

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

The Mayor will be presenting the following:

1. Recognizing the J.W. Nixon Swim Team for their efforts to help keep our community safe around the water, providing Swim Tips & Water Safety Tips to the youth of Laredo, and assisting the City Aquatics Division with their swim meets. With only 6 years in existence, the Nixon Swim Team has a yearly trajectory of advancing to 6 relays and individual events such as the Region Competition obtaining numerous recognitions and distinguished places.
2. Recognizing Maritza Gomez, Nixon Head Swim Team Coach, an advocate for Water Safety helping to keep our community safe. Miss Gomez, as a 2nd grade student she almost became a drowning statistic when she was pushed into a 12-foot deep pool and was drowning. Fortunately, she received emergency medical help and saved her life and since then she was able to overcome the fear of water and became a City of Laredo Lifeguard, Swimming Instructor, Lifeguard Instructor, a High School Swim Coach, and a Collegiate Swim Coach.
3. Recognizing Karina Nicole Mejia a United High School Senior Softball captain who recently returned from playing softball in Australia for Team USA at the New South Wales (NSW) International Challenge 2023 at Blacktown Softball Stadium in Sydney, Australia.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
A-2023-R-13
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 July 31, 2023 (special council meeting) and July 31, 2023 (Regular council meeting).

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.cityofflaredo.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. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Introduction of Jose A. Valdez, Jr., Assistant City Manager for the City of Laredo.
2. The United Way of Laredo has served the community for over 75 years with the sole goal to raise and provide funds for local nonprofits. Since 1999 the City of Laredo employees have been partnering with the United Way of Laredo in pledging financial support to the 22 agencies that make up the United Way Family. For over 75 years United Way's focus has been on education, health and financial stability - the building blocks for a good quality of life for the citizens of Laredo. In 2022, we are proud to say that the City of Laredo employees donated a grand total of \$75,567.12, and we are proud to announce that for the 2023-24 United Way Pacesetter Campaign, the City of Laredo and its employees are pledging at least \$80,000.00.

VII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment by Council Member Melissa Cigarroa of Dr. Maria Reyes' to the Charter Review Committee.
2. Appointment by Council Member Dr. Tyler King of Eddie Garza to the Impact Fees Committee.
3. Appointment by Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez of Angie Ancira to the Animal Care Services Advisory Committee.
4. Appointment by City Manager Joseph Neeb of himself to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1 -Downtown.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** concerning a voluntary annexation application by Patrick Farrell, on behalf of AFW Investments II, LTD., altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 42.87 acres, more or less, located north of State Highway 359 and northwest of Wawi Tijerina Parkway. Providing for the effective date of the ordinance, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of R-1MH (Single Family Manufactured Housing District).

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

4. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** concerning a voluntary annexation application by Vidal Cantu Jr., on behalf of Cantu Family Management, LLC., altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 367.99 acres, more or less, located east of Cuatro Vientos Boulevard and south of Wormser Road. Providing for the effective date of the ordinance, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District).

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

5. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** concerning a voluntary annexation application by Shahram Khaledi, on behalf of SKG Colombia, LLC., altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 60.16 acres, more or less, located north of State Highway 255 and west of FM 1472. Providing for the effective date of the ordinance, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

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

6. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** concerning a voluntary annexation application by Shahram Khaledi, on behalf of SKG Colombia South, LLC., altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 31.11 acres, more or less, located south of State Highway 255 and west of FM 1472. Providing for the effective date of the ordinance, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

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

7. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** concerning a voluntary annexation application by Rene Nava, altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 0.058 acres, more or less, located south of FM 1472 and west of Coal Mine Road. Providing for the effective date of the ordinance, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

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

AN-006-2023

District VII - Cm. Vanessa Perez

8. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** concerning a voluntary annexation application by Robert J. Gilpin, altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 1.0317 acres, more or less, located west of FM 1472 and north of Vidal Cantu Road. Providing for the effective date of the ordinance, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

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

9. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** concerning a voluntary annexation application by George J. Beckelhymer, on behalf of Pinnacle Mines Investments, altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 373.0974 acres, more or less, located west of FM 1472 and north of Vidal Cantu Road. Providing for the effective date of the ordinance, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

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

AN-009-2023

10. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by amending Ordinance 2020-O-062, which authorized a Special Use Permit for a restaurant serving alcohol on Lots 64 and 65, Block 2, North Creek Subdivision, located at 1010 East Hillside Road in order to remove Roberto Garza, Bertha Garza, Owners and Clarissa Gallardo and Graciela Ojeda, tenant for Los Comales Restaurant and replace with Erika Carranza and Victor A Medina as the parties to whom the permit is issued to and amend the hours of operation and square footage.

The Planning and Zoning Commission **motioned to deny** the special use permit amendment. However, due to 2 to 2 tie vote, the motioned failed and staff **did not support** the application.

ZC-057-2023
District V

11. **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

12. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 3, Block 1, DCAF Mines Road Plat, located at 16101 FM 1472, 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-073-2023
District VII

13. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 2, Block 1, DCAF Mines Road Plat, located at 16105 FM 1472, 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-074-2023
District VII

14. **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 mini-storage/warehouse on an approximately 2.57 acre tract of land out of Lot 3A, Block 3, Cielito Lindo Commercial Plat recorded in Volume 41, Page 20, Webb County Plat Records and fronting the northerly Cielito Lindo Boulevard Right-of-Way line, located at 313 Cielito Lindo Boulevard.

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

ZC-076-2023
District I

15. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, 2, and 3, Block 819, Eastern Division, and a 0.028-acres tract of land out of an alley south of Lots 1-3, Block 819, Eastern Division of the City of Laredo, Texas as per Volume 7, Page 15, Webb County Plat Records, located at 1501 Chihuahua Street, from R-O (Residential/Office District) to B-3 (Community Business District).

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

ZC-078-2023
District III

16. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 1 and 2, Block 1950, Eastern Division, located at 3101 Clark Boulevard, from R-3 (Mixed Residential Use) to B-1 (Limited Business District).

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

ZC-079-2023
District IV

17. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 1.884 acre tract of land, being out of the eastern half of Tract 11-F of Ranchitos IV Los Minerales Replat, as conveyed to Juan A. Ramirez & Christopher Ramirez, recorded in Volume 601, page 720, Deed Records, Webb County, Texas, subsequently conveyed to Pargon Group LLC, recorded in Volume 5167, page 441, Official Public Records of Webb County, Texas, said tract being situated in Porcion 10, Abstract 280, Tomas Sanchez, Original Grantee, Webb County, Texas, located west of Copper Mine Road and north of FM 1472, from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light

Manufacturing District).

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

ZC-081-2023
District VII

18. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 3, New-Vision Subdivision, Phase 2, located at 2405 Grisell 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-083-2023
District V

19. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending the Laredo International Airport Operating Fund FY 2023 annual budget by appropriating a drawdown of \$1,797,014.00 from the fund balance and appropriating it for a grant match. Funding will be partially reimbursed by the Federal Aviation Administration through entitlement grants for Fiscal Years 2024, 2025, and 2026. Providing a severability clause; providing for publication; and providing an effective date.
20. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** accepting the award of a grant from the Office of The Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD), as a supplemental award, for the purpose of funding the FY 2022 Operation Stone Garden Grant (OPSG) and amending the FY 2023 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$70,354.00. This funding shall be utilized for expenses used for stone garden operations by airport law enforcement. No local match is required.
21. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending ordinance number 2020-O-149; Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances, Article VIII, Temporary Parklet Pilot Program, by updating and making the program permanent and including language to incorporate similar usage for sidewalk cafés and street patios; providing for procedures and criteria for the granting of a permit; permit fees; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; providing for publication; and declaring an effective date.

Staff recommends the following fees:

Sidewalk Café

The Application Fee for a Permit is a one-time, non-refundable payment of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00).

Annual Permit Fees:

Year 1: \$100.00 Initial Permit Fee

Year 2 and thereafter: \$250.00 Annual Permit Renewal Fee

Street Patio & Parklet

The Application Fee for a Permit is a one-time, non-refundable payment of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00).

Annual Permit Fees:

Year 1: \$100.00 Initial Permit Fee

Year 2: \$300.00 Permit Renewal Fee

Year 3: \$500.00 Permit Renewal Fee

Year 4 and thereafter: \$800.00 Annual Permit Renewal Fee

22. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo 2022-2023 Laredo Auto Theft Task Force Fund budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$392,865.00 respectively; and to amend the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) position listing by adding one (1) Sergeant position, two (2) Investigator positions, and one (1) Officer position as awarded by the Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority. The grant award is in the amount of \$1,352,225.00 with a cash match of \$482,289.00 for a total grant amount of \$1,834,514.00. The performance period is September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024.
23. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending Chapter 31, Article III, Division 3, Section 31-138 by increasing the residential and commercial/multifamily rates from three percent to five percent starting October 20, 2023, and then to an annual adjustment of five percent at the levels indicated in the rate tables provided within this ordinance. These rates will automatically go into effect on October 1, 2024, and for each subsequent year for all customer classes; Providing for publication and an effective date.
24. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending Chapter 31, Division 1, Article II, section 31-92 of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, by increasing the residential and commercial/multifamily base charge and volume rates from three percent to six percent starting on October 20, 2023, and then to an annual adjustment of six percent at the levels indicated in the rate tables provided within this ordinance. These rates will automatically go into effect thereafter on October 1, 2024, and for each subsequent year for all customer classes; Providing for publication and an effective date.

(Recess)

(Press Availability)

IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

25. **2023-O-145** 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.

ZC-068-2023 District III

26. **2023-O-146** 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).

ZC-072-2023 District II

27. **2023-O-147** Amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Fleet Management fund by appropriating revenues and expenses of \$2,400,000 for the projected additional revenues.
28. **2023-O-148** Authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter a contract from the Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and amending the FY23-24 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 with no match for the City of Laredo Health Department, AOT Division for the term from July 31, 2023, through July 30, 2024.

29. **2023-O-149** Authorizing the City Manager to amend the FY 2022-2023 department of Community Development budget by increasing revenues and expenditures by an additional amount of \$750,000.00 in order to appropriate the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funds under the Economic Development Initiative (EDI) for the purpose specific for Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending for the Plaza Theater renovation and restoration project. The funding will help the renovation and restoration of the Plaza Theater and preserve a piece of Laredo history; and providing for an effective date.
30. **2023-O-150** Amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Health and Benefits Fund by appropriating a drawdown of \$3,400,000.00 from its opening balance and appropriating it for Health Medical and Prescription Claims.
31. **2023-O-151** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife for the Recreational Trails Program for Shiloh Trails in the amount of \$267,100.00 with a local match of \$66,775 for a total of \$333,875 and amend the FY23 Parks Capital Grant Fund budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the same amount. Local match is available through in-kind and volunteer labor and through the Parks General Fund budget. This grant is funded through the Department under the authority of Chapter 24 of the Parks and Wildlife Code.
32. **2023-O-152** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute legal documents conveying to Dos Caminos, LLC a 45' Temporary Construction Easement and a 30' wide permanent pipeline and right of way easement being within a 21.3750-acre tract more or less out of Porcion twelve, Santiago Sanchez Original Grantee Abstract 278, Webb County Texas, more particularly described in exhibit "A" attached hereto and made part of. The City will be compensated \$625.00, which will be deposited in the Sale of Easements Account. Providing for an effective date.
33. **2023-O-153** Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute all documents necessary to complete the sale of the "Surface Only" of closed section of Stone Avenue between Market Street and Rosario Street at its appraised value of \$120,000.00 to Laredo Independent School District. It is described as a 0.57 acre section of Stone Avenue R.O.W. between Rosario Street and Market Street; said 0.57 acre tract of land is 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; Approving and providing for an effective date.
34. **2023-O-154** Amending Article VI [Investment Policy] of Chapter 2 [Administration] of the Code of Ordinances in order to update investment officers titles, adjust / update the current broker / dealer list, and make minor language adjustments to the City's investment policy.

