575,000.00, an estimated annual tax abatement total of \$3,277.50, and an estimated total fee waiver of \$3,730.00. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information. This project is located within City Council District III.
35. **2023-R-029** Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and AKL LLC for a proposed project located at 3710 N India, Lot 3, 4, 5, 6 Block 1837 eastern division that consists of new construction, in accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ). This agreement will be for a ten (10) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated total capital investment of \$1,100,000.00, an estimated annual tax abatement total of \$6,270.00 and an estimated total fee waiver of \$4,485.00. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information. This project is located within City Council District IV.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: STAFF SOURCE TINA MARTINEZ, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

36. Authorizing the City Manager to amend the Emergency Solutions Grant Coronavirus (ESG-CV) contract with Bethany House of Laredo, Inc., by increasing the total amount awarded by an additional \$40,668.00 in funding. The additional awarded funds will be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) among individuals and families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance. These available ESG-CV funds must be utilized for eligible ESG activities.

DETOX: STAFF SOURCE RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, INTERIM DETOX DIRECTOR

37. **2023-R- 056** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for the Expand Substance Use Disorder Treatment Capacity in Adult and Family Treatment Drug Courts in the estimated amount of \$2,000,000.00 with no match for the ROOTS Recovery Center (Detox Department) for the term period from August 31, 2023, through August 31, 2028, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant.
38. **2023-R-057** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for the Medication-Assisted Treatment-Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction in the estimated amount of \$3,750,000.00 with no match for the Roots Recovery Center (Detox Center) for the term period from September 30, 2023, through September 30, 2028, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant.
39. **2023-R- 060** Authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a contract from the Texas Department of State Health Services in the amount of \$248,536.00 per year for the total amount of \$497,072.00 with no grant match for the term period of September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2025.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: STAFF SOURCE MIRIAM CASTILLO, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

40. **2023-R-049** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation under the 2023 Department of Transportation's National Infrastructure Investments Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant in the amount of \$16,000,000.00, for the Corpus Christi Street Widening, Drainage and Utility Replacement Project. The City's local cost share match will not exceed 20% or \$3,200,000.00. The requested RAISE grant funding will help develop and complete the remaining 17 blocks of the corridor and help prepare the area to promote reinvestment in commercial economic development, and develop complete streets that support driving, walking, bicycling, and public transit, promote walkability, and improve public infrastructure. Funding is available in the 2022 Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds.

ENGINEERING: STAFF SOURCE RAMON E. CHAVEZ, CITY ENGINEER

41. Consideration for approval to award a professional services contract to Premier Civil Engineering, LLC., Laredo, Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00 to provide professional engineering and surveying services including subsurface and above-ground prepared in accordance with American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) standards and utility quality levels for the identification of utility conflicts, coordination, compliance with Utility Accommodation Rules (UAR), and resolution of utility conflicts for the City of Laredo including but not limited to surveys, preparation of plans, specifications and estimates for the FY23-ENG-03 Hachar-Reuthinger Roadway from FM1472 to IH-35. Task 1 - General Utility Coordination and Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE) Management, Task 2 - Subsurface Utility Investigation and Task 3 - Miscellaneous Tasks. Contract time is for the duration of the project. Funding is available in the 2016 Tax Exempt CO.

ENVIRONMENTAL: STAFF SOURCE JOHN PORTER, ENVIRONMENTAL & SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR

42. Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and enter into a license agreement between the City of Laredo and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Department (CBP) for the construction, maintenance, and repair of a private roadway on properties owned by the City of Laredo located near the Rio Grande River. The license term is indefinite, subject to the availability of the City to revoke the license at any time upon 60-day's notice to CBP.

FIRE: STAFF SOURCE GUILLERMO HEARD, FIRE CHIEF

43. **2023-R-050** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$6,207,174.00 to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Program. If awarded, the City of Laredo will utilize this funding to hire thirty (30) new additional firefighters. Funding is for a period of three (3) years (36 months) grant period. There is no cost share requirement for the FY 2022 SAFER Program. Grant will be accounted for in the Special Fire Grants Fund.
44. Consideration to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the San Antonio Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the City of Laredo Fire Department for the purpose of maintaining the emergency medical capabilities and qualifications of FBI personnel assigned to duty as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) in support of FBI operations.
45. Consideration to approve an agreement between Centre for Emergency Health Services and the City of Laredo Fire Department to provide a clinical education program for Laredo Fire Department EMS Academy Cadets at the facility in Bulverde, Texas. The city agrees to pay an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00 per clinical class. Funding is available in the Fire EMS General Fund.

46. Consideration to approve a Professional Services Contract between Veridicus, Inc. and the City of Laredo Fire Department to provide polygraph examinations of applicants to the Laredo Fire Department. The City agrees to pay an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 for polygraph examinations. Funding is available in the General Fund-Fire Training.
47. Consideration to approve a Professional Services Contract between Nicolas Carrasco, Ph.D., and the City of Laredo to provide pre-employment psychological evaluations for applicants to the Laredo Fire Department. The City agrees to pay an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 pursuant to the contract. Funding is available in the General Fund-Fire Training.

FLEET MANAGEMENT: STAFF SOURCE RONALD MILLER, FLEET DIRECTOR

48. Consideration to amend parts/service contract FY20-051 by 25% with Nueces Power Equipment, Corpus Christi, Texas, for an amount increase of \$37,500.00 and new contract amount of \$187,500.00 for the purchase of Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) for the City's case equipment. The contract amendment is due to an increase in repairs of the City's case equipment and to cover future expenditures. All parts and services will be secured on an as-needed basis. The term of this contract shall expire on August 15, 2023. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Fund.

HEALTH: STAFF SOURCE RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, HEALTH DIRECTOR

49. **2023-R-010** Authorizing the City Manager to accept the contract for a total amount of \$6,014,822.00 with no match for the City of Laredo Health Department, Women, Infants and Children Program for the term from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023.
50. **2023-R- 044** Authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a contract from the Texas Department of State Health Services through the South Texas Development Council in the amount of \$488,684.00 with no match for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department Ryan White Program for the term period from April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024.
51. **2023-R- 054** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a contract amendment from the Texas Department of State Health Services in the additional amount of \$20,000.00 for the total amount of \$147,561.00 with no grant match for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department Family Support/Community Resources program for the term period of September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023.

52. **2023-R-055** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention for the Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health in the estimated amount of \$1,500,000.00 per year for a total of \$7,500,000.00 with no match for the City of Laredo Health Department for the term period from August 30, 2023, through August 30, 2028, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant.
53. Ratifying the execution of an agreement with the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dental School in the amount of \$63,399.00 per year for a total of \$190,197.00 for dental services in the City of Laredo Health Department from September 1, 2022, to August 31, 2025, pending funding availability. Funding for the current year is available in the Health Department Fund Title V Dental and Prenatal Grants.

INFORMATION SERVICES & TELECOMMUNICATION: STAFF SOURCE MARIO A. RUIZ, INTERIM IST DIRECTOR

54. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a contract between Lamar Advertising of Laredo and the City of Laredo for the purchase of two billboard media campaigns for 9-1-1 Public Education in the total amount of \$62,500.00 for a twelve-month period. This service is to promote public education of the 9-1-1 Program and will continually provide information highlighting current services in the South Texas Region. Funding is available in the Regional 9-1-1 Fund.
55. Authorizing the City Manager to amend and execute the renewal of a service contract between SHI Government Solutions and the City of Laredo in the amount of \$87,012.00 for the Darktrace – Network, Enterprise Immune System. Pricing under BuyBoard – Technology Contract # 661-22. Funding is available in the I.S.T. I-Net Budget.

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

56. Consideration to renew contract FY20-015 with Chkn Peak Bikes & Fitness, Laredo, Texas in an annual amount up to \$60,000.00 for providing preventative maintenance, labor parts, and repairs for fitness equipment at City recreation centers. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the last extension period for this contract. Funding is available in the General Fund - Parks & Recreation Department.

57. Consideration to renew annual supply/service contract FY21-027 with Dr. Ike's Home Center, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$60,000.00 for the purchase and repair of handheld landscaping equipment. This contract establishes pricing and a discount percentage on handheld landscaping equipment and repair services most commonly utilized by City departments. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This contract may be extended one (1) additional one (1) year period, upon mutual agreement of the parties. All parts and services will be secured on an as needed basis and funding will be secured from the user department budgets.
58. Authorizing the City Manager to approve contract FY23-025 with ASM Global, Los Angeles, California, for managing the City of Laredo Unitrade Stadium in the annual amount of \$220,000.00. Management Services include but are not limited to overseeing all aspects of the stadium (year-round) including: maintenance, operations, concessions, scheduling, ticketing, and marketing. The term of this contract shall be for a period of five (5) years, beginning as of the date of its execution. This contract may be extended for two (2) additional, five (5) year period terms, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Sports and Community Venue Fund-Unitrade Operations.
59. Consideration to award contract FY23-032 for the purchase of pool chemicals for the City's swimming pools/splash parks to the following low bidders:
- 1) Items 2 & 3: Mayfield Pool Supply dba Texas Pool Supply, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$101,000.00;
 - 2) Items 1 & 4: HDL Construction, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$99,000.00.
- All pool chemicals will be secured on an as needed basis. In accordance with local vendor preference ordinance no. 2018-O-175, staff is recommending that items 2 & 3 be awarded to Texas Pool Supply and items 1 & 4 be awarded to HDL Construction, using the 5% local preference. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This contract has three extension periods. Funding is available in the General Fund - Parks & Recreation Budget.

