

CTY OF LAREDO

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A-2023-R-14

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CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1110 HOUSTON STREET

LAREDO, TEXAS 78040

SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

5:30 P.M.



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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

IV. ROLL CALL

V. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of August 7, 2023.

Citizen comments

Citizens can participate through in-person and written comments submitted through an online form. Citizens wishing to provide in-person comments are required to fill out a witness card and submit it to the City Secretary no later than 5:45 p.m. and identify themselves at the microphone. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. Speakers may not pass their minutes to any other speaker. Citizens wishing to submit a written public comment must submit here or visit

<https://www.cityoflaredo.com/council-agendas.html> by 12:00 noon of the Council meeting day. All comments should be relevant to City business and delivered in a professional manner. No derogatory remarks will be permitted.

VI. RECOGNITION

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

VIII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño of charter revision commissioner to be named at City Council meeting.
2. Appointment by Council Member Daisy Campos-Rodriguez of Judge Alfonso Ornelas to the Charter Revision Commission.
3. Appointment by Council Member Daisy Campos-Rodriguez of David Vasquez to the Fine Arts & Culture Commission.
4. Appointment by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr. of Charles L. Martens to the Transportation and Traffic Safety Committee.
5. Appointment by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr. of charter revision commissioner to be named at City Council meeting.

6. Appointment by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa of Justin Heather to the Downtown Management District.
7. Appointment by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa of Adolfo Martinez to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
8. Appointment by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa of George Altgelt to the Ethics Commission.

IX. PUBLIC HEARING AND INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE

1. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the City of Laredo Land Development Code, Section 24.63.2 to identify "Reception Hall," either indoor or outdoor, as permitted uses, Sections 24-65.14 and 24-65.15 to provide enclosed structure and separation distance requirements in B-3 and B-4 zones, respectively, Section 24-94.5 to allow properties zoned Historic Residential Office (H-R-O) to apply for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a Reception Hall (Outdoor) use, and providing distance requirement exemption, and amending Appendix A to provide a definition for "Reception Hall (Indoor or Outdoor)," and providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative, providing for severability clause, and providing for publication and effective date.

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

2. **Public Hearing** to adopt without Amendment the City of Laredo Comprehensive Plan in accordance with Article IX, Section 9.03 of the Charter of the City of Laredo.
3. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant and appropriate the funds from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the FY 2023 Shelter and Services Program to provide services to individuals and families released from DHS custody and amend the FY 23-24 General Fund budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$5,961,992.00. Additionally, amending the FY 2023-2024 Full-Time Equivalent position listing by adding one Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator (pay grade 210) and one Administrative Assistant (pay grade 203). The performance period is

March 1, 2023, through September 30, 2025.

4. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY 2023 Airport Operations Budget to accept and appropriate revenues and expenses by the amount of \$7,664,558.00 for Federal Aviation Administration Grant No. 3-48-0136-104-2023. This grant will be used for the construction of Taxiways J1 & J2 at the Laredo International Airport. Local match is \$851,618.00 and is available in the Airport Operations fund; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.
5. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY 2023 Airport Operations Budget to accept and appropriate revenues and expenses by the amount of \$1,646,457.00 for Federal Aviation Administration Grant No. 3-48-0136-105-2023. This grant will be used for the Rehabilitate Terminal Building at the Laredo International Airport. Local match is \$182,940.00 and is available in the Airport Operations fund; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.
6. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending Ordinance No. 2023-O-070; by further amending Laredo Municipal Code, Chapter 4 - Airport, Article I - In General, Section 4-7. Definitions and Section 4-8. Landing fees; adding and clarifying definitions pertinent to the article; amending "Landing Fees" to include general aviation aircraft language in landing fee rate for non-signatory non-tenant airlines, including "Airport's Designated Contractor" language; including "aircraft operator may be liable for interest on the past due balance"; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; providing for publication; and providing an effective date.
7. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Authorizing the City Manager to accept an 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 \$42,833.00. This funding shall be utilized for expenses used for Stone Garden operations by airport law enforcement. No local match is required.

8. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Adopting the proposed annual budget for FY2023-2024 by appropriating the proposed revenues, expenditures and balances reported therein for the year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024, consistent with the financial plan described in said annual budget (see Exhibit "A") and motions approved by City Council at the public workshop on August 8-10, 2023 (see Exhibit "B") and the Holiday Schedule for FY2023-2024 (see Exhibit "C") and authorizing the City Manager to implement said annual budget.
9. **Public Hearing** adopting the proposed FY2024-2028 Capital Improvement Program of City of Laredo, as amended by City Council.
10. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** authorizing the City Manager to accept a contract amendment from the Bexar County Hospital District d/b/a University Health in the amount of \$353,143.00 with no match, and amending the FY22-23 Full-Time Equivalent Position Listing by creating one (1) Medical Office Assistant, 204 for the City of Laredo Health Department HEP C- Colonias Advancing and Restoring Esperanza (C.A.R.E.) Program for the term period of June 1, 2023, through May 31, 2024.
11. **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.

(Recess)

(Press Availability)

X. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

12. An Introductory Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 2, Article II, Division 6 (Pay Administration), of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, Specifically Section 2-87.7- Policy (c.)(12)(a.) by providing for a Three Percent (3%) Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) to all City employees except Interns, Cooperative Education Program Employees (CO-OPS), Elected Officials, Temporary Contract Labor

Employees, and Firefighters and Police Officers governed by the terms of Collective Bargaining Agreement effective October 1, 2023; There is no action or impact to the current wage schedule (Exhibit A); and providing for an effective date.

XI. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

13. **2023-O-159** 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.

ZC-057-2023
District V

14. **2023-O-160** 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.

ZC-076-2023
District I

15. **2023-O-161** 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).

ZC-079-2023
District IV

16. **2023-O-162** 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).

ZC-081-2023
District VII

17. **2023-O-163** 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).

ZC-083-2023
District V

18. **2023-O-165** 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.
19. **2023-O-167** 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.
20. **2023-O-168** Amending Chapter 31 (Utilities), Article III (Water), Division 3 (Rates and Charges), Section 31-138 (Water Rates) by increasing the residential and commercial/multifamily rates from three percent to five percent starting October 21, 2023, and then to 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, 2023, and for each subsequent year for all customer classes; Providing for publication and an effective date.

21. **2023-O-169** Amending Chapter 31 (Utilities), Division (Generally), Article II (Sewers and sewage disposal), Section 31-92 (Rates and Charges) 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 21, 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.

22. **2023-O-170** 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

23. **2023-O-171** 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

24. **2023-O-172** 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

25. **2023-O-173** 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

26. **2023-O-174** 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

27. **2023-O-175** 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

28. **2023-O-176** 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

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

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

BUILDING: STAFF SOURCE JOHN HICKLE, BUILDING DIRECTOR

29. **2023-R-161** Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and Yesenia Monsivais Niño for a proposed project located at 801 E. Ash Street, Lot 1A, Block 395, Eastern Division that consists of residential single family, in accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ) 4. This agreement will be for a five-year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of Economic Development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$150,000.00, estimated annual tax abatement of \$749.56 annually for a total tax abatement of \$3,747.81 and estimated total permit fee waivers of \$900.00. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information. This project is located within City Council District IV.

30. Consideration to award a five (5) year service contract with Selectron Technologies, Inc., Portland, Oregon, in the total amount of \$404,750.00. This agreement is subject to future appropriations and includes the purchase of an Interactive Voice Response Software (IVR), installation and training services to be paid over a 5-year period. Selectron Technologies is a sole source provider of this software and is utilizing the GSA Contract# GS-35F-0315X Pricing Program. Funding is available in the General Fund - Building Services Budget. Payments will be made as follows:

Year 1:	Year 2:	Year 3:	Year 4:	Year 5:
\$124,950.00	\$69,950.00	\$69,950.00	\$69,950.00	\$69,950.00

CITY ATTORNEY: STAFF SOURCE DOANH "ZONE" T. NGUYEN, CITY ATTORNEY

31. Consideration to recognize and approve the actions taken by the active members of the Laredo Firefighters Retirement System and by the System Board of Trustees to change benefit provisions and to increase the firefighter contribution rate to comply with the state law known as the Funding Soundness Restoration Plan.

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

32. **2023-R-170** Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to enter into an agreement with Chi-Town Connection, Ltd., for the donation and improvement of a tract of land found to contain a 2.4965 acre tract of land more or less, situated in Porcion 24, Abstract 268, Toribio Rodriguez, Original Grantee within the city limits of Laredo and Webb County, Texas, part of the Chi-Town Connection, LTD., tract

22-4A (5.00 Acres) recorded in Volume 611, pages 93-105, Webb County deed records, Texas in connection with drainage improvements located near Springfield Avenue and Amador Salinas Drive to be constructed by the City of Laredo. Funding is available in the Environmental Services 2019 CO Bond.

