CITY OF LAREDO

RECOGNITION AND COMMUNICATION NOTICE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1110 HOUSTON STREET LAREDO, TEXAS 78040 Monday, April 3, 2023 5:00 P.M.

The Mayor will be presenting the following:

- 1. Recognizing Juan Cisneros Jr. for over 40 years of coaching and community service to the City of Laredo.
- 2. Recognizing Century Club members: Mr. Francisco Gallardo and Mr. Salomon Abrego, for their lifetime that has spanned over 100 years.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
A-2023-R-05
LIVE WEB LINK: http://laredotx.swagit.com/live
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
Monday, April 3, 2023
5:30 P.M.

& DISABILITY ACCESS STATEMENT &

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

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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 March 20, 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 12:00 noon of the Council meeting day. All comments should be relevant to City business and delivered in a professional manner. No derogatory remarks will be permitted.

VI. RECOGNITION

1. Recognizing three exceptional employees as the City's 2022 Employee of the Year, Joanne M. White (Planning Department), Edgar Orozco (Building Department) and Ruben Valle (Fire Department).

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Invitation to the City of Laredo by Keep Laredo Beautiful to the unveiling of the new logo and website of Keep Laredo Beautiful on April 12, 2023, at City Hall Council Chambers at 10:30 a.m.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Ratifying the City Manager's appointment of Laura Carolina Perez, District 1, to the Keep Laredo Beautiful Board of Directors.

- 2. Ratifying the City Manager's appointment of Virginia Lopez, District 4, to the Keep Laredo Beautiful Board of Directors.
- 3. Ratifying the City Manager's appointment of Jaime Heredia, District 7, to the Keep Laredo Beautiful Board of Directors.
- 4. Appointment by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño of Melicio Villarreal to the Blue Ribbon Committee for People with Disabilities.
- 5. Appointment by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño of Rene Gonzalez to the Economic Development Advisory Committee.
- 6. Appointment by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño of Maria Zamudio to the Laredo Commission for Women.
- 7. Appointment by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño of Maria Gutierrez to the Laredo Commission for Women.
- 8. Appointment by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño of Francisco Averill to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.
- Reappointment by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño of Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr. and Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa to the City-County Government Issues Committee.
- 10. Reappointment by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño of Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr. and Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa to the Community Action Agency Advisory Board.
- 11. Appointment by Council Member Gilbert Gonzalez of Colleen Rodriguez to the Laredo/Webb Drug and Alcohol Commission.
- 12. Appointment by Council Member Daisy Campos-Rodriguez of Sergio Chavez, Jr. to the Max A. Mandel Municipal Golf Course Advisory Committee.

- 13. Appointment by Council Member Melissa R. Cigarroa of Jerry Maldonado to the Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee.
- 14. Appointment by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr. of Rene Gonzalez to the Third Party Funding Advisory Committee.
- 15. Appointment by Council Member Dr. Tyler King of Celina Vallarta to Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee.
- 16. Appointment by Council Member Dr. Tyler King of Ruben Montoya to the Max A. Mandel Municipal Golf Course Advisory Committee.
- 17. Appointment by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa of Rogelio Soto, Jr. to the Max A. Mandel Municipal Golf Course Advisory Committee.

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2012-O-135; Amending Section 1, "Definitions"; adding and clarifying definitions pertinent to the article; Amending Section 2, "Landing Fees"; to allow for landing fees to be calculated based off of the maximum certified gross weight process; Clarifying exemptions and non-exemptions from landing fees; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing for a severability clause; providing for publication; and providing for an effective date.
- 2. Public Hearing Providing community residents an opportunity to comment on their housing and community needs and the projects they wish to see funded. Comments received will be made part of the City's 2023-2024 One Year Action Plan that will outline how funding for the programs listed below, will be utilized grants are made available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City's Community Development Department is planning its 2023 projects/activities based on the allocation amounts released by HUD, as estimated below:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) \$3,228,384.00 HOME Investment Partnership Grant (HOME) \$1,260,999.00 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) \$299,176

Any changes to the activities/projects due to changes in allocation will be reflected in the City's 2023 One Year Action Plan.

The public may provide comments via this public hearing, by visiting the offices of

the Community Development Department, via email to cdcomments@ci.laredo.tx.us or by filling out a survey online in English https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/comments23 or in Spanish https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/comentarios23

Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance Amending the City of Laredo Municipal Housing Fund FY 22-23 annual budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$21,500.00 and establishing the rental rates and tenant policies for the San Enrique Duplexes, an elderly affordable rental housing project located at 302 San Enrique Avenue; providing for rents to be in compliance and charged at HOME program rent limits; occupancy to be limited to elderly individuals/households with incomes at or below 60% of the area median income, as set annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and leasing the units on a first-come, first-serve basis.

(Recess) (Press Availability)

X. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

4. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a restated master lease agreement between the City of Laredo, as Lessor, and 2310 Saunders LLC, as Lessee for a 14.5 acre tract of airport property, legally described as the south part of Block 1, Laredo Airport Subdividion, as recorded in Volume 5, page 1, of the plat records of Webb County, Texas. Lease term shall be for forty-five years. Primary rent shall be \$81,000.00 per annum paid in equal monthly installments of \$6,750.00 each and subject to the CPI Adjustment every three years during the term of this lease, beginning in the 2026 ad valorem tax year. Net percentage rent, which is calculated on the basis of a percentage of the gross sales of lessee's sublessees and is in addition to any base or minimum rentals paid to by such sublease; and providing for an effective date.

XI. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

5. **2023-O-039** As amended an ordinance amending the revised City of Laredo Priority Procedures Handbook for City Council and City Boards, Commissions, and Committees; Priority I., Section V. across-the-board requirements for commissions, boards, committees; Subsection O., quorum requirements; to incorporate remote participation for non-action committees.

6. **2023-O-061** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 1.32 acres situated in Porcion 23, Leonardo Sanchez, Original Grantee, Abstract 283 and being out of a tract of land conveyed to Killam Industrial Development Partnership, Limited, as recorded in Volume 1366, pages 345-346, Official Public Records of Webb County, Texas, located west of Bob Bullock Loop and south of Room for More Way, from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District).

ZC-092-2022 District VI

- 7. **2023-O-062** Amending Section one of Ordinance 2022-O-038 of the City of Laredo and authorizing to increase the insufficient fund fee to \$50.00 plus the \$4.75 per axle toll fee for southbound commercial vehicles that arrive at the toll booth with insufficient funds in the Automatic Vehicle Identification (A.V.I.) System as further described in Exhibit "A" and hereby repealing all conflicting sections in all ordinances currently in effect.
- 8. **2023-O-063** An ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, establishing procedures for inquiries conducted by City Council pursuant to section 2.06 of the City Charter, establishing complaint filing procedures, establishing subpoena power and inquiry procedures, and establishing penalties for contempt including possible employee discipline or a fine up to \$500.00 for failing or refusing to obey a subpoena or to produce evidence.
- 9. **2023-O-064** Amending Ordinance No. 2017-O-185 and Ordinance 2021-O-207 which designated the Coves at Winfield Development as a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Two (2) by amending ordinance 2017-O-185, Section 1- Findings, and Section 7 Tax Increment Base; and restating Section 3 Description of the boundaries, and Section 6- Assigning a name to the zone; and amending Ordinance 2021-O-207 Section 2 Creation and Composition of the Board of Directors, Section 3 Effective date and termination date of the zone, Section 4 limitation of tax increment fund; and restating Section 1 designating the area as a reinvestment zone; and ratifying the execution of all necessary documents related to the creation of the zone, including but not limited to Resolution 2021-R-267; providing a severability cause; and providing an effective date.
- 10. <u>2023-O-065</u> An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas amending Ordinance No. 2021-O-069, voluntary drug testing for elected officials, by changing the number of elected officials drug tested each month from three to one; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date.

- 11. <u>2023-O-066</u> Amending Ordinance 2016-O-132, Chapter 6, Article I, Section 5, of the Code of Ordinances by adding Section 6-5(c), granting authority to the Animal Care Services Director or designee to provide treatment to impounded animals at the time of impoundment.
- 12. 2023-O-067 An ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, clarifying that the Municipal Civil Service Commission does not have the power to hear grievances by employees related to the implementation of the City's classification and compensation study and any other adopted benchmarks because such powers would be outside the scope of the stated purpose of the Municipal Civil Service Commission created by Ordinance No 2010-O-17.
- 13. **2023-O-068** Authorizing the City Manager to execute legal documents conveying to AEP Texas Inc., a 15' wide easement and right of way out of Lot 4A, Unit 4, Block 1, Laredo Arena Subdivision, recorded in Volume 25, Page 50, Plat records of Webb County, Texas. Being out of a tract of land conveyed to Grantor on Deed Document 895009, Volume 1934, Page 216, Official Records of Webb County, Texas, more particularly described by exhibit "A" and "B" attached hereto and made part of, 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.

<u>CITY ATTORNEY:</u> STAFF SOURCE DOANH T. NGUYEN, CITY ATTORNEY

14. <u>2023-R-085</u> A Resolution authorizing the suspension of the effective date for the Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (GRIP) rate adjustments proposed by CenterPoint Energy for the maximum amount of time allowed by Texas Utilities Code section 104.301 (a) to permit adequate time to review the proposed increases, analyze all necessary information, and take appropriate action related to the proposed increases.

DETOX: STAFF SOURCE RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN, INTERIM DIRECTOR

15. 2023-R-075 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for Treatment for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness, Serious Emotional Disturbance, or Co-Occurring Disorders Experiencing Homelessness in the estimated amount of \$500,000.00 per year for a total of \$2,500,000.00 with no match for the ROOTS Recovery Center (Detox Department) for the term period from September 30,

2023, to September 29, 2028, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant.

16. <u>2023-R-076</u> Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for Overdose Data to Action: Limiting Overdose through Collaborative Actions in Localities in the estimated amount of \$2,000,000.00 per year for a total of \$10,000,000.00 with no match for the ROOTS Recovery Center (Detox Department) for the term period from August 01, 2023, to July 31, 2028, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant.

<u>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:</u> STAFF SOURCE MIRIAM CASTILLO, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

17. <u>2023-R-072</u> Authorizing the reappointment and ratification of the City's representatives, appointed by Motion on November 1, 2021, as Board Members of the Coves at Winfield Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) Number Two (2) Board of Directors; through December 31, 2023; as authorized by Chapter 311 of the Texas Tax Code, and ratification of any and all action taken by the Board since initial appointment; and providing an effective date.

Position 1: Jose Zuniga Position 2: Olivia Varela Position 3: Edward Ochoa

The City reappoints Jose Zuniga as the chairperson of the Board and that he shall serve as such until December 31, 2023, or until replaced by a subsequent chairman appointed by the City as allowed by law.

ENGINEERING: STAFF SOURCE RAMON E. CHAVEZ, CITY ENGINEER

- 18. Consideration for approval to award a professional engineering services contract to Texas Energy Engineering Services, Inc. (TEESI), Austin, Texas; in the amount not to exceed \$185,050.00 for the City of Laredo Sames Auto Arena HVAC Chillers & Controls Upgrades which includes schematic design, design development, final construction documents, bid phase, construction phase and post construction phase commissioning. Funding is available in the 2022 Sports Venue Bond.
- 19. Consideration for approval of FY22-ENG-07 Fenwick Drive & McPherson Road Eastbound Right Turn Lane and Widening Project as complete, approval of change order No. 1 a decrease in the amount of \$2,559.50, for the reduction of the scope of work, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$122,939.50 to Mage 4Group, Ltd., Laredo, Texas. The final construction contract amount is \$213,290.50. Funding is available in the 2019 CO

FLEET MANAGEMENT: STAFF SOURCE RONALD MILLER, FLEET DIRECTOR

- 20. Consideration to award annual contract FY23-038 for the purchase of Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) parts/service for the City's Case/John Deere equipment to the following bidders:
 - 1. Nueces Power Equipment, Corpus Christi, Texas, in an amount up to \$600,000.00;
 - 2. RDO Equipment, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$600,000.00.

All parts and 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. This contract allows for three additional, one year extensions upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.

- 21. Consideration to award annual parts/service contract FY23-039 for repairs to the City's lawn maintenance equipment, to the following vendors:
 - 1) Mechanical Shop of Laredo, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$220,000.00;
 - 2) Bone's Custom Cycles, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$220,000.00;

The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This contract can be renewed three additional one year extension periods upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Fleet Department Fund.

HEALTH: STAFF SOURCE RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, HEALTH DIRECTOR

22. **2023-R-081** Ratifying the execution of a continuation contract from the Texas Department of State Health Services in the amount of \$144,000.00 with no match for the City of Laredo Health Department, Obesity Prevention Program for the term period of September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024.

23. **2023-R-082** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for National Organization for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion in the estimated amount of \$3,000,000.00 per year for a total of \$15,000,000.00 with no match for the City of Laredo Health Department for the term period from August 31, 2023, to August 30, 2028, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents resulting from the award of this grant.

POLICE: STAFF SOURCE STEVE E. LANDIN, ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE

24. 2023-R-080 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$25,000.00 to the Texas Department of Transportation for the enforcement of Vehicle Occupant Protection during the "Click It or Ticket" (CIOT) Campaign. The grant period for FY 2023 CIOT will begin May 19, 2023, through June 07, 2023. This grant is to pay overtime salaries and fringe benefits for officers to conduct intense occupant protection enforcement in order to increase occupant restraint use in all passenger vehicles and trucks. The City of Laredo will be responsible for a required match of 20% of total project funds. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund.

<u>SOLID WASTE:</u> STAFF SOURCE JOHN PORTER, SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR/ ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTOR

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- 25. Consideration to authorize the purchase of D6 Waste Handler, heavy equipment for an amount not to exceed \$646,820.31 for the Solid Waste Department. This purchase contract is utilizing cooperative contract pricing under Buy Board contract 685-22, through dealer: Holt Truck Centers, San Antonio, Texas. Funding is available in the Solid Waste 2022 Certificate of Obligation Bonds.
- 26. Consideration for approval to award a professional services contract to Able City of Laredo, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$436,803 to provide architectural services for schematic design, design development, construction documents, procurement services, bid documents, specifications, and estimates for the completion of a Solid Waste Fleet Maintenance Building to be located at the City of Laredo Municipal Landfill located at 6912 HWY 359, Laredo, Texas. Funding is available in the 2022 Solid Waste Bond.
- 27. Consideration for approval to award a professional services contract to Parkhill of Frisco, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$266,000.00 to provide engineering services for the preparation of construction plans, specifications and bid documents, as well as any needed permit modifications and updates to the site operating plan (SOP) for the completion of the City of Laredo's Composting Facility to be located at the Ponderosa Landfill. Funding is available in the Solid

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

28. **2023-R-087** A time sensitive resolution setting a temporary construction speed zone limit established by the Texas Department of Transportation to 50 MPH on US 59, approximately 1,800 feet after Casa Blanca Lake Rd. (Mile Point 10.273) to approximately 420 feet prior to Sinatra Pkwy. (Mile Point 11.462/1.189 Mile) and 50 MPH approximately 420 feet prior to Sinatra Pkwy. (Mile Point 11.462), to approximately 250 feet prior to McPherson Rd. (Mile Point 17.233/5.771 Mile) to be in effect upon receipt of approved City Ordinance.

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

- Consideration to renew supply contract number FY20-045 with Core and Main, St. Louis, Missouri in an amount of up to \$800,000.00 for the purchase of mechanical joint fittings, plastic meter boxes, brass and galvanized fittings, and full circle repair clamps for the Utilities Department. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one 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. These materials are purchased on an as needed basis by the Utilities Department-Water Operations for construction and repair projects. Funding is available in the Water Works Fund.
- 30. Consideration to renew annual contract FY20-040 with MG Landscaping, Laredo, Texas in an amount, not to exceed, \$90,000.00 for lawn and landscaping repairs caused by water line break 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 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 secured on an as-needed basis. Funding is available in the Water Works Fund.
- 31. Authorizing the City Manager to cancel the purchase of a Vactor Combination Sewer Cleaner with Positive Displacement Vacuum Cleaner in the amount of \$349,026.00 from Kinloch Equipment and Supply Inc. of Pasadena, Texas and approve the purchase of a Bucher Municipal Combination Sewer Cleaner mounted in an International chasis in the amount of \$278,900.00 from Essential Equipment LLC of Conroe, Texas through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract # 09321-BUC. Funding is available in the 2022 Sewer Revenue Bond.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XIII. STAFF REPORTS

- 32. 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.
- 33. 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.

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.

- 34. Request for Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071 (1) (A) to consult with legal counsel concerning a telecommunications tower located at Fire Station 12 and any other matters incident thereto.
- 35. Request for Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071 (1) (A) to consult with legal counsel concerning collective bargaining negotiations with the Laredo Fire Fighters Union, Local 872, and any other matters incident thereto.
- 36. Request for Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.074 to set the parameters for the investigation of members of the Police Department under 2.06 of the City Charter and any other matters incident thereto; and return to open session for possible action.

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

- 37. 2023-RT-03 Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute a grant application TX-2023-011-00 in the amount of \$29,391.00 to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the FY2021 Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities under the new Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) (H.R.133). FTA previously announce \$25 Billion in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding in April 2020. The grant funding will be provided at a 100% federal share, with no local match required and will be available for the El Lift Paratransit Operating Assistance and Vehicle Maintenance expenses.
- 38. **2023-RT-05** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a competitive grant application to the Federal Transit Administration competitive FY2023 Section 5339(b) Buses and Bus Facilities Grant Program in the amount of \$20,000,000.00 with a local match of \$5,000,000.00 for a total of \$25,000,000.00.; Match will be from sales tax and land as in-kind for \$2,372,229.00 for the construction and completion of Phase I and Phase II for the new El Metro Transit Administration, Operations, and Fleet Maintenance Facility.
- 2023-RT-06 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a Compressed Natural Gas Fueling Station grant proposal to the Low or No Emission Program and Buses and Bus Facilities Grant Program for \$2,700,000.00 to the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration Fiscal Year 2023 Section 5339(c) Low or No Emission Program and Section 5339 (b) Buses and Bus Facilities competitive program for Phase I of the new El Metro Operations, Maintenance, and Administration Facility. The required 10% local match will be funded from the Transit Sales Tax in the amount of \$300,000.00.

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

40. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Request by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

- 1. Discussion with possible action to restrict campaign contributions to City Council Members from Political Action Committees, campaign committees, lobbyists, or donors connected to or working with special interest groups, unions, or vendors while the City is in open contract negotiations with such groups, unions, or vendors, and any matters incident thereto.
- 2. Discussion with possible action on current matters involving the Hamilton Hotel and its residents where the City can assist with issues involving the

security, rental assistance, and bed bug prevention/control; and any 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 customers to manage their water usage and any other matters incident thereto.
- 3. Discussion with possible action on a status update on the vacancy of the finance director position; and any other matters incident thereto.

 (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Dr. Tyler King)

C. Request by Council Member Daisy Campos Rodriguez

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- Discussion with possible action on conducting an investigation on Community Development Department for any information that was leaked before a proper open records was requested and on alleged information that has been deleted from City emails or computers in order to delay or interrupt an investigation from the City Attorney or Auditor; and any matter incident thereto.
- 2. Discussion with possible action on addressing the Three Points swimming pool restoration or setting a plan of action for restoration of that recreational area within this upcoming year since, when operational, it was the second most visited pool at the time. How many years has it been out of service and what needs to be done for the pool to be fully operational; and any matter incident thereto.

D. Request by Council Member Melissa R. Cigarroa

1. Discussion with possible action to direct the City Manager to draft an Ordinance adopting guidelines for the use of promotional funds by the Mayor and Council Members; allowing the use of public funds for the promotion of health, safety, and welfare of the community but limiting expenditures that do not serve a public purpose; and any other matters

incident thereto.

2. Presentation by the Laredo Center for Urban Agriculture and Sustainability (LCUAS), a City of Laredo local government corporation created under Chapter 431 of the Texas Transportation Code by Resolution No. 2019-R-064 on May 6, 2019, including discussion and possible action concerning the progress of the Laredo Food Policy Council 5-year Action Plan for establishing a healthy food system and the forthcoming public engagement event. (Co-sponsored by Council Member Dr. Tyler King)

E. Request by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.

- 1. Discussion with possible action to incorporate a voting board at council chambers to reflect the votes of the Mayor and Council Members; and any other matters incident thereto.
- 2. Discussion with possible action to create a partnership with local food banks to establish a pantry for food distribution at the Margarito Benavides Recreation Center; and any other matters incident thereto.
 - 3. Discussion with possible action to authorize the use of the Sames Auto Arena for the annual Driscoll Health Plan Back to School community event; and any other matters incident thereto.

F. Request by Council Member Ruben Gutierrez, Jr.

- Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution to encourage the Texas Legislature to support HB 9 which creates the Texas Broadband Infrastructure Fund; and any matter incident thereto.
- 2. Discussion with possible action to have Animal Care Services Department, along with other City Departments, and/or state agencies to assist by providing a plan in deterring and preventing wild animals from going into private property, in existing neighborhoods; and any matter incident thereto. (Co- Sponsored by Council Member Dr. Tyler King)

G. Request by Council Member Dr. Tyler King

- 1. Discussion with possible action to instruct City Manager to authorize staff to install speed humps at the following locations under the Special Provision of the Speed Hump Installation Policy and to authorize the use of asphalt type speed humps instead of speed cushions which is currently required under the policy and any other matters incident thereto. City Council District VI Priority Funds will be used for this project, on Juan Escutia in San Isidro subdivision.
- 2. Discussion with possible action on approving a resolution to support Texas Senate Bill 28 and its companion House Bill 10, which if signed into law, would create a new Texas Water Fund to be administered by the Texas Water Development Board to pay for new water projects and upgraded water infrastructure. (Co-sponsored by Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez and Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa)

H. Request by Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa J. Perez

- Discussion with possible action to consider feedback and concerns from the Business Town Hall held on March 23, with consideration for the frequency of subsequent town halls and the creation of a new committee to better serve the needs of the business community, and any other matter incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr., Council Member Ruben Gutierrez, Jr., and Council Member Dr. Tyler King)
- 2. Discussion with possible action directing management to evaluate the traffic control measures on Riverbank Drive at the intersection of FM1472 and at Riverbank and Aquero, with consideration to modify, and any other matters incident thereto.
- 3. Discussion with possible action on the dedication of the new Father McNaboe Dog Park, and any other matters incident thereto.

I. Request by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa

 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.

- 2. Discussion with possible action requesting City Manager to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Housing Authority for joint efforts on upgrading the facilities and amenities at adjacent city parks and any other matters incident thereto.
- 3. Presentation and discussion with possible action to enter into a partnership agreement with the Rio Grande International Study Center (RGISC) and provide a Letter of Commitment for the submission of a grant application for the EPA's Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem Solving (EJCPS) Program, for the Boulevard of the Americas project.

XVII. ADJOURN

This notice was posted at the Municipal Government Offices, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas, at a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times. Said notice was posted on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

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