POLICE: STAFF SOURCE CLAUDIO TREVINO, CHIEF OF POLICE

60. **2023-R-042** Authorizing the City Manager to renew a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Laredo Police Department and Laredo College (LC) for the purpose of combining their respective resources and expertise in providing instruction to and for the benefit of police cadets hired by the City of Laredo, with no additional cost to the City of Laredo.

61. **2023-R-043** Authorizing the City Manager to apply for a grant in the amount of \$872,271.00 to fund the Laredo Police Department High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force, the Laredo DEA HIDTA Task Force, and the Rio Grande Valley Financial HIDTA Task Force. These initiatives are 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 personnel salaries, fringe benefits, overtime, travel and operating expenses from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2024. Funding for the Rio Grande Valley Financial Task Force will be used for payment of fringe benefits, overtime, and operating expenses from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2024.

TAX: STAFF SOURCE DORA MALDONADO, TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

62. Approving adjustments to the tax roll for the month of January 2023. The amounts adjusted represent a decrease of \$7,838.59 for prior year taxes and a decrease of \$28,025.83 for current year taxes. The aggregate adjustment represents a decrease of \$35,864.42. These adjustments are determined by value changes reported by the Webb County Appraisal District.

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

63. **2023-R-058** Accepting the conveyance of a Blanket Utility Easement containing 3.18 acres and 13,475.14 square feet, more or less out of Lot 1, Block 1, proposed Green House Subdivision, recorded in Volume 25, Page 157, Map Records, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas. The easement is required to serve the subdivision and allow the relocation of any meters and fire hydrants inside the subdivision, to loop the water system, and provide water services to future development west of the property. The resolution also provides for an effective date.
64. Authorizing the City Manager to award construction contract amendment #1 to SAL Construction Management, LLC., Weslaco, Texas in the amount of \$37,280.00 for the Sierra Vista Booster Pump Station Improvements Project and to extend the contract time until June 1, 2023. The new high efficiency electric motors require new conduit and mounting foundation modifications to the existing pump expansion allocated slot. The City's professional engineering consultant, Garver USA, has reviewed the requested change order proposal and agrees this amendment #1 is warranted for a total amount of \$256,930.00. Funding is available in the 2019 Water Revenue Bond.

65. Consideration to renew annual supply and service contract FY21-037 with E & E Air Conditioning, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$100,000.00 to provide HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) repair services for the water treatment plants. This contract establishes an hourly service rate and cost percentage for parts. 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 one (1) additional one (1) year period, upon mutual agreement of the parties. All services will be purchased on an as needed basis and funding will be secured from the Utilities Fund - Water Treatment Division.
66. Consideration to renew an annual supply and service contract FY20-019 with Martin's Heating & Cooling, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$50,000.00 to provide HVAC repair services for the wastewater treatment plants. This contract establishes an hourly service rate and cost percentage for parts. 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 is the last extension period for this contract. There was no price increase during the last extension period. All services will be purchased on an as needed basis and funding will be secured from the Waste Water Treatment Division of the Sewer System Fund.
67. Authorizing City Manager to ratifying Purchase Order Number 325007 (Amendment No. 3) issued to Plummer Associates, Inc., Austin, Texas in the amount of \$19,240.00 for professional engineering fees for the permit renewal of the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System for North Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant, with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The new total amount with this Amendment is \$194,380.00. Funding is available in the Sewer Construction Fund.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XIII. STAFF REPORTS

68. Presentation by U.S. Customs and Border Protection on proposed border road project with possible action.
69. Status report of the implementation of the Segal Compensation and Classification Study for City employees by the Human Resources Department.
70. 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.

71. 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.
72. Presentation by the Laredo Commission for Women of their 2023 Action Plan with possible action and any matters incident thereto.
73. Presentation by the Health Department Director staff report with possible action regarding "All Kinds of Minds Masterplan".