33. **2023-R-171** Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to enter into an agreement with Chi-Town Connection, Ltd., for the donation and improvement of a 0.8177 acre tract and a 0.0070 acre tracts of land, more or less, situated in Porcion 23, Abstract 283, Leonardo Sanchez, Original Grantee within the city limits of Laredo and Webb County, Texas, being out of a 5.5267 acre tract recorded in Volume 611, pages 93-105, Webb County deed records; and a tract of land found to contain a 2.4965 acre tract of land more or less, situated in Porcion 24, abstract 268, Toribio Rodriguez, Original Grantee within the city limits of Laredo and Webb County, Texas, part of the Chi-Town Connection, LTD., tract 40-E (8.00 Acres) recorded in Volume 611, pages 93-105, Webb County deed records, Texas; in connection with the Springfield Extension Project. Funding is available in the 2022 CO Bond.
34. **2023-R-172** Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to enter into an agreement with Village 83 South, Ltd., for the donation and improvement of a tract of land found to contain 13.2414 acre tract of land more or less, situated in Porcion 28, Abstract 472, Tadeo Sanchez, Original Grantee within the city limits of Laredo and Webb County, Texas, out and part of the 144.0 acre Village 83 South, LTD tract recorded in Volume 972, pages 714-722, Webb County deed records, Texas; in connection with the expansion of Cielito Lindo Boulevard. Village 83 South, Ltd. and the City of Laredo will share 50% of the estimated total construction cost of \$419,840.00. Funding is available in the Capital Improvements Fund.
35. Consideration for approval of Amendment No. 12 an increase in an amount not to exceed \$259,386.08 to the professional services contract with Arcadis U.S. Inc, Laredo, Texas, for the West Laredo Corridor - Calton Road Railroad Grade Separation for additional survey needs and for extension of contract time from August 2024 to May 31, 2026. Current engineering contract amount including this amendment is \$2,708,732.83. An approval was received from TxDOT on August 17, 2023, to proceed with this Amendment. Final construction plan revisions will be completed by March 2024. Funding is available in the Capital Grants Fund.

36. Consideration to approve Amendment No. 8, an increase to contract time with KCI Technologies, Laredo, Texas, from August 31, 2023, to August 31, 2030, for the West Laredo Corridor - Flecha Lane/Las Cruces Re-alignment Project, for completion of the construction documents, bidding, construction of the Las Cruces Drive realignment and 5 year monitoring of the potential Las Cruces mitigation site at North Central Park. Final construction plan revisions will be completed by April 2024. There is no financial impact at this time.
37. Consideration for approval of the FY21-ENG-12 Springfield Avenue Extension Phase 3 project as complete, approval of change order No.1, a total decrease in the amount of \$387,802.88, and increase in contract time of 180 calendar days to adjust for final project close-out items, release of retainage, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$190,944.98 to AZAR Services, LLC., Laredo, Texas. The final construction contract amount including this change order is \$3,818,899.67 and the construction contract time is 420 calendar days. Funding is available in the 2019 CO Bond. Project number SP2005.
38. Consideration for approval of FY23-ENG-21 CDBG Sidewalks District 8, Phase I (14 Blocks) project as complete, approval of change order No. 1, a total decrease in the amount of \$48.00 dollars to adjust for final project close-out items, release of retainage, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$17,690.20 to ALC Construction Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas. The final construction contract amount including this change order is \$176,902.00. Funding is available in the 2019, 2021, and 2022 CDBG grant years.

FLEET MANAGEMENT: STAFF SOURCE RONALD MILLER, FLEET DIRECTOR

39. Consideration to award contract FY23-072 to the following bidders for the purchase of windshield and back glass replacement parts/services for the City's automobiles and trucks. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one years beginning as of the date of its execution. The contract may be extended for three, additional on years periods each upon mutual agreement of the parties and subject to future budget appropriations. All parts and services will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.
- 1). Royal Contractors, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$70,000.00 (Primary Vendor);
 - 2). Hauling Ace Dispatching, Arlington, Texas in an amount up to

\$60,000.00 (Secondary Vendor);

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

40. **2023-R-177** Authorizing the City Manager to accept an amendment and a continuation contract from the Texas Department of State Health Services in the amount of \$541,090.00 with a match of \$36,052.00 for the City of Laredo Health Department, Tuberculosis Prevention & Control Federal and Bi-National Programs for the revised term from January 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024.
41. Consideration to authorize the adoption of the policy for the City of Laredo Health Department Public Health Provider-Charity Care Program to comply with Rule §355.8215 of the Texas Administrative Code and adhere to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission for the Public Health Providers – Charity Care Program Protocol from the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services.
42. Ratifying the execution of a contract amendment from the Texas Department of State Health Services in the amount of \$320,546.00 for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department HIV Prevention Program for the term period from September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024. No grant match is required.

