

CITY OF LAREDO
RECOGNITION AND COMMUNICATION NOTICE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
MONDAY, JULY 31, 2023
4:30 P.M.

The Mayor will be presenting the following:

1. Recognizing Jose Salvador Tellez in appreciation for 8 years of service as Commissioner in the Municipal Civil Service Commission of the City of Laredo, from March 2015 - July 2023. Thank you for your service and dedication.
2. Recognizing Julian Tijerina a student at J.B. Alexander High School for being a 2023 U.I.L. Shot Put qualifier.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
A-2023-R-11
LIVE WEB LINK: <http://laredotx.swagit.com/live>
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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 June 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 6:15 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 12:00 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

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Introduction of Mark DeMay, Finance Director for the City of Laredo.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment by Council Member Gilbert Gonzalez of Armando X. Lopez to the Fine Arts and Culture Commission.

2. Appointment by Council Member Ruben Gutierrez, Jr. of Cliffe Killam to the Charter Revision Commission.
3. Appointment by Council Member Ruben Gutierrez, Jr. of Jorge Dominguez to the City Utilities Advisory Committee.
4. Reappointment by Council Member Ruben Gutierrez, Jr. of Alfonso De La Garza to the Ethics Commission.

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** 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 the east 1/2 of Lot 2 and Lot 3, Block 123, City of Laredo Western Division, conveyed to Laredo Independent School District, ET.AL., recorded in Volume 105, Page 684, Official Public Records of Webb County, Texas, located at 1714 Houston Street.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **approval** of the proposed special use permit and staff **supports** the application.

ZC-038-2023
District VIII

2. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 2, Block 1, Monaco Subdivision, located at 1018 Monaco Boulevard, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District).

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **denial** of the proposed zone change and staff **does not support** the application.

ZC-062-2023
District VI

3. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by amending Ordinance 2013-O-139, which authorized a Conditional Use Permit (C.U.P.) for Amusement Redemption Machine Establishment on Lot 5, Block 1, Trautmann M & I Subdivision, Unit 1, located at 8601 McPherson Road in order to add Angelina Wu, DBA Mei-Wa Incorporated as a party to whom the permit is issued to.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **approval** of the proposed

conditional use permit amendment and staff **supports** the application.

ZC-063-2023

District VI

4. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 0.44 acre tract of land, out of Share 8 of the Dionici Rodriguez Partition, out of a 16.1068 acre tract of land, described in deed recorded in Volume 846, Pages 782-784, Deed Records, Webb County, Texas, situated in Porcion 23, Leonardo Sanchez, Abstract 283, Webb County, Texas, located south of Shiloh Drive and west of Snow Falls Drive, from R-1 (Single Family 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-064-2023

District VI

5. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by amending Ordinance 2021-O-189, which authorized a Special Use Permit for a restaurant serving alcohol on Lot 1, Block 1, Royal Oaks Subdivision, Phase 1, located at 110 Willow Oak Street, Suite 3 (2,386 square feet) in order to remove Fernando Canseco applicant and Lopez and Sons Investment Limited Liability Company owner for the Taco Mais Restaurant and replace with La Terraza Leasing, Limited Liability Company - Republica 359 Restaurant as the parties to whom the permit is issued, and to amend the hours of operations and square footage.

The Planning and Zoning Commission motioned to approve the special use permit amendment. However, due to a 4 to 4 tie vote, **the motion failed** and staff **did not support** the application.

ZC-068-2023

District III

6. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** 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 1A, Block 1, Rancho Verde Subdivision, located at 9652 McPherson Road, Suite 100 (2,600 square feet).

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

ZC-069-2023

District VI

7. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 1, JDK Plat, located at 23909 FM 1472, from B-3 (Community Business 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-070-2023
District VII

8. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by amending Ordinance 2022-O-163, which authorized a Special Use Permit (S.U.P.) for Restaurant Serving Alcohol on the east part of lots 5 and 7, Block 167, Western Division, and 1,249.92 square feet, out of the Main Avenue right-of-way, adjacent to Lots 5 and 7, Block 167, Western Division, as per deed recorded in Volume 5323, Pages 741-747, Webb County Official Public Records, located at 1020 Main Avenue in order to amend the hours of operations.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **approval** of the proposed special use permit amendment and staff **supports** the application.

ZC-071-2023
District VIII

9. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 113,159.62 square feet (2.5978 Acres) being all of Block Number One Thousand Seven Hundred Thirteen (1713), part of Block Number One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Two (1782) and the right-of-way of New York, between these two blocks, as recorded in Volume 7, Page 15 of Webb County, Plat Record, in the Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas. More particularly described in metes and bounds in attached Exhibits A and D to that certain Warranty Deed dated November 8, 2016, from the City of Laredo to Laredo - Webb Neighborhood Housing Services Incorporated, Recorded November 15, 2016, as Document No 1281296, Volume 4143, Page 565 of the Office of the County Clerk of Webb County, Texas, located at approximately 300 Arkansas Avenue, from R-2 (Multi - Family Residential District) to R-1B (Single Family High Density District).

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

ZC-072-2023
District II

10. **Public Hearing** and discussion on the voluntary annexation and initial zoning of R-1MH (Single Family Manufactured Housing District) on a tract of land totaling 42.87 acres, more or less, as described by metes and bounds in the attached Exhibit "A", and known as Annexation Tract 8 (AFW Investments II Tract) located north of State Highway 359 and west of Wawi Tijerina Parkway.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **approval** of the annexation and initial zoning. Staff **supports** the application and initial zoning.

AN-002-2023

District III - Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa

11. **Public Hearing** and discussion on the voluntary annexation and initial zoning of R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) on a tract of land totaling 367.99 acres, more or less, as described by metes and bounds in the attached Exhibit "A", and known as Annexation Tract 1 (Cantu Tract) located east of Cuatro Vientos Boulevard and south of Wormser Road.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **approval** of the annexation and initial zoning. Staff **supports** the application and initial zoning.

AN-003-2023

District I - Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez

12. **Public Hearing** and discussion on the voluntary annexation and initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) on a tract of land totaling 60.16 acres, more or less, as described by metes and bounds in the attached Exhibit "A" and known as Annexation Tract 2, (SKG Colombia I Tract) located north of State Highway 255 and west of FM 1472.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **approval** of the annexation and initial zoning. Staff **supports** the application and initial zoning.

AN-004-2023

District VII - Cm. Vanessa Perez

13. **Public Hearing** and discussion on the voluntary annexation and initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) on a tract of land totaling 31.11 acres, more or less, as described by metes and bounds in the attached Exhibit "A", and known as Annexation Tract 3 (SKG Colombia II Tract) located south of State Highway 255 and west of FM 1472.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **approval** of the annexation and initial zoning. Staff **supports** the application and initial zoning.

AN-005-2023

District VII - Cm. Vanessa Perez

14. **Public Hearing** and discussion on the voluntary annexation and initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) on a tract of land totaling 0.058 acres, more or less, as described by metes and bounds in the attached Exhibit "A", and known as Annexation Tract 4 (Nava Tract) located south of FM 1472 and west of Coal Mine Road.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **approval** of the annexation and initial zoning. Staff **supports** the application and initial zoning.

AN-006-2023
District VII - Cm. Vanessa Perez

15. **Public Hearing** and discussion on the voluntary annexation and initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) on a tract of land totaling 303.02 acres, more or less, as described by metes and bounds in the attached Exhibit "A", and known as Annexation Tract 5 (Needmore Dolores Tract) located north of State Highway 255 and east of FM 1472.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **approval** of the annexation and initial zoning except for the zoning along the frontage area of State Highway 255. Staff **supports** the application and initial zoning except for the zoning along the frontage area of State Highway 255.

AN - 007- 2023
District VII - Vanessa Perez

16. **Public Hearing** and discussion on the voluntary annexation and initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) on a tract of land totaling 1.0317 acres, more or less, as described by metes and bounds in the attached Exhibit "A", and known as Annexation Tract 6 (Gilpin Tract) located west of FM 1472 and north of Vidal Cantu Road.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **approval** of the annexation and initial zoning. Staff **supports** the application and initial zoning.

AN-008-2023
District VII - Cm. Vanessa Perez

17. **Public Hearing** and Discussion on the voluntary annexation and initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) on a tract of land totaling 373.0974 acres, more or less, as described by metes and bounds in the attached Exhibit "A", and known as Annexation Tract 7 (Pinnacle Mines Investments Tract) located west of FM 1472 and north of Vidal Cantu Road.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **approval** of the annexation and initial zoning. Staff **supports** the application and initial zoning.

18. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant, approve a program, and appropriate funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for a 90% federal cost share amount of \$308,210.00 and a 10% match requirement of \$30,821.00; and amend the FY23-24 Special Fire Grant Fund by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$339,031.00. Funding for the 10% grant match requirement is available in the General Fund reserves.

(Recess)
(Press Availability)

X. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

19. An Ordinance closing and vacating, as a public easement, a 0.57acre section of Stone Avenue between Rosario Street and Market Street; said 0.57acre tract of land situated in District III, Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb, County, Texas; The City of Laredo reserves any and all easements recorded or not recorded; authorizing the City Manager to close the described section as a public easement and providing an effective date.
20. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager, with approval of City Council, to waive garage sale or yard sale permit fees for garage sales taking place between August 11 and August 13, 2023, in observance of National Garage Sale Day.
21. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 24, Appendices, Appendix A, Definitions, of the Land Development Code, by adding a definition of e-cigarette and re-defining tobacco shop to include e-cigarettes and e-cigarette related products.
22. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending section 24.93.6, subsection five (5), of the Land Development Code by increasing the distance requirement for tobacco shops from any residential zoned district, church, public or private elementary, middle or high school, a day care licensed by the State, a college or university, public playground, park or stadium from three hundred (300) feet to eight hundred (800) feet.

23. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the previous city donation acceptance policy established through Resolution 2019-R-024, by allowing the City Manager to accept donations not exceeding \$50,000.00 in value. The City Council must accept donations of greater than \$50,000.00, so that the City Council can evaluate any policy implications associated with the donation. The previous maximum donation allowed to be accepted by the City Manager without approval of City Council was \$5,000.00.
24. An ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, repealing Chapter 21, Article VII, in its entirety, of the code of ordinances, due to the passage of House Bill 1819 that repeals the authority of a city to adopt a juvenile curfew, which will take effect on September 1, 2023, providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; providing for publication; and declaring an effective date.
25. An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the city manager to accept a grant in the amount Of \$75,000.00 from Petco Love, a 501 (C) (3) Non-profit corporation for use by the Laredo Animal Care Services Department to provide low cost spay and neuter vouchers for community pets and to assist with the current spay/neuter and release program to increase the shelter's live release rate for cats and to decrease overpopulation in our community; and amend the FY 22-23 Health Fund- Petco Love grant budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$75,000.00.

XI. THIRD AND FINAL READING

26. **2023-O-110** Authorizing the City Manager to grant a non-exclusive franchise to Tiralo to use the present and future streets, avenues, alleys, roads, highways, sidewalks, easements and other public rights-of-way of the City of Laredo, Texas for purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating a commercial container refuse gathering and disposing service, setting forth terms and conditions to govern the franchise; Providing a severability clause, a savings clause and effective date.

XII. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

27. **2023-O-113** 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 1, Block 1, Northridge Commercial Plat, located at 8511 McPherson Road, Suites 109, 110, and 111 (3,000 square feet).

ZC-039-2023
District VI

28. **2023-O-114** 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 Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8 Block 1877, Eastern Division, a tract of land containing approximately 3,722.5 square feet, out of and part of a 15,432.35 square feet tract out of former section of Ross Street, between India Avenue and Canada Avenue, being bounded on the north by Block 1877, Eastern Division and on the south by Block 1878, Eastern Division, City of Laredo, per plat recorded in Volume 7, Page 15, of the Webb County, Texas plat records; said 15,432.35 square feet tract of land being the property described in warranty deed from the City of Laredo to W.E. Haynes Realty, Limited, dated June 30, 1998, and recorded in Volume 651, pages 23-27, of the Webb County Official Public records, and Lot 4, Block 1878, Eastern Division located at 3000 Jaime Zapata Memorial Highway and 3000 Ligarde Street.

ZC-054-2023
District III

29. **2023-O-115** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by amending Ordinance 2014-O-092 which authorized a Conditional Use Permit for a truck sales center on the south 1/2 of Lot 5, Lot 5A, Block 266, Western Division, and a tract of land containing 0.2046 acres (8,914.4 square feet), more or less, out of Lot seven (7), Block Two-Hundred Sixty-Six (266), situated in the Western Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, located at 1512, 1514, 1518 Santa Ursula Avenue in order to remove whom the permit is issued to and amend the hours of operations.

ZC-058-2023
District VIII

30. **2023-O-116** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for a bar on Lot 1, Block 1, Frank J. Guerra Subdivision, located at 98 Calle del Norte, Lobby (1,124 square feet).

ZC-059-2023
District VII

31. **2023-O-117** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 4.35 Acre tract of land, situated in Porcion 39, Abstract 250, Jose Antonio Nasario Original Grantee, within the limits of the City of Laredo, in Webb County, Texas, said 4.3542 Acre tract being out and part of HAPO Holdings, Limited Liability Company (219.48 Acre tract), as recorded in Volume 4543, Pages 455-467 of the Webb County Deed Records, Webb County Texas, located south of Tesis Drive and west of US Highway 83, from AG (Agricultural District) to R-1B (Single Family High Density District).

ZC-060-2023
District II

32. **2023-O-118** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for a Veterinarian (Indoor Animal Confinement - Veterinary Clinic) on Lot 1, Block 1, Emami Plaza Plat, located at 3311 East Del Mar Boulevard, Suite 201 (3,057 square feet).

ZC-061-2023
District V

33. **2023-O-119** Amending Ordinance #2016-O-006, which established the rental rate structure for the Jose A. Flores Duplex Complex located at the Old Air Force Base; providing for a biennial increase of \$30 per month for a two-bedroom, \$45 per month for a three-bedroom, and \$60 per month for a four-bedroom on October 1, 2023, and October 1, 2025; providing security deposits for new tenants in the same amount as the monthly rental; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

Jose A. Flores Duplexes	Current	Proposed 10/01/2023	Proposed 10/01/2025	HUD Fair Market Rent 2023
2 bedroom	\$514	\$544	\$574	\$995
3 bedroom	\$640	\$685	\$730	\$1,276
4 bedroom	\$731	\$791	\$851	\$1,380

34. **2023-O-120** Amending Ordinance #2016-O-007, which established the rental rate structure for the Tomas Flores Apartment Complex located at 2301 & 2302 Lafayette St.; providing for a biennial increase of \$30 per month for a two-bedroom, and \$45 per month for a three-bedroom on October 1, 2023, and October 1, 2025; providing security deposits for new tenants in the same amount as the monthly rental; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

Tomas Flores Apartments	Current	Proposed 10/01/2023	Proposed 10/01/2025	HUD Fair Market Rent 2023
2 Bedroom	\$444.00	\$474.00	\$504.00	\$995.00
3 Bedroom	\$531.00	\$576.00	\$621.00	\$1,276.00

35. **2023-O-121** Amending Ordinance #2018-O-065, which established the rental rate structure for all properties managed through the City of Laredo – Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) Part 150 Airport Noise Compatibility Program. This amendment increases the monthly rental rates for residential and multi-family units effective October 1, 2023, and October 1, 2025. The increase will be \$15 for 1-bedroom units, \$30 for 2-bedroom units, \$45 for 3-bedroom units, \$60 for 4-bedroom units, and \$75 for 5-bedroom units. These rental rate adjustments are necessary in order to cover increases in cost associated with materials, supplies, and specialized contractual service fees required to properly maintain the rental units. The deposit amount for all new tenants on or after October 1, 2023, will be established at the same rate as the rental amount; and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

Noise Abatement Properties	Average Current	Average Proposed 10/01/2023	Average Proposed 10/01/2025	HUD Fair Market Rent 2023
1 bedroom	\$455	\$470	\$485	\$796
2 bedroom	\$523	\$553	\$583	\$995
3 bedroom	\$642	\$687	\$732	\$1,276
4 bedroom	\$769	\$829	\$889	\$1,380

36. **2023-O-123** Ratifying the authorization of the City Manager to execute all necessary documents granting a 6' x 3' perpetual easement and right-of-way to AEP Texas Central Company for electric distribution lines. Said easement would be located on a property legally described as a portion of Block 8, Laredo Airport Subdivision, Webb County, Texas; Said tract of land conveyed to Grantor on a deed recorded in Volume 478, Page 471, Deed Records of Webb County, Texas, as depicted in Exhibit A; and providing for an effective date.

XIII. 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.

BRIDGE: STAFF SOURCE YVETTE LIMON, BRIDGE DIRECTOR

37. Consideration to award a contract to sole source provider, TransCore L.P., for the purchase of 15,000 Automatic Vehicle Identification (AVI) sticker tags in the amount of \$150,105.00. These AVI sticker tags are TransCore's Amtech Technology eGo® Plus Windshield sticker tags; have a protocol of 915 Mhz radio frequency; are programmable beam powered; are windshield dash mounted tags and used for the Laredo Bridge System Electronic Toll Collection System. Funding is available in the Bridge System Fund.

38. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for professional services in the amount of \$137,420.00 with TransCore, LP, Houston, Texas. This contract is to provide support for all the data migration from the current HP hardware to the new Dell hardware for the Laredo Bridge System back office system replacement project. Funding is available in the Bridge System Fund.

BUILDING: STAFF SOURCE JOHN HICKLE, BUILDING DIRECTOR

39. **2023-R-129** Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and Vortex properties, LLC for a proposed project located at 2901 Ireland Street, Lot 1, Block 1749, southview that consists of a residential duplex, in accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ). This agreement will be for a five (5) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$210,000.00, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$1,092.98 and estimated total fee waivers of \$1,512.50. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information. This project is located within City Council District II.
40. **2023-R-133** Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and MISMO Properties II, LLC for a proposed project located at 800 South US HWY 83, all of block 1331, Eastern Division, that consists of commercial, in accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ) 2. This agreement will be for a ten-year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$2,864,636.00, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$16,328.42, and estimated total fee waivers of \$5,838.75. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information. This project is located within City Council District II.
41. **2023-R-137** Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and R A Investment Group LLC for a proposed project located at 2001 Guadalupe St., Lots 1-3, Block 1149, Eastern Division that consists of commercial, by authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ) 3. This agreement will be for a ten-year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$117,712.28, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$2,748.20, and estimated total fee waivers of \$1,700.00. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are outlined in the attached agreement and information. This project is located within City Council District III.

BUDGET: STAFF SOURCE JESUS ESPARZA, III, BUDGET DIRECTOR

42. Consideration to authorize change order #2 and ratify the purchase of a mechanical fan, duct upgrade, electrical conduit and wiring for the ice plant at Sames Auto Arena in the amount of \$37,450.00. CIMCO determined that the current fan does not meet the Cubic Feet per Minute (CFM) as mandated by the latest emergency CFM code requirements set by the International Institute of Ammonia Refrigeration. The total contract amount is \$1,349,710.00. Funding is available in the Sport and Venue Fund.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: STAFF SOURCE TINA MARTINEZ, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

43. **2023-R-136** Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute the Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance Housing for Texas Heroes Grant. The Community Development Department through the Municipal Housing Division received an award in the amount of \$200,000.00 to provide home modifications for the veteran community within the City of Laredo area. The term of the grant shall be one year from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024. There is no match requirement and funding is available in the Municipal Housing Fund.
44. **2023-R-155** Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to purchase for \$350,000.00, plus closing costs from Guillermo Caldera, the "surface only" of Lot 1 Paso del Norte Industrial Park I, being more or less 4.8789 acre tract conveyed to Guillermo Caldera, recorded in Volume 5233-Page 266, Webb County Records. Funding is available in the 2017 - 2020 Community Development Block Grant Years (CDBG) Providing for an effective date.
45. Approving the submission of the 2023-2024 One Year Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) request for funding in the amounts of \$3,228,384.00 in 49th Action Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, \$1,260,999.00 through the HOME Investment Partnership Program, and \$299,176.00 through the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). An additional \$80,000.00 is anticipated to be received in Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan funds, and \$125,000.00 in HOME Program Income. Also authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents as a result of the Plan's submission. The plan identifies the projects proposed to be funded by HUD through entitlement program funds and anticipated program income, which are as follows:

49th AY Community Development Block Grant		
1	Community Development Administration	\$645,000.00
2	Housing Rehabilitation Administration	\$344,386.00
3	Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program	\$580,000.00
4	Code Enforcement	\$634,998.00
5	Graffiti Removal Program	\$44,000.00

6	Homeless Services – Bethany House Expansion Project	\$440,000.00
7	Section 108 Loan Repayment	\$300,000.00
8	Three Points Village - Public Improvement Project	\$240,000.00
	TOTAL	\$3,228,384.00

Revolving Loan		
9	Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Administration	\$7,000.00
10	Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program	\$73,000.00
	TOTAL	\$80,000.00

HOME Investment Partnership Grant		
11	HOME Program Administration	\$125,500.00
12	Down Payment Assistance Program (PI) & (EN)	\$250,000.00
13	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	\$300,000.00
14	Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)	\$200,000.00
15	Homeowner Reconstruction Program	\$250,000.00
16	HOME Affordable Rental Housing Program	\$260,499.00
	TOTAL	\$1,385,999.00

Emergency Solutions Grant		
17	ESG Program Administration	\$22,000.00
18	Emergency Shelter – Shelter Operations	\$90,000.00
19	Emergency Shelter – Essential Services	\$33,139.00
20	Street Outreach	\$45,000.00
21	Rapid Re-Housing	\$50,000.00
22	Homelessness Prevention	\$51,037.00
23	Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	\$8,000.00
	TOTAL	\$299,176.00

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: STAFF SOURCE MIRIAM CASTILLO, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

46. **2023-R-139** Ratifying the submission of a grant application to the Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities Grant Program through U.S. Department of Transportation in the amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 with a \$20% required match contribution to install conduit & fiber, traffic upgrades and upgrade the transportation management center. Local match is available in the 2021 CO.

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

47. **2023-R-071** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) CSJ# 0922-33-217 for bridge replacement or rehabilitation projects to structurally deficient and functionally obsolete (collectively referred to as deficient) bridges located on public roads and streets of the designated state highway system, located at Lowry Lane at Drainage Ditch. Federally-eligible items of work for this project are approved for 100% federal and state funding through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) as well as the Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program (HBRRP), local match fund participation requirement for federally-eligible items of work is waived in full for CSJ 0922-33-217, any non-eligible items of work will be paid by the Local Government.
48. Consideration for approval of the World Trade International Bridge - Federal Port of Entry Fast Lanes Relocations Project CSJ 0922-33-178 as complete, approval of change orders No. 4, 5, 6 and 7, a total increase in the amount of \$743,985.17 to adjust for final project close-out items, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$1,581,353.17 to Summit Building and Design, Laredo, Texas. The current construction contract amount including these change orders is \$8,217,833.66 and the construction contract time is 556 calendar days. We received approval from TxDOT to proceed with the change orders. Funding is available in the Bridge Fund-Construction Budget.
49. Consideration for approval of Amendment No. 2, an increase in the amount of \$106,619.23 to the professional services contract with Structural Engineering Associates, San Antonio, Texas for the World Trade Bridge Expansion Project Phase 1, to conduct a Value Engineering Study. Current contract amount with this amendment is \$2,784,551.01. Funding is available in the Bridge Construction Fund.

FINANCE: STAFF SOURCE MARK DEMAY, FINANCE DIRECTOR

50. **2023-R-142** Directing Publication of Notice of Intention to issue City of Laredo, Texas combination tax and revenue certificates of obligation, in one or more series, in the maximum principal amount of \$58,000,000, for the purpose of (1) planning, constructing, improving and repairing city streets, sidewalks bridges, and drainage improvements, together with right-of-ways acquisition, traffic and street signalization, landscaping, and lighting improvements; (2) acquiring, constructing, improving and equipping public safety facilities; (3) acquiring, constructing, improving and equipping solid waste facilities; (4) acquiring, constructing, improving and equipping municipal parks; (5) renovating, improving, and equipping existing municipal buildings and facilities; (6) acquiring municipal equipment and municipal vehicles for various city departments, including solid waste and public safety departments; (7) acquiring, constructing, improving and equipping facilities to improve city telecommunications, wireless communications, information technology systems, applications, hardware, software, and cybersecurity; (8) purchasing real property, materials, supplies, equipment, information technology, machinery, landscaping, land, and rights of way for

authorized needs and purposes related to the aforementioned capital improvements and (8) paying legal, fiscal and engineering fees in connection with such projects.

51. Authorizing the City Manager to award a two (2) year contract extension to PNC Bank N.A. for depository banking services for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 at a net estimated cost of \$206,800.00. Funding is available in across various funds.
52. Consideration to award contract number FY23-062 to Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld LLP, Washington, D.C. to provide Federal Legislative and Lobbying Consulting Services for the City of Laredo. The contract amount should not exceed \$240,000.00 annually. This contract shall be for one (1) year with three (3) one-year renewal options, as approved by City Council and upon mutual agreement of the parties. All legislative and lobbying consulting services will be on a continuous basis. Funding is available through Utilities Water and Sewer Funds, Solid Waste and General Fund.
53. Consideration to approve a contract extension through September 30, 2023, with Estrada Hinojosa & Company Inc., of Dallas, Texas, for financial advisory services for the City of Laredo. Financial advisory services are based on the size of the debt issuance sold and are paid from said proceeds. Funding for these services will be available from proceeds of the debt issuance. Contract period is from August 1, 2023, to September 30, 2023.

FIRE: STAFF SOURCE GUILLERMO HEARD, FIRE CHIEF

54. Authorizing the City Manager to ratify a purchase with Siddons-Martin Emergency Group, LLC Denton, TX in the amount of \$227,128.00 for the purchase of ambulance chassis remount and delivery. Funding is available in the General Fund Fire Capital Outlay expense account.
55. Consideration to approve an agreement between People With Ideas of Love, Liberty, Acceptance, and Respect (PILLAR) and the City of Laredo to coordinate the establishment of a vending machine to be set up at Fire Station # 3 located at 2420 San Bernardo, stocked with life-preserving items such as Narcan, an over-the-counter medication used to reverse or reduce the effects of opioid, to help people struggling with chemical addiction, namely opioid addiction. There is no financial impact.
56. Consideration to approve an agreement with the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UT Health) School of Biomedical Informatics and the City of Laredo Fire Department to provide a program that allows UT Health graduate students to use first responder data to help quantify data in order for first responders to improve response times. There is no financial impact.

57. Consideration to renew service contract with Sole Source and Buyboard Cooperative vendor Siddons Martin Emergency Group, Houston, TX, for the annual amount of \$150,000.00 for mechanical repair services, parts and emergency (unforeseen, unexpected) service repairs. These are repairs done on units including tankers, fire engines and aerial trucks. All units have to be operational at all times to respond to emergency calls. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one year beginning as of the date of its execution, this is the last extension period. Funding for this contract is available in the General Fund - Fire Department Budget.
58. Consideration to award a contract for the purchase of Fire/EMS medications, medical equipment and supplies as follows:
- Bound Tree Medical, LLC., Dallas Texas, as primary vendor, in an annual amount not to exceed \$350,000.00 and
 - McKesson Medical Surgical, Atlanta, Georgia, as secondary vendor, in an annual amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. ;
- Bound Tree Medical contract pricing is utilizing BuyBoard Cooperative Contract #704-23 and McKesson Medical contract pricing is utilizing Sourcewell contract 022422-MML. These purchases are used by the Fire Department-EMS on an as needed basis. Items include but are not limited to medications, medical equipment and medical supplies. The term of this contract is for a period of one year, subject to future appropriations, and has the option to renew three additional one-year periods upon mutual agreement of parties. Funding is available in the Fire Department - EMS Budget.
59. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into contracts between AT&T Corp and the City of Laredo to upgrade existing end-of-life telecommunication circuits to an internet-based service, improving network connectivity to four fire stations. Contracts are for a period of 36 months in the total amount of \$112,645.62; Funding is available in the General Fund Fire Department Budget.

FLEET MANAGEMENT: STAFF SOURCE RONALD MILLER, FLEET DIRECTOR

60. Consideration to renew the six-month supply contract FY21-094 with Arguindegui Oil Company, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$100,000.00 for the purchase of lubricants for the Fleet Department. All lubricants will be secured on an as-needed basis. The term of this contract shall be for a period of six months beginning as of the date of its execution. At the time contract renewal notices were received, there was no price increase during this extension period; price changes will be governed by an index made up of the composite posted prices in the Laredo area of those companies published in the daily publication of Oil Price Information Service. This is the fourth of seven extension periods. Funding is available in the Fleet Management Budget.

61. Consideration to renew contract FY20-059 with the following vendors:

1. R & S Inspection Center, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$40,000.00;
2. Rotex Truck Center, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$20,000.00.

This contract provides safety inspection services for all the City's municipal fleet vehicles. These vendors will be authorized to do minor repairs and/or replace parts that may be required to meet the State of Texas Safety Inspection Standards. All minor repairs shall not exceed \$50.00. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one year beginning as of the date of its execution. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the last extension period for this contract. Funding is available in the Fleet Department Fund.

62. Consideration to amend and renew annual supply/service contract FY23-020 by 25% with Holt Caterpillar, Laredo, Texas for an amount increase of \$150,000.00 and a new renewable contract total amount of \$750,000.00 for the purchase of Original Equipment Manufacturer parts/services for the City's Caterpillar heavy equipment. 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. There was no price increase during the last extension period. The contract amendment is due to an increase in the purchase of repair services for the City's Caterpillar heavy equipment during the last extension period. This contract may be extended for two additional one-year periods. Funding is available in the Fleet Management Budget.

63. Consideration to renew contract FY23-015 for the general diesel engine repairs and parts/service for the City's Fleet Department with the following vendors:

1. Cervantes Truck Center, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$437,500.00 (Primary Vendor); and
2. Rush Truck Center, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$125,000.00 (Secondary Vendor); and
3. Rotex Truck Center, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$125,000.00 (Secondary Vendor); and
4. South Texas Auto Rebuilders, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$125,000.00 (Secondary Vendor).

This contract establishes multiple vendors for general diesel engine repairs. This contract provides the Fleet Department with the ability to outsource and expedite needed diesel engine 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 and compliance city code of ordinances. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This contract can be renewed two (2) additional one (1) year extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.

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

64. **2023-R-130** Ratifying the execution of a continuation contract from Every body Texas Quality Improvement and Access Fund in the amount of \$18,783.00 with no match for the City of Laredo Health Department Title X Family Planning Women's Preventive Health and Wellness Services for the term period from April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024.
65. **2023-R-131** Authorizing the City Manager to accept the continuation contract from the Texas Health and Human Services for a total amount of \$5,949,623.00 with no match for the City of Laredo Health Department Women, Infants, and Children, (WIC) Division for the term from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024.
66. **2023-R-132** Ratifying the execution of a contract amendment from Women's Health and Family Planning Association of Texas Title X for an additional amount of \$4,649.00 for an amended total of \$120,867.00 with no match for the City of Laredo Health Department for the term from April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024.
67. Authorizing the City Manager to accept a contract amendment with Televero Health, Inc. in the additional amount of \$20,000.00 for a total amount of \$80,000.00 for the City of Laredo Health Department telemedicine psychiatric services for the term from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023. Funding is available through the Health Department Community Mental Health grant.
68. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement with Alice Management Company, LLC in the monthly amount of \$2,250.00 for the total amount of \$135,000.00 for the term period of September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2028, for the City of Laredo Health Department, WIC program. The program will operate on the property located at 2041 East Main Street, Suite 500 in Alice, Texas 78332.

HUMAN RESOURCES: STAFF SOURCE LINDA TENIENTE, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

69. Consideration to extend contract FY19-045 for the following ancillary group service :

1. Aetna - Group Dental
- a. Dental Self-Funded Plan Administrator

Carrier rates remain the same as the previous year. The City of Laredo intends to award a contract period from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024. Funding is available in the Health & Benefits Fund, Police Dependent Retiree Fund, and Fire Dependent Retiree Fund.

70. Consideration to extend contract FY19-044 for the following group medical services:

1. Blue Cross Blue Shield Of Texas

a) Third Party Medical Claims, Stop Loss, and COBRA Administration

b) Medical Network

c) Pharmacy Benefit Management

2. Optum Financial formerly known as Connect Your Care

a) Section 125 Administration

3. Aetna Medicare Advantage

a) Retiree Medicare Advantage Carrier

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas-Stop Loss premiums will increase by 15.9%; Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas Administrative fees will increase by 1.5%. Optum Financial will not have an increase and will remain at \$2.22 per member per month. These extensions will be effective October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024; with the exception of item No.3 that is effective January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025. Funding is available in the Health & Benefits Fund (660-2035).

71. Consideration to award a contract FY23-058 to the lowest responsible bidder Healthchek Network, LLC., Lake Charles, Louisiana, for the lease of (10) ten Health Stations in the amount of \$162.00 per unit per month for an annual amount of \$19,440.00. Healthchek Network is providing ten blood pressure stations at various City of Laredo departments including the delivery, installation, maintenance and statistical monthly reports. The term of this contract is for a period of (5) five years, subject to future appropriations. Funding is available in the Risk Management Fund - Employee Health and Wellness Division.

72. Authorizing the City Manager to purchase insurance coverage for the City of Laredo Roots Recovery Center (in-hospital detox center) to include \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence/\$3,000,000.00 annual aggregate for general liability, \$1,000,000.00 per claim/\$3,000,000.00 annual aggregate for professional liability, \$5,000,000.00 for non-owned and hired automobile liability, and \$10,000,000 umbrella beginning August 1, 2023, through August 1, 2024, for a total amount of \$187,500.00 to be paid from the Detoxification Center Fund.

INFORMATION SERVICES & TELECOMMUNICATION: STAFF SOURCE JAVIER G. VASQUEZ, JR. INTERIM DIRECTOR

73. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a contract between SecuLore Solutions, a Cybersecurity company focused on public safety, and the City of Laredo to provide cybersecurity technology and monitoring services to safeguard the 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), as well as the 9-1-1 Database Network in the four county region of Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb and Zapata. SecuLore will provide Paladin Overwatch cybersecurity monitoring services for a one-year period to the South Texas Region in the amount \$149,049.00. The managed services will be purchased from SecuLore Solutions through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) Contract No. EC07-20. Funding is available in the Regional 9-1-1 Fund.
74. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a one-year service agreement with Central Square Superior Public Sector, Lake Mary FL, for \$258,489.48. The service agreement is for software enhancements and maintenance on the financial applications residing on the City's IBM Power Computer Systems for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. Funding is available in the Information Technology Fund.
75. Authorizing the purchase of a 10 Ton Precedent Packaged air conditioning unit from Trane for the amount of \$11,502.00 plus additional funding of \$19,945.19 for purchases as needed for FY2023 and not to exceed a total of \$80,000.00. Pricing under Texas BuyBoard – Contract #631-20 Region 20. Funding is available from the IST Department Budget.
76. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute Interlocal Agreements between the City of Laredo, Webb County Sheriff's Office, Jim Hogg County Sheriff's Department, Starr County Sheriff's Office, Zapata County Sheriff's Office, Rio Grande City Police Department, Roma Police Department, City of Laredo, Jim Hogg County Appraisal District, Zapata County Appraisal District, and Starr County Planning Department for Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) and Database Maintenance services for the period of September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2025.
77. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a contract between Equature and the City of Laredo for the purchase of voice recorders from the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Contract EC07-23 in the total amount of \$114,965.00. The Voice Recorders will be provided at seven (7) of the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) located throughout the South Texas Region, which consists of the voice recorder solution, licenses, and one full year of warranty. Funding is available in the Regional 9-1-1 Fund.

78. Consideration to award contract FY23-063 to sole responsible bidder Western Towers, San Angelo, TX. for the procurement and installation of a refurbished telecommunications shelter to host fiber cable terminations and telecommunications network equipment with the objective of extending the I-Net fiber to existing and future governmental building sites in the amount of \$148,217.00. Funding is available in the Public Educational and Governmental (PEG) Fund.

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

79. Discussion with possible action to direct staff on the possible development of an amendment to the Laredo Land Development Code regarding outdoor entertainment venues in Historic Residential-Office (H-R-O) zoned districts with a Conditional Use Permit, and any matters incident thereto.

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

80. **2023-R-140** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a donation agreement between the City of Laredo, a municipal corporation, and The Explorer Program Post 468, the donee, to provide a donation in the amount of five thousand, four hundred and thirty dollars (\$5,430.00) to the donee. This funding will be used towards expenses needed to fully equip and prepare the Explorer Program Post 468 explorers to assist the Laredo community during public events and represent the City of Laredo at area and state competitions.
81. Consideration to authorize the purchase of ammunition for the Police Department in the amount of \$81,047.38 from GT Distributors, Inc. through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program's Contract No. 698-23. Funding is available in the Laredo Police Department General Fund.
82. Consideration to authorize the purchase of ammunition for the Police Department in the amount of \$67,025.40 from TXAT, LLC., through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program's Contract No. 698-23. Funding is available in the Laredo Police Department General Fund.

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

83. **2023-R-141** A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the Highway Safety Improvement Project (HSIP), which includes traffic signal improvements at two different locations: Sanchez Street from San Eduardo St. to San Enrique St. and Gustavus Street from Springfield Ave. to Meadow Ave. The project has been awarded federal funds in the amount of \$380,038. and the City

of Laredo shall cover any cost overruns including direct state costs in the estimated amount of \$17,000. Funding is available in the 2021A C.O. Bond.

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

84. Authorizing the City Manager to award a construction contract to the lowest responsive bidder, Spartan Construction, in the amount of \$568,143.00 to replace two belt filter presses at the South Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant (SLWWTP). Three bids were received and opened by the City on Friday, June 9, 2023. The consulting engineer, CDM Smith, has reviewed the bids and recommends an award to the lowest responsive bidder, Spartan Construction. Funding is Available in the 2022 Sewer Revenue Bond.
85. Authorizing the City Manager to approve a change order to Valdez Engineering for \$153,275.00 for the Sombreretillo 12-inch force main and Pan American Lift Station Elimination Project design. This amount is required for additional work in surveying and easement acquisition services. The new contract total is now \$805,120.00. Funds are available in the 2019 Sewer Revenue Bond.
86. Authorizing the City Manager to approve Contract Amendment No. 1, an increase of \$13,800.00 to Alfa Laval, Houston Texas. This contract amendment is for two stand-alone hydraulic systems. This amendment increases the contract amount to \$838,931.00. Funding is available in the 2015B Sewer Revenue Bond.
87. Consideration to amend and renew annual supply/service contract FY22-079 by 25% with Laredo Air Compressor Parts & Service, Laredo, TX for an amount increase of \$12,500.00 and a new renewable contract total amount of \$62,500.00 to provide small engine repair services for the Utilities Department. This contract establishes an hourly service rate and a discount percentage for parts. 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 contract can be extended two additional one-year periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. There was no price increase during the last extension period. All services will be purchased on an as needed basis and funding will be secured from the Utilities - Sewer Fund.
88. Authorizing the City Manager to award a Purchase Order to Zone Industries, dba Precision Pump Systems, in the amount of \$1,515,223.00 for four new Sulzer High Speed Turbo (HST) Compressors/Blowers to replace four identical Sulzer model HST Blowers recently damaged. Zone Industries, dba Precision Pump Systems, is the sole distributor for Sulzer in Webb County. These are four of seven total Sulzer HST Blowers needed for wastewater aeration treatment and are thus a critical part of plant operation. The Blowers are identical to original specifications to match existing electrical control panel supplied by Sulzer and to match existing piping configurations, with technology covered under US Patent # D899,463. The units come with a 5-year warranty as purchased under

the original specifications. Funding is available in the Sewer Construction Fund and 2020A Sewer Revenue Fund.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XIV. STAFF REPORTS

- 89. 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.
- 90. 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.

- 91. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 and the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Conduct Rule 1.05 to consult with attorney concerning threatened legal action by Jesus Andres Garcia-Perez and return to open session for possible action if necessary.

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

- 92. **GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Request by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

1. Discussion with possible action to utilize Mayor's priority funds or any other applicable funds to complete and update necessary ADA and recommended facility improvements at the City of Laredo Health Department, and any matters related thereto.
2. Discussion and report on trip to Mexico City and meetings the Mexican House of Representatives and Valle de Bravo Mayor and City Council, and any matters related thereto.

B. Request by Council Member Gilbert Gonzalez

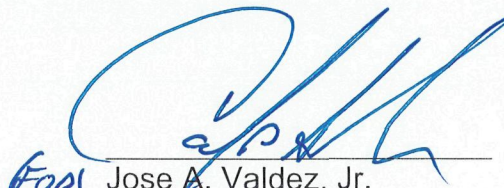
1. Discussion with possible action to support Pit Kings Laredo 2023 State Championship BBQ Cook Off on October 13-14, 2023, to be held at the City of Laredo Unitrade Stadium Parking Lot; and any other matters incident thereto.

C. Request by Council Member Melissa R. Cigarroa

1. Presentation of the Laredo Healthy Food System Plan for Council's consideration created by the Laredo Center for Urban Agriculture and Sustainability and the Laredo Food Policy Council. No action to be taken at this time.

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, July 26, 2023, at 5:30 pm.


Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary

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