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

74. Request for Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071(1)(A) to consult with legal counsel concerning collective bargaining negotiations with the Laredo Firefighters Union, Local 872, and any other matters incident thereto.
75. Request for Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071(1)(A)&(B) to consult with legal counsel concerning a bridge agreement between the City of Laredo and 2L4L ("The Tecos") for the use of Uni-Trade Stadium and any other matter incident thereto.

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

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

76. **GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Request by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

1. Discussion with possible action to review Ordinance #2021-O-069 related to voluntary Drug Testing for elected officials and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to review the process for funding District Priority Funds, create policy on how to fund based on bonding capacity, overall city priorities and community needs with any other matters incident thereto.

B. Request by Council Member Gilbert Gonzalez

1. Discussion with possible action to support the annexation of Wormser Road between Ejido and Cuatro Vientos Road being approx. 6.59 acres based on the recent action taken by Webb County Commissioner's on February 13, 2023, and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to create a City of Laredo Utilities App for consideration for customers to manage their water usage and any other matters incident thereto.

C. Request by Council Member Daisy Campos Rodriguez

1. Discussion with possible action on the concerns and implementing of the pay wage scale and the lack of employee involvement on the issues.
Explanation on who got a raise and who got a grade adjustment with no pay adjustment, how it was determined, and the steps being taken to answer questions or concerns from employees that do not agree with the changes; and any matter incident thereto.

D. Request by Council Member Melissa R. Cigarroa

1. Discussion with possible action to conduct a formal investigation under Section 2.06 of the City Charter as it relates to the Community Development Department and the most recent internal auditor report dated January 20, 2023, and any matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Cm Alyssa Cigarroa)**

E. Request by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action to approve a resolution for the Catholic Diocese supporting proposed legislation to allow and permit a new Catholic Cemetery to serve the Diocese and City to be located within city limits; and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Vanessa Perez)**

F. Request by Council Member Ruben Gutierrez, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action to instruct the City Manager to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Webb County to construct a bike/ ATV park located between Lake Casa Blanca and US Highway 59. The City would construct the bike/ ATV park and Webb County will maintain the bike/ ATV park. The bike/ ATV Park will be open for the public to use. Funding is available through District V Priority Funds; and any matter incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.)**
2. Discussion with possible action for the City of Laredo to work with the Laredo Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for the creation of a fourth of July Freedom Fest Celebration and any matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.)**

G. Request by Council Member Dr. Tyler King

1. Discussion with possible action to evaluate the feasibility of creating an online message board for the Mayor and City Council to use in an effort to improve communication among the Council without violating the Texas Open Meetings Act (TOMA), similar to the one used by the City of Austin (<https://austincouncilforum.org/viewforum>. (<https://austincouncilforum.org/viewforum>)) and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to address and evaluate the status of the Springfield Extension and I-35 closures nearby to provide awareness to concerned residents in the area and any other matters incident thereto.
3. 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, on Juan Escutia in San Isidro subdivision.

H. Request by Council Member Vanessa J. Perez


1. Discussion with possible action directing management to evaluate the need for traffic control measures on Riverbank Drive at the intersection at FM1472 and at Riverbank and Aquero, and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to set the date of the Business Community Town Hall for Thursday, March 23 at 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm, with a virtual attendance option, and any other matters incident thereto.

I. Request by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa

1. Discussion with possible action to convene and appoint new members to the City Charter Revision Committee in order to make charter revisions and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action requesting City Manager to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Webb County to combine services at the La Ladrillera Recreation Center for our youth and senior citizens and any other matters incident thereto.

XVII. ADJOURN

This notice was posted at the Municipal Government Offices, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas, at a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times. Said notice was posted on Friday, February 17, 2023, at 5:30 pm.


(For) Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary

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CITY OF LAREDO

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A-2023-S-02

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1110 HOUSTON STREET

LAREDO, TEXAS 78040

February 21, 2023

5:30 P.M.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

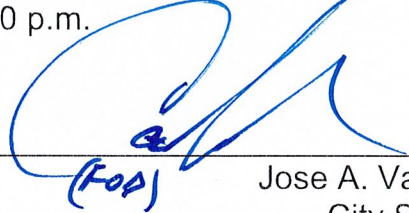
I. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Request by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa

1. Discussion with possible action to investigate under 2.06 the official conduct of the Police Chief, Police Administration, and members of the Police Department, matters related to the lack of trust, confidence and integrity due to recent events, including but not limited to software and operational deficiencies, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr. and Council Member Ruben Gutierrez, Jr.)**

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