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

43. Consideration to ratify a contract with Club Car Financial Services for leasing sixty-five golf carts for the Max Mandel Municipal Golf Course for forty-eight months, in an amount not to exceed \$530,000.00. Funding is available in the Max Mandel Golf Course Fund.
44. Consideration to renew annual service contract number FY22-077 with Airstream Professional Misting Systems, Laredo, Texas in an amount of up to \$160,000.00 for lawn maintenance services for various parks & recreation centers. These services shall be purchased on an as-needed basis. 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 contract can be renewed for two additional one year extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in General Fund-Parks and Recreation Department.

45. Consideration to award annual supply contract FY23-074 to Laredo Paint & Decorating, Laredo, Texas in an annual amount of \$60,000.00 for the purchase of paint and painting supplies needed for the annual maintenance of all city parks. 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 renewed three additional one-year extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the General Fund-Parks Department Budget.

TAX: STAFF SOURCE DORA MALDONADO, TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

46. Motion to approve a property tax refund in the amount of \$2,141.51 due to an overpayment as required by Section 31.11(a) of the Texas Property Tax Code. The refund will be issued to Manwanis Exchange, Inc from parcel number 664-02028-010.

47. Consideration to approve a five (5) year contract with Selectron Technologies, Inc., Portland, Oregon to provide a software and hardware Automated Interactive Voice Response (IVR) Customer Service System for taxpayers to pay taxes with either a credit card or with an electronic check (e-check). This contract utilizes GSA Contract #GS-35F-0315X Pricing Program, and the total cost for the five (5) year contract is \$83,978.36. Funding is available in the Tax Department Fund, and future yearly payments are subject to appropriations. Payments are as follows:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	TOTAL
\$51,416.85	\$7,554.66	\$7,932.39	\$8,329.01	\$8,745.46	\$83,978.36

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

48. Authorizing the City Manager to award an engineering professional services contract to Ardurra Group, Inc. for the Laredo Northwest Wastewater System Rehabilitation Improvements \$1,219,508.00. Funding is available on the 2022 Sewer Revenue Bond.

49. Consideration to award annual service contract number FY23-071 to the following vendors for the removal and disposal of dry sludge from the Jefferson & El Pico Water Treatment Plants to the City of Laredo landfill. The term of these contracts 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. These contracts can be renewed three (3) additional one (1) year extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Utilities Department – Water Treatment Division Budget.
1. DBA CB3 Hauling (C&C Waste Management) McAllen, Texas in an amount up to \$200,000.00 (Primary Vendor);
 2. Rafter P. Transport Inc, Floresville, Texas in an amount up to \$100,000.00 (Secondary Vendor);
50. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract utilizing the Buy Board Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract Number 635-21 with Southern Trenchless Solutions of La Feria, Texas for the construction of a lift station required for the City of Laredo Sports Complex in the amount of \$2,939,102.25. Funding is available in the 2022 Sewer Revenue Bond.
51. Consideration to renew annual supply contract number FY23-031 with Aguaworks Pipe & Supply, Brownsville, Texas in the amount of \$350,000.00 for the purchase of PVC pipe. The term of this contract shall be for a period of six months beginning as of the date of its execution. The contract may be extended for five more additional six-month periods, each upon mutual agreement of the parties and contingent upon future funding appropriations. There was no price increase during the last extension period. These materials are purchased on an as needed basis for construction and repair projects. Funding is available in the Waterworks Fund.
52. Consideration to renew annual supply contract number FY21-086 with Aguaworks Pipe & Supply, LLC, Brownsville, Texas, in an amount up to \$440,000.00 for the purchase of copper pipe type K and crosslinked polyethylene (PEXAa) pipe for the Utilities Department. These materials are purchased on an as-needed basis for construction and repair projects. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one year and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This contract can be renewed one additional one year extension period, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Waterworks System Fund.