35. **2023-O-156** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, Amending Chapter 23, "Parks and Recreation Department," of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances; Article II, "Parks and Leisure Services Board; Deleting Section 23-3(a)(2) eliminating fees for water slide use for all ages at the City's swimming pools; amending section 23-4(a)(4)(a)(1) to allow all entities to rent the gymnasiums at all recreational centers for an entire day instead of only five (5) hours at no additional fee; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; providing for publication; and providing an effective date.
36. **2023-O-157** An introductory ordinance of the city of Laredo, Texas, amending chapter 21, offenses and miscellaneous provisions, creating article xv, interference with child custody orders, which implements a civil penalty for violating court-ordered child custody, a fine not to exceed \$500, to deter violations of child custody orders by improperly possessing a child, starting September 1, 2023, providing a severability clause, providing for publication, and declaring an effective date.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

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

AIRPORT: STAFF SOURCE GILBERTO SANCHEZ, AIRPORT DIRECTOR

37. Consideration to ratify Airport escalator repair services to TK Elevator Corporation, Corpus Christi, Texas in the amount of \$75,623.13. These Airport urgent repairs are for escalator step-chain-device. This purchase and installation will be done using the OMNIA Cooperative Program Contract# R200502. Funding is available in the Airport Operations Fund.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: STAFF SOURCE TINA MARTINEZ, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

38. **2023-R-168** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas adopting a Laredo Community Development Program pursuant to Chapter 373 of the Texas Local Government Code; and providing for an effective date.

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU: STAFF SOURCE AILEEN RAMOS, CVB DIRECTOR

39. Authorizing the City Manager to replace the previously authorized donations of one Backhoe - Unit 13446 with Unit 4222 to Anahuac, Nuevo León and one Trailer Unit 13103, with unit 14357 to Guadalupe, Nuevo León. All vehicles will be used for public service purposes. The City of Laredo donates these vehicles as is and does not assume any liability associated with the use after they have been transferred.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: STAFF SOURCE MIRIAM CASTILLO, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

40. **2023-R-162** Ratifying the submission of a Notice of Intent to Apply (NOI) for a federal grant application to the Solar for All Grant Program through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the amount not to exceed \$25,000,000.00, to expand the number of low-income and disadvantaged communities that should have access to affordable, resilient and clean energy. Grant application is due September 26, 2023. There is no local match requirement.
41. **2023-R-165** Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority (RMA) to participate and fund the Safe Streets and Roads Program by reimbursing an amount not to exceed \$12,650.00, to support the Webb County-City of Laredo Safety Action Plan grant application. Also authorizing the City Manager to reimburse the required City of Laredo grant match total of \$200,000.00. Funding will be available in the Capital Grants Fund.

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

42. Consideration for approval of change order no. 1 a decrease of \$447,503.40 to the construction contract with REIM Construction, Inc., Mission, Texas, for the Laredo International Airport Construction of Taxiways H1 and H2 and Reconstruction of a portion of Taxiway A. Change Order 1 consists of the deletion of 1,220 SY of Taxiway A reconstruction, located south of Taxiway D, due to a reduction in bid item quantities from Bid Alternate 1. The affected bid items include pavement removal, new concrete pavement section, erosion control, and pavement markings. Current construction contract amount with this change order no. 1 is \$9,181,726.60.
43. Consideration for approval of the Laredo International Airport Cargo Apron Phase 14 Rehabilitation as complete, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$18,468.08 to REIM Construction Inc., Mission, Texas. Final Construction amount is \$15,673,674.22. Funding is available in the Airport Construction Fund – FAA Grant 90 and 92.

44. Consideration for approval to award a professional services contract to RS&H, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$69,153.00 to assess all airfield signage and pavement markings and determine conformance with current FAA Advisory Circulars (ACs) and FAA requirements. Assessment of the airfield signage and pavement markings to be done on a fast-track basis. Funding is available in the Airport Construction Fund.

FIRE: STAFF SOURCE GUILLERMO HEARD, FIRE CHIEF

45. Consideration to ratify the issuance of an emergency purchase order, authorized by City Manager, in the amount not to exceed \$94,493.90 to Doggett Freight liner of South Laredo Fire, Laredo, TX. This was issued for the emergency repair services of an Ambulance unit for the City of Laredo Fire Department. Funding is available in Fire Department General Fund.
46. Consideration to award contract FY23-067 to Lockwood, Andrew & Newnam Inc., Houston, Texas, for the City of Laredo Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) in the amount of \$80,155.00. Services include but are not limited to planning, data collection, conducting risk assessments, developing mitigation strategies, drafting hazard mitigation plans, and any other related expenses. Funding is available in the Special Fire Grants, Hazard Mitigation Plan.
47. Consideration to amend a purchase with Silsbee Ford, Silsbee, Texas for a change of two (2) 2021 Ford F150 to two (2) 2023 Ford F-150 Crew CAB and an increase in pricing in the amount of \$11,383.00 for a new total amount of \$78,130.50. The purchase of these vehicles shall be made utilizing the TIPS USA 210907 Contract Pricing Program. Funding is available in the Capital Improvements Fund.
48. Consideration to amend a purchase with Lone Star Emergency Group, Houston, TX., for one (1) E-One 2023 E-One VM8 Pumper w/ FC94 Chassis in the amount of \$137,965.00 for a new total amount of \$562,562.00. The purchase of these truck shall be made utilizing the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract #113021-RVG-1 Pricing Program. The Fire truck will serve as a frontline unit and will allow the Laredo Fire Department to respond to emergencies in District 7. Funding is available in the 2019 PPFCO.
49. Consideration to approve a purchase with ZOLL Medical Corporation, Chelmsford, MA, for \$921,354.55 to acquire eighteen (18) cardiac monitors for the Laredo Fire Department. Funding for this purchase is available through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) fund.

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

50. **2023-R-166** Ratifying the execution of a contract amendment from the Texas Health and Human Services in the amount of \$7,267 for a total amount of \$73,483 for the Child Health and Dental Program, no grant match required, for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department Title V Prenatal Medical and Dental Services for the term period from September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023.
51. **2023-R-167** Authorizing City Manager to accept and enter into contract with the South Texas Development Council in estimated amount of \$141,563.00 for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Project (HOPWA) for the term period from September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024.
52. Consideration to ratify purchases from Kimball International dba Kimball Office Inc., Jasper, IN. (G & S Office Supply), in the amount of \$57,265.54 and to allow for future purchases in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00 for office furniture and installation for the Health Department WIC Program and other divisions as needed. Funding is available in the Health Department Fund.
53. Consideration to authorize the continuation of an office lease agreement at 6909 Springfield Avenue Suite #200B in the total amount of \$83,655.00 for a term of 11 months from November 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 for the City of Laredo Health Department. Funding is available through Health Department fund.

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

54. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a contract between Evans Consoles Incorporated and the City of Laredo for the purchase and installation of Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Telecommunicator Consoles through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Contract No. EC07-23 in the total amount of \$422,371.00. These consoles will be installed at the Laredo Police Department, Webb County Sheriff's Office, and Zapata County Sheriff's Office Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs). The consoles will be used as a workspace by the telecommunicators at these PSAP centers. Funding is available in the Regional 9-1-1 Fund.
55. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a contract between Intrado Life & Safety Solutions Corp. and the City of Laredo for maintenance renewal to purchase Software Subscription Support and Software Protection and Remote Technical Services Support through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Contract EC07-23 in the total amount of \$76,676.00. This software and technical support will be provided for each of eight (8) Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) located throughout the South Texas Region for a one-year period. Funding is available in the Regional 9-1-1 Fund.

56. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a contract between Russ Bassett and the City of Laredo for the purchase and installation of Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Telecommunicator Consoles through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Contract No. EC07-23 in the total amount of \$173,950.00. These consoles will be installed at the Starr County Sheriff's Office, Rio Grande Police Department, and Roma Police Department. The consoles will be used as a workspace by the telecommunicators at these PSAP centers. Funding is available in the Regional 9-1-1 Fund.
57. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a contract between Intrado Life and Safety Solutions Corporation, and the City of Laredo to purchase to SCC Mapping, a 9-1-1 mapping solution, and Power Metrics Advanced, Management Information Systems (MIS) Analytics for the eight (8) Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) throughout the South Texas Region, including Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb and Zapata Counties. These services will be purchased through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Contract No. EC07-23 in the total amount of \$152,969.00. Services will be provided for a one-year period. Funding is available in the 9-1-1 Regional Fund.
58. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a contract between Nitsom Promotions and the City of Laredo for the purchase of Public Education Promotional Items in the total amount of \$55,000.00. Formal bids were conducted through the Purchasing Department via Cit-E-Bid, and Nitsom Promotions was the lowest bidder for the promotional items. Public Education is an essential component to ensuring the proper use of 9-1-1, and the Public Education information will be provided throughout the South Texas Region. Funding is available in the Regional 9-1-1 Fund.

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

59. Consideration to ratify purchases from Idexx, Atlanta, GA, in the amount of \$61,548.95 and to allow for future purchases for an additional amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. These purchases are for Snap Tests for the Laredo Animal Care Services Department (LACS); Idexx Companion Animal Products are the sole provider for analyzers, analyzer consumables and SNAP Parvo test kits. Funding is available in General Fund-Laredo Animal Care Services Department (LACS) respective budget.

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

60. Consideration to approve a contract with PLAE Vertical Inc., Canton, GA, in the total amount of \$66,513.98 for the purchase and installation of rubber mats in the weight room at the Fasken Recreation Center. These purchases shall be made utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Contract (#665-22) Program. All labor, materials, equipment, insurance, and bonds are included in the total price. Funding for this project is available in General Fund-Parks & Recreation Department.

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

61. **2023-R-158** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$94,996.32 from the Texas Department of Transportation for the Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. The grant performance period is October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024; this grant is for overtime salaries. The City of Laredo is required to match \$29,448.86 for a total grant project amount of \$124,445.18. Funding will be available in the Special Police Fund.
62. **2023-R-159** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$103,996.29 from the Texas Department of Transportation for enforcement of the Commercial Motor Vehicle Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. The grant performance period will begin October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024; this grant is for overtime salaries. The City of Laredo is required to match \$32,238.85 for a total grant project amount of \$136,235.14. Funding will be available in the Special Police Fund.
63. **2023-R-160** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$1,352,225.00 from the Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority to fund the Laredo Auto Theft Task Force for the period of September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024. This grant pays for salaries, supplies and equipment for the LPD Auto Theft Unit. The grant requires a local match in the amount of \$482,289.00 for a total grant amount of \$1,834,514.00. Funding is available in the Auto Theft Task Force Fund.
64. Consideration to renew contract FY22-083 with Holguin Cleaners, Laredo, Texas for providing Laundry and Dry Cleaning Services to the Laredo Police Department in the amount not to exceed \$96,000.00. This is a laundry and dry cleaning services contract for police uniforms and non-uniforms; in accordance to the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement. The term of this contract was for a period of one (1) year subject to future appropriations; contract may be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. This is the first of three extension periods. Contract will commence on September 2023. Funding is available in the General Fund - Police Department Budget.

65. Consideration to award contract FY23-060 to the lowest responsive responsible bidder Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Laredo, TX for providing rental of vehicles for the Laredo Police Department (LPD) in an estimated yearly cost of \$189,000.00. This contract secures fifteen (15) vehicles for the LPD Auto Theft Unit. The term of this contract between the City of Laredo and Enterprise Rent-A-Car, will be for one (1) year beginning September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024 and the contract may be extended for three (3) additional one (1) year period contingent upon availability of funds and upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Auto Theft Task Force Fund and General Fund.

PUBLIC WORKS: STAFF SOURCE JOHN ORFILA, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

66. Consideration to award contract FY23-065 for the purchase of motor vehicles requested by the Public Works Department to the following vendors:

1. Grapevine DCJ LLC, Grapevine, Texas in the amount of \$225,166.00 for the purchase of four (4) trucks; and
2. Triple Crown Ford Lincoln, Stephenville, Texas in the amount of \$186,486.00 for the purchase of three (3) trucks.

The City received two bids through Cit-E-Bid for the purchase of administrative trucks for the Public Works Department authorized for purchase in this fiscal budget. Funding is available in the Environmental Services and Capital Improvements Fund.

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

67. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one (1) 2023 Chevrolet 4500 Regular Cab Bucket Truck from Lake Country Chevrolet, Jasper, Texas in the amount of \$162,951.75 through the TIPS Cooperative Purchasing Program's contract pricing. This bucket truck is a new unit for the Traffic Safety Department. Funding is available in the 2021A Certificate of Obligations Fund.

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

68. Consideration to renew contract FY20-063 with Core & Main, from San Antonio, Texas not to exceed \$1,236,335.09 for the purchase of AMR/AMI water meters, meter kits (register/endpoint/antenna), Associated Individual Components, and Unitizing Measuring Elements (UME's) for the Utilities Department. All meters meet NSF Standard 61 Certification and NSF 61 Annex F and G (lead requirements). All meters and meter kits will be ordered on an as needed basis.

The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the last extension period for this contract. Funding is available in the Waterworks Fund.

69. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one (1) 2023 Lowboy Trailer from Globe Trailer Manufacturing, Bradenton, Florida in the amount of \$106,558.91 through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program's contract pricing. This lowboy trailer will be replacing unit# 13512 which has reached it useful life. Funding is available in the 2022 Water Revenue Bond.
70. Authorizing the City Manager to award Amendment #1 to Binkley and Barfield, Inc of Houston, Texas in the amount of \$1,045,200.00 for professional engineering services for a total revised contract amount of \$2,633,000.00 for the Replacement of the Jefferson WTP West High Service Pump Station (HSPS). This service includes preliminary engineering report (PER), final design with plans, specifications, bid phase and project construction management through completion. The existing West HSPS is over 50 years old and requires replacement in conjunction with the new 36" water line project. Funding is available in the America Rescue Plan Act Fund.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XI. STAFF REPORTS

71. 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.
72. 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.
73. Presentation by Fire Chief/EMC, Police Chief and Health Director regarding City of Laredo Opioid Response and community partnerships.
74. Presentation by Health Director on the City of Laredo's "Clear Lungs Bright Futures: A Vape-Free Generation" Campaign.
75. Presentation and discussion with possible action, to designate a road to be memorialized in honor of Cesar E. Chavez.

76. Update by Laredo Main Street on the physical inventory and survey relating to the vacant building inventory in the downtown business improvement district.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

77. Request for Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071 (1) (A) to consult with legal counsel concerning Potential Holdings v. City of Laredo, and any other matters incident thereto.

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

78. **2023-RT-07** Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute the Texas Department of Transportation State Urban Grant No. STATE-U-2023-LAREDO-00100 for Fiscal Year 2024 in the amount of \$583,497.00. This grant will cover the operating expenses for El Metro fixed-route and El Lift preventive maintenance. There is no local match required for this grant.
79. Consideration to award a two-year contract FY23-059, for the purchase of engine oil and transmission fluid for the Laredo Transit Management, Inc. (El Metro) to the lowest responsible bidder, Arguindegui Oil Company, Laredo, Texas in an annual amount up to \$79,000.00 for the purchase of engine oil and transmission fluid for the Laredo Transit Management, Inc., (El Metro). The term of this contract shall be for a period of two (2) years, subject to future appropriations, beginning as of the date of its execution. This contract may be extended for two, additional two (2) year periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Laredo Transit Management, Inc., (El Metro) budget.
80. Consideration to award a two-year supply contract with Symmetry Energy Solutions, Houston, Texas in an annual amount of \$123,000.00 for the purchase of natural gas. This contract agreement is for CNG Facilities Maintenance Agreement to be executed on September 2023, between Laredo Municipal Transit System and Symmetry Energy Solutions, LLC. Laredo Municipal Transit presently owns the stations located at 401 Scott St., ("the Scott Facility") and at 5710 Daugherty, Laredo, Texas. The term of this contract shall be for a period of two (2) years and is contingent upon funding appropriations. This contract can be renewed automatically for a

12-month period, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in El Metro Operations Fund.

XIV. ADJOURN AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO PUBLIC FACILITY CORPORATION

81. Authorizing the Laredo Public Facility Corporation (LPFC) Executive Director to negotiate and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding, continue the negotiation and approval of a development agreement for an affordable rental housing project, and execute all necessary documents with Avanti Legacy Rosewood.
82. Appointment of Officers for the Positions of President and Vice President for the Laredo Public Facility Corporation.

XV. ADJOURN AS THE LAREDO PUBLIC FACILITY CORPORATION AND RECONVENE AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL

83. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Request by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

1. Discussion with possible action to accept the request by Governor of Nuevo León, Samuel A. Garcia Sepulveda, to prepare the Colombia Solidarity Bridge for future growth due to near shoring by expanding the bridge span and increasing the processing capacity within the GSA port facilities and any other matters incident thereto.

B. Request by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa

1. Discussion with possible action to direct City Manager to work with staff to plan and implement closing Iturbide Street on Friday and Saturday as necessary for safety reasons and any other incidents thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to direct City Manager to implement angled-parking along the 1000 Hidalgo St. and 500 Flores Ave. blocks adjacent to the Laredo Center for the Arts and any other matters incident thereto.

3. Discussion and possible action on recommendations associated with July 31, 2023, Internal Audit Division Memorandum For Record, Subject Purchase Order #378395 (review of procurement process related to cooperative programs, amendment update of Section 140-00-0 Purchase Order Approval Process Flowchart to include cooperative program purchases, City Staff Procurement Process and fine-tuning of Solicited Procurement Requisitions prior to Purchase Order approval) and any other matters incident thereto.

C. Request by Council Member Gilbert Gonzalez

1. Discussion with possible action to support the non-profit childhood cancer organization Smiles From Heaven in their Pin Up Campaign and go gold for the month of September and any other matters incident thereto.

D. Request by Council Member Daisy Campos Rodriguez

1. Discussion with possible action to ask management to sit down with the developer next to the sola entrance to consider some much-needed upgrades for the road; and any other matters incident thereto.

E. Request by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action to assist the Laredo Regional Food Bank with the Zero Hunger Campaign on September 2, 2023; and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Recognizing Karina Nicole Mejia a United High School Senior Softball captain who recently returned from playing softball in Australia for Team USA at the New South Wales (NSW) International Challenge 2023 at Blacktown Softball Stadium in Sydney, Australia.

F. Request by Council Member Ruben Gutierrez, Jr.

1. Presentation with possible action from the National Alzheimer's Association to bring awareness, and possible support from the City of Laredo, for the 8th annual Walk to End Alzheimer's taking place on November 4, 2023, at TAMU starting at 9:00am and the Alzheimer's Caregivers Conference taking place on September 21, 2023, from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the UT Education Center at Laredo; and any matters incident thereto.

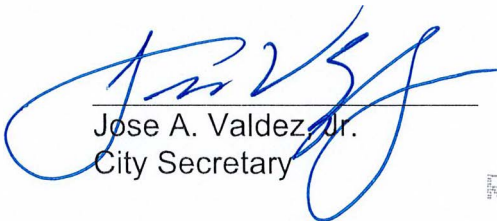
2. Discussion with possible action to move to stage 2 of the drought contingency plan; and any matter incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Dr. Tyler King)**

G. Request by Council Member Dr. Tyler King

1. Discussion with possible action for the City of Laredo to pursue a formal partnership (similar to the West Texas Water Partnership between San Angelo, Abilene, and Midland) with the cities, counties and other municipalities along with the US-Mexico border who receive their water from Amistad Dam to more effectively advocate to the State of Texas Water Development Board for water infrastructure dollars as a cohesive unit, and any other matters incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, Council Member Melissa Cigarroa and Council Member Ruben Gutierrez, Jr.)
2. Discussion with possible action to request that the City Attorney's office explore a new city ordinance on Street Racing and Reckless Driving Exhibitions similar to the one passed in Fort Worth, Texas (Ord. 24824) in April 2021 that is also consistent with the new Texas State law (HB 1442) which takes effect on September 1, 2023, and any other matters incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Gilbert Gonzalez and Council Member Ruben Gutierrez, Jr.)
3. Recognition of the Laredo Medical Center-Gateway Community Health Center Family Medicine and Internal Medicine Residency Programs for their ongoing contributions to our community and as a foundation for the future of the healthcare and physician workforces in Laredo. (Co-Sponsored by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño)

XVI. ADJOURN

This notice was posted at the Municipal Government Offices, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas, at a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times. Said notice was posted on Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at 7:00pm.



Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary

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