53. Consideration to renew supply contract number FY21-093 with Ferguson Waterworks, Mission, Texas, in an amount up to \$224,764.00 for the supply of composite manhole rings and covers for the Utilities Department. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This contract can be extended one additional one year period, upon mutual agreement. Funding is available in the Sewer System Fund.
54. Authorizing the City Manager to issue Amendment No. 2 to the professional engineering services contract with Ardurra Group, Inc. of Laredo, Texas in the amount of \$926,500.00 for a total revised contract amount of \$1,845,500.00. The amendment is for the design, bid, construction management, and staff support of adding Chlorine Dioxide Disinfection into the treatment stream at both Jefferson and El Pico Water Treatment Plants for removing taste, odor, and organic compounds, as well as to strengthen chlorine residuals as recommended in the Water Quality Technical Memorandums. Funding is available in the American Rescue Plan Fund.
55. Authorizing the City Manager to reject all bids for the 36-inch Water Transmission main from Jefferson to Lyon Street Booster Pump Station, East of Zacate Creek, as recommended by City's professional engineer, LAN. On July 19, 2023, three bids were received for the referenced project. LAN evaluated the bids and have recommended rejecting all bids and to re-bid the project. LAN's evaluation includes details on each bid proposal along with options for a modified scope which can be expected to draw more competitive bidding.
56. Authorizing the City Manager to reject all bids for the 36-inch Water Transmission Main from Jefferson WTP to Lyon Street Booster Pump station, West of Zacate Creek, as recommended by city's professional engineer, Binkley & Barfield. On July 20, 2023, two bids were received for the referenced project. Binkley & Barfield evaluated the bids and have recommended rejecting all bids and to re-bid the project. Binkley & Barfield's evaluation includes details on each bid proposal along with options for a modified scope which can improve competitive bidding.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XIII. STAFF REPORTS

- 57. 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.
- 58. 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.
- 59. Presentation by the City Manager on goals and priorities for FY 23-24.
- 60. Presentation on updated operational procedures at Laredo Animal Care Services.
- 61. Appointment of the City of Laredo Police Chief by the City Manager in accordance §143.013 of the Texas Local Government code, with possible action.

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.

- 62. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 and the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct to consult with the City Attorney concerning possible litigation regarding the City of Laredo CDBG Freddie Benavides Recreational Water Feature Lazy River project and return to open session for possible action if necessary.

63. **GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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

1. Discussion with possible action on Mayor nominations of Chair and Vice-chair to charter revision committee pursuant to Section I.A.5 of the Priority Procedures Manual for the City of Laredo.

B. **Request by Council Member Gilbert Gonzalez**

1. Recognizing Alexis Andrade for his heroic actions during the flooding caused by Tropical Storm Harold. Mr. Andrade rescued Ms. Ana Gomez as rising waters kept her trapped inside her car. His quick thinking led to one of ten rescues that day.

C. **Request by Council Member Daisy Campos Rodriguez**

1. Discussion with possible action to use District 2 priority funds for the 3 points pool and include the geo tec, for a full restoration of the park and any other matters incident thereto.

D. **Request by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.**

1. Recognizing Raonaq "Ron" I. Mia for being the first City of Laredo Health Department employee to be selected to participate in the 2023-2024 HAI Mentoring Program for PHR11.
2. Discussion with possible action to instruct the City Manager to authorize staff to install traffic-calming speed tables along the 200 block of Monterrey Street and the 3400 block of Buena Vista. Funding in the City Council District IV Priority funds; and any other matters incident thereto.

E. Request by Council Member Ruben Gutierrez, Jr.

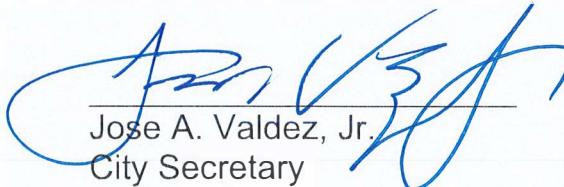
1. Discussion with possible action on the naming of I-35 Cesar Chavez Highway; and any matter incident thereto. (Co-sponsored by Council Member Gilbert Gonzalez)
2. Discussion with possible action on directing staff to work on a standard operating procedure when 501c(3)'s (Non-Profit) ask for the usage of the parking lot at the Uni-Trade Stadium and/or Sames Auto Arena; and any matters incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez and Council Member Gilbert Gonzalez)
3. Presentation with possible action from AEP South Texas on the lack of transformers in the City of Laredo; and any matters incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez and Council Member Gilbert Gonzalez)

F. Request by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa

1. Discussion with possible action directing management to write 3 letters of support for the 3 Methodist Healthcare Minsitries' coalitions working in the El Azteca Neighborhood, these letters would be included in the applications for grants from MHM, represented here by coalition members from the El Azteca Neighborhood.

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, August 30, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.


Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary