CITY OF LAREDO

RECOGNITION AND COMMUNICATION NOTICE
JOE A. GUERRA LAREDO PUBLIC LIBRARY
1120 E. CALTON ROAD
LAREDO, TEXAS 78041
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023
5:00 P.M.

The Mayor will be presenting the following:

1. Recognizing Miss Gisselle Karyme Martinez, she is the National Elite Junior Miss 2023 and the National Elite Junior Miss Texas 2023. Also, New York Fashion Week February 8-10, 2023 Official Model for Fashion Designer Marc Defang and Elysian Social Club 2023 Black & White Ball Debutant. Gisselle is 16 years old and was born and raised in Laredo, Texas. She is the youngest daughter of Mr. Eduardo & Blanca Martinez. Gisselle is a Junior who attends Sabas Perez Early College High School where she is pursuing an associate degree in science. She is the President of the STEM Club, the Treasurer of the Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) Dental Club and is a member in the junior achievement of Laredo.

2. Recognizing Mr. Donald R. Hale, a life-long martial artist, Black Belt Masters 5 International Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. Traveled across the U.S. in 2023 competing in the International Brazilian Jiu-jitsu Federation (IBJJF) as a Master 5 Black Belt in Gi and NoGi. Most recently competed in Kansas City, Chicago, Indianapolis and Phoenix Arizona. Sept. 31-Oct. 2nd competed in Pan American NoGi Championships in Ft. Worth, Placing 3rd on his division and 3rd in Open/Absolute. Currently, ranked 12th in world in NoGi and 52nd in Gi as Masters 5 Black Belt.

3. Recognition of City of Laredo Employees who are celebrating the following "Milestone" years of Service with the City of Laredo.

4. Recognizing Ana Reyna Arzate, CVB Marketing Coordinator for earning her Texas Destination Marketer (TDM) Designation from the Texas Association of Convention & Visitor Bureaus.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
A-2023-R-17
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 September 5, 2023, and September 18, 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 Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez of Salvador Hernandez to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

2. Appointment by Council Member Gilbert Gonzalez of Linda Ramirez to the Municipal Civil Service Commission.

3. Appointment by Council Member Gilbert Gonzalez of Guadalupe Ramirez to the Laredo Commission for Women.

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 3 and 4, Block 923, Eastern Division, located 1715 Rosario Street, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-2 (Multi - Family Residential District).

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

   ZC-094-2023
   District III

2. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 25.150 acre tract of land situated in Porcion 14, Abstract 56, Jose Guajardo, Original Grantee, within the limits of the City of Laredo, in Webb County, Texas, said 25.150 acre tract being out and part of N.D. Hachar Ranch, as recorded in Volume 303, Pages 164-172 of the Webb County Deed Records, Webb County Texas, located north of Peoples Boulevard and west of Aransas Pass Drive, from B-1 (Limited Business District) and R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District).

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

   ZC-099-2023

District VII

3. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 7 and 8, Block 817, Eastern Division, located at 1520 Cortez Street, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District).

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

   ZC-100-2023
   District II

4. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 1.50 acre tract of land, out of a tract of land conveyed to J&H Rentals, a Texas Limited Liability Company, as described in deed recorded in Volume 3262, pages 731-740, Official Public Records, Webb County, Texas, listed as additional commercial tracts situated in Porcion Number 32, Webb County, Texas, being out of Tracts 1 - 4 and more fully described by metes and bounds in that certain copy of said agreement, recorded in Volume 574, pages 569-573, Deed Records, Webb County, Texas, Volume 1051, page 611, Real Property Records, Webb County, Texas, and Volume 1051, page 622, Real Property Records, Webb County, Texas, located south of State Highway 359 and west of Veterans Boulevard, from R-1 (Single Family Residential 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-102-2023
   District III

5. **Public Hearing and IntroductoryOrdinance** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for a warehouse/trucking company on Lot 3, Block 1, Stacy Alyson Young Subdivision and approximately 0.1928 acre tract of land out of a 1161.66 acre tract, out of Porcion 27, Webb County, Texas of record in Volume 209, Pages 487-489, Webb County Deed Records, located at 3804 Casa Blanca Lake Road and north of East Saunders Street and west of Casa Blanca Lake Road.

   The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended **approval** of the proposed conditional use permit (CUP) with the conditions of including the site plan exhibit and the addition of whom the CUP is issued to. However, staff **did not support** the application.

   ZC-103-2023
   District V

6. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 5,208.33 square feet tract of land being the south 50 feet of Lot 1, and the south 50 feet of the west 1/2 of Lot 2, Block 243, Eastern Division of the City of Laredo, Texas, being situated in Survey 799, Abstract 239, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, located at 1713 Marcella Avenue, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District).

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

   ZC-105-2023
   District III

7. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 8.04 acre tract of land, out of a tract of land conveyed to San Isidro Northeast, Limited, described in deed recorded in Volume 1450, pages 868-874, and Volume 3355, pages 170-178, Deed Records, Webb County, Texas, located south of Juan Escutia Boulevard and west of Cavatina Drive, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-2 (Multi - Family Residential District).

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

   ZC-106-2023
   District VI

8. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 21 by adding Sections 282-290, to be entitled "Donation Containers", to establish regulations for donation containers by establishing a registration and permit requirement and establishing guidelines for how donation containers can be used and operated. The maximum fine under this ordinance is not to exceed five hundred dollars.

9. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 32, Article III (tow services), of the Code of Ordinances to adjust the maximum allowable fees for tows under this section to align with the state allowed maximum; and allowing for the Chief of Police to remove a tow service from the "rotation list" for non-compliance.

10. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** authorizing the City Manager to accept a contract amendment from the Health and Human Services Commission, amending the FY23-24 budget by appropriating additional revenues and expenditures in the amount of $90,494.00 for the Healthy Texas Women Program and $135,606.00 for the Family Planning Program of the City of Laredo Health Department, and amending the FY23-24 Full Time Equivalent position listing by adding two Health Educator, 202 positions for the term period from September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024, with no grant match required.

(Recess)
(Press Availability)

X. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

11. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Lease Agreement between the City of Laredo (Lessor) and Patmo Services, LLC (Lessee) for the purpose of placing thereon radio/two-way transmission equipment on the LBJ Water Tank site located off Loop 20 at Cuatro Vientos, within an area at the top of the water tank where communication antennas can be mounted, and a radio equipment cabinet placed in the base of the tower. The initial term of this lease shall be for a period of ten years commencing December 1, 2023, and ending on the tenth anniversary of the Commencement Date (the Term). Lessee shall have the right to extend the Term for two successive five year periods (the Renewal Terms) on the same terms and conditions as set forth. The Lease Term may be only renewed upon mutual agreement of the Parties. An annual amount of Eight Thousand Dollars ($8,000) is payable upon effective date and thereafter annually on or before the first day of each calendar year during the Lease Term.

12. Amending the Land Development Code for the City of Laredo, Texas; repealing section 24.65.19, Arts and Entertainment district (ae district); number 12. sidewalk cafes; referencing the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, chapter 18, licenses, permits, and miscellaneous business regulations; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

13. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease amendment between the City of Laredo, as LESSOR, and Barker Aeromotive, as LESSEE, approved by Ordinance No. 2021-O-161 dated September 7, 2021, amending Section 1.03, Leases Premises, increasing leased premises from 33,482 square feet to 35,647.05 square feet located at 4207 N. Jarvis Avenue at the Laredo International Airport. Monthly rent shall increase from $11,667.55 to $12,425.32. Additionally amending the lease term to include two options to renew for an additional five years each, ending on September 30, 2046, and September 30, 2051. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged and in effect; providing for severability; providing for an effective date.

14. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the lease agreement between City of Laredo, as LESSOR, and General Services Administration (GSA), as LESSEE, approved by Ordinance No. 2020-O-094 dated August 03, 2020 for approximately 1,533 square feet constituting office space occupied by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) located at 5210 Bob Bullock Loop at the Laredo International Airport. An amendment to this lease is to extend for five (5) years for a term beginning on November 18, 2023, and expiring on November 18, 2028. The total annual rent shall be $64,703.52. Total annual rent consists of $58,851.87 of Shall Rent and $5,851.65 of Operating Rent. All other terms and conditions of the lease agreement remain unchanged and in effect; providing for an effective date.

XI. THIRD AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

15. **2023-O-200** Authorizing the City Manager to grant a non-exclusive franchise agreement to Ramco Waste to use the present and future streets, avenues, alleys, roads, highways, sidewalks, easements and other public rights-of-way of the City of Laredo, Texas for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating a commercial container refuse gathering and disposing service, setting forth terms and conditions to govern the franchise; Providing a severability clause, a savings clause and an effective date.

16. **2023-O-201** Authorizing the City Manager to grant a non-exclusive franchise agreement to Special Operations Dumpster Rentals to use the present and future streets, alleys, roads, highways, sidewalks, easements and other public rights-of-way of the City of Laredo, Texas for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating a commercial container refuse gathering and disposing service, setting forth terms and conditions to govern the franchise; Providing a severability clause, a savings clause and an effective date.

XII. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

17. **2023-O-202** Authorizing City Manager to accept and enter into contract with the Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), amending the FY 23-24 budget by appropriating expenditures and revenues in the amount of $2,000,000.00, and amending the FY23-24 full time equivalent (FTE) listing by adding one (1) Licensed Professional Counselor, 208 position, two (2) Caseworker, 206 positions, and one (1) Health Educator I, 202 position for the City of Laredo Health Department Drug Court Based Substance Use Treatment Program for the term from September 30, 2023, through September 29, 2028.

18. **2023-O-203** Authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY 2024 Airport Operations Budget to accept and appropriate revenues and expenses by the amount of $5,678,122.00 for Federal Aviation Administration Grant No. 3-48-0136-106-2023. This grant will be used for the Rehabilitate Terminal Building at the Laredo International Airport. Local match is $298,849.00; Funding is available under the Airport Operation Funds; Total project cost is $5,976,971.00; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

19. **2023-O-204** Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement with Holding Institute, Inc. for the City-owned property located at 1517 Washington St. to serve as an overnight protective environment for infectious and communicable diseases identified in the homeless/migrant population. The lease agreement term will be for an initial two years with a renewal option for $1.00 per year.

20. **2023-O-205** Amending Ordinance no. 1999-O-282 by amending and repealing certain subsections, paragraphs, sections, of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances respectively as follows: Chapter 2, Article II- Division 7 (performance evaluations) Section 2-87.12, 2-87.14 and 2-87.15 except as otherwise stated in any collective bargaining agreement and providing for an effective date.

21. **2023-O-206** Repealing Ordinance No. 2017-O-134 and repealing certain subsections, paragraphs, sections, of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances respectively as follows: Chapter 2, Article II, Division 6, (Pay Administration) Section 2-87.7, except as otherwise stated in any collective bargaining agreement and providing for an effective date.

22. **2023-O-207** Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute all documents necessary to complete the sell of the "surface only" of closed section of Vidaurri Avenue between Jefferson Street and Shea Street at its appraised fair market value of $211,000.00 to Grupo Alexander LLC. It's described as a tract of land containing 1.20 acres, (52, 460 sq.ft.), more or less out of Vidaurri Avenue R.O.W. between Jefferson Street and Shea Street, said 1.20 acres tract if land is situated in District VIII, Western Division, City of Laredo, Webb County. The City of Laredo reserves any and all visible and apparent easements recorded or not recorded; Approving and providing for an effective date.

23. **2023-O-208** Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Lease Agreement between the Laredo International Airport and L.A. Ventures Terminal LTD for a certain parcel of land at the Airport containing approximately 3.94 acres or 171,626.4 square feet, which is known as Tract 9, Lot 1, Block 1, Laredo International Airport Passenger Terminal Subdivision, Laredo Texas, upon which Tenant shall construct an approximately 51,6250 square foot building which will be used for air cargo and/or warehousing facilities. An As-Built Plan for the Facility will be attached as upon substantial completion of the Facility. Lease term is for a period of forty (40) years thereafter. Initial monthly rent shall be $5,121.69 a month and Annual Fixed

Rent shall be adjusted on each successive third (3) anniversary of the Effective Date; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

XIII. CONSENT AGENDA

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

AIRPORT: STAFF SOURCE GILBERTO SANCHEZ, AIRPORT DIRECTOR

24. Consideration to authorize a professional service contract with Zartico, Inc., Salt Lake City, UT, in an amount not to exceed $25,000.00. The purpose is to provide certain technology services in support of air service development at the Laredo International Airport, to include data regarding PAX Volume (catchment & inbound), passenger insights, normalized geolocation data, and marketing and website analysis. The contract is a one-year term commencing on November 1, 2023, and ending October 31, 2024. Funding is available under the Airport Operation Funds.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: STAFF SOURCE TINA MARTINEZ, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

25. Consideration to award contract FY23-078 to Midas Contractors, LLC., Laredo, TX, in the amount of $123,800.00 for HVAC Services - 13 Properties (14 Units). This is a one-time project; all labor, materials, equipment and bonds are included in the total price. Funding for this contract is available in the Municipal Housing Fund - AEP Weatherization Grant.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: STAFF SOURCE MIRIAM CASTILLO, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

26. **2023-R-198** Ratifying the submission of a grant application to the FY23 Strengthening Mobility And Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Program through U.S. Department of Transportation in the amount not to exceed $2,000,000.00. Grant will be submitted to help install conduit & fiber, traffic upgrades and upgrade the transportation management center. There is no local cost match.

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

27. **2023-R-194** Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a license agreement with U.S. Customs and Border Protection for controlling vegetation (carrizo cane removal) along the banks of the Rio Grande at South Laredo Nature Center (SOLA); said license agreement will allow the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's contractor to control vegetation (including, but not limited to, visually inspecting, marking, mowing, cutting, clipping, trimming, topping, pruning and/or shredding vegetation; removing cut vegetation and/or other debris; and/or implementing erosion control measures); there is no financial impact to the City of Laredo.

FINANCE: STAFF SOURCE MARK DEMAY, FINANCE DIRECTOR

28. Consideration to amend and renew annual contract FY21-003 by 25% with Trashco, Ltd, Laredo, Texas, for an amount increase of $35,000.00 and a new renewable contract total amount not to exceed $175,000.00. This contract is to provide trash collection services for large volume containers and services are required for various city operations to include: Airport, Bridge System, Parks & Recreation, Fleet Management, Transit, Municipal Housing, Utilities, Solid Waste and other departments. The contract vendor is also required to provide, as needed, additional containers and/or for special events. There will be a 13% price increase during this extension period. The term of this contract was for a period of one (1) year; this is the last extension period. Effective renewal date for this contract is November 1, 2023. Funding for these services are available in various user departments' funds.

29. Consideration to authorize purchases from the following local businesses with estimated annual purchase amounts:

Home Depot (Contract: UCOMM16154) - $300,000.00
Lowe's (Contract: TCPR192006) - $300,000.00
Dr. Ike's - $120,000.00
McCoy's - (BuyBoard# 657-21) - $150,000.00
USA Rimsa (BuyBoard# 631-20 / BuyBoard# 720-23) - $100,000.00

These contracts are for Maintenance, Repair and Operations (MRO) Supplies, industrial supplies, equipment, related products & services and are subject to future appropriations; contract shall be for a two-year term commencing on October 1, 2023, with an option to renew one additional, two-year term. Funding for cooperative purchase contracts and services are available in the respective departmental budgets.

FIRE: STAFF SOURCE GUILLERMO HEARD, FIRE CHIEF

30. Consideration to award contract FY23-082 to Vara Health, Laredo, Texas in an amount not to exceed $185,802.00 for a period of three months. This contract is for the migrant emergency shelter medical support and services including medical support to migrants, refuges, asylees, immigrants, equipment, medical supplies, vaccines, medications and other related equipment and supplies. Term of this contract is a period of three months subject to future appropriation; contract may be extended for two additional three-month periods upon mutual agreement of parties. Funding is available in the General Fund - Shelter and Services Program.

FLEET MANAGEMENT: STAFF SOURCE RONALD MILLER, FLEET DIRECTOR

31. Consideration to renew annual contracts FY21-026 for the purchase of police and passenger car tires with the following vendors:

1. Section II: Southern Tire Mart, Columbia, Missouri in an amount up to $90,000.00 (Primary Vendor); and
2. Section I: The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio in an amount up to $30,000.00 (Secondary Vendor); and
3. Section I: Southern Tire Mart, Columbia, Missouri in an amount up to $30,000.00 (Secondary Vendor).

All tires will be secured on an as needed basis. The term of these contracts shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and are contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. American Tire Distributors was a non-response when contacted by email and phone for renewal approval. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the last extension period for these contracts. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.

INFORMATION SERVICES & TELECOMMUNICATION: STAFF SOURCE JOE C. RIVERA, IST DIRECTOR

32. Consideration to authorize the use of State of Texas, Department of Information Resources (DIR) Cooperative contracts to purchase estimated annual amounts with the following DIR vendors:

DELL Computers USA - $950,000.00
Computer Solutions - $650,000.00
Verizon - $450,000.00
AT&T - $475,000.00
SHI Government Solutions - $410,000.00
CDG Government - $375,000.00

These contracts are subject to future appropriations and shall be a for two-year terms commencing on January 1, 2024, with an option to renew one additional,

two-year terms. Funding for cooperative purchases contracts and services are available in the respective departmental budgets.

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

33. Consideration to amend and renew supply contract FY23-032 by 25% for the purchase of pool chemicals for the City's swimming pools/splash parks with the following vendors:

1) Items 2 & 3: Mayfield Pool Supply dba Texas Pool Supply, Laredo, Texas, for an amount increase of $25,250.00 and new contract amount of $126,250.00 ;

2) Items 1 & 4: HDL Construction, Laredo, Texas, for an amount increase of $24,750.00 and new contract amount of $123,750.00.

All pool chemicals will be secured on an as needed basis. The reason for the early contract renewal and amendment is because this contract will fund out before the term of 2/21/24. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This is the first of three extension periods. There was no price increase during the last extension period. Funding is available in the General Fund - Parks & Recreation Budget.

POLICE: STAFF SOURCE MIGUEL A. RODRIGUEZ, JR., CHIEF OF POLICE

34. **2023-R-184** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of $50,000.00 to the Texas Department of Transportation to fund the FY 2024 STEP Impaired Driving Mobilization (IDM) Program. The City of Laredo is required to match approximately 24% of the total grant funds. The performance period is during enforcement waves scheduled on holidays between October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024. This grant funding is to pay overtime salaries for officers to increase enforcement to arrest individuals driving while intoxicated (DWI) and driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol by a minor. Funding will be available in the Special Police Fund.

35. **2023-R-190** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of $69,386.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the funding of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY 2023. The grant performance period is October 01, 2023 through September 30, 2026. The Bureau of Justice Assistance mandates that this grant allocation be divided equally between the City of Laredo and Webb County; $34,693.00 will be allocated for the LPD Network Specialist and $34,693.00 for Webb County Sheriff's Office equipment and supplies that enhances the department operations. No local match is required. Grant funding is available in the Special Police Fund.

36. **2023-R-191** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of $19,047.53 from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the FY 2024 General Victim Assistance Program Grant under the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024. This grant will fund supplies affiliated with the grant program operations and training. No local match is required. Grant funding is available in the Special Police Fund.

37. **2023-R-192** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of $17,178.17 from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the FY 2024 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Justice and Training Program. The grant performance period is October 01, 2023, through September 30, 2024. This grant will provide funding for Crimes Against Women training. The City of Laredo will be responsible for a required match of $7,362.07 for a total project amount of $24,540.24. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund.

38. **2023-R-193** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a cooperative working agreement between the City of Laredo Police Department (LPD) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) with regard to the use and abuse of controlled substances in our city. The Police Department's participation is part of the community service provided to our citizens and our partner law enforcement agencies. Overtime expenses may be reimbursed as part of the working agreement. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund.

39. **2023-R-195** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of $200,000.00 from the Office of the Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) for the purpose of funding the 2024 Local Border Security Program (LBSP) for the period of September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024. This grant does not require matching funds. Funding will be used to pay for overtime to increase patrol security along the Texas-Mexico border. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund.

40. **2023-R-196** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of $44,527.00 from the Office of the Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) for the purpose of funding the State Homeland Security Program - Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities Grant. This funding will be utilized to purchase one (1) complete Med Eng EOD 10E bomb suit for the Laredo Police Department (LPD) Bomb Squad Unit. No local match is required. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund.

41. **2023-R-197** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of $5,353.734 from the U.S. Department of Justice Programs for the purpose of funding the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant for FY 2023. The funds will be utilized to replace approximately 11 vests that have exceeded the recommended life expectancy. The Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program will provide funding in the amount of $5,353.73 with the other 50% of the project being provided by city match for a total grant amount of $10,707.46. The grant performance period is from October 1, 2023 through August 31, 2025. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund.

42. Consideration to authorize the purchase of furniture from Kimball Office (Division of Kimball International) through authorized dealer G&S Office Supply, Inc., Laredo, TX, for the purchase and installation of modular workstations for the Laredo Police Department Criminal Investigations Unit (CID). The expense is not to exceed $150,000.00. Funding is available in the Police Trust Fund.

The purchase contract is identified as follows: Kimball Office; OMNIA Partners Contract# 2019.001896

PUBLIC WORKS: STAFF SOURCE JOHN ORFILA, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

43. Consideration to renew contract number FY21-102 for the supply of the following paving, and construction materials: Sand for pipe bedding and backfill.

To Emperor Services LLC, Laredo, Texas for the following sections and amounts:

Section I. Sand delivered to City in an amount up to $60,000.00
Section II. Sand picked up by City in an amount up to $30,000.00.

The term of this contract shall be for a period of one year beginning as of the date of its execution. This is the second extension of three-year periods. Funding is available in the respective user department's operations funds.

44. Consideration to renew contract FY22-092 to the following vendors:

Patmo Concrete, Laredo, Texas, as Primary Vendor
City Ready Mix, Inc., Laredo, Texas, as Secondary Vendor

for the purchase of Ready Mix Cement (job site delivered) for Public Works and various city departments for an amount of $2,000,000.00 annually. This contract establishes Primary/Secondary vendors and pricing. The term of contract shall be for a period of one year, beginning as of the date of its execution, this is the first of three one year renewal options. All materials are purchased on an as-needed basis. Funding for this contract is available in the respective City department's operational budget.

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

45. Consideration for approval of the FY23-ENG-02 City of Laredo, Gas Collection and Control System (GCCS) project as complete, ratification of change order No. 1, a decrease of $23,650.73, approval of change order No. 2 for an additional contract time of 24 calendar days, release of retainage, and approval of final payment in the amount of $270,733.88 to Landmarc Environmental Systems, Naperville, IL. The final construction contract amount is $2,707,338,77, with a total contract time of 192 calendar days. Funding is available in the Solid Waste C.O. Bond.

TAX: STAFF SOURCE DORA MALDONADO, TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

46. Motion to approve a property tax refund in the amount of $1,032.36 due to an overpayment as required by Section 31.11(a) of the Texas Property Tax Code. The refund will be issued to Yardi Systems Inc. Mortgage Relief Fund from parcel number 335-00584-090.

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

47. Consideration to award contract FY23-085 to the following vendors for providing plumbing, maintenance and repair services for the City of Laredo Utilities Department. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This contract may be extended for three additional one (1) year periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Fund.

    1). Arellano's Plumbing, Laredo, Texas in an annual amount up to $75,000.00 (Primary Vendor);

    2). Chavarria's Plumbing, Laredo, Texas in an annual amount up to $45,000.00 (Secondary Vendor);

48. Consideration to award annual service contract FY23-083 to Primary and Secondary lowest bidders to provide pest control services for the water treatment, waste water treatment plants, and utilities main office. This contract establishes a linear footage rate that includes all labor, materials, pesticides, equipment, and incidentals needed to perform these services. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This contract can be extended three (3) additional one-year periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. All services will be purchased on an as needed basis and funding will be secured from the Water and Sewer Operations Funds.

1). Bug Hunters Pest Control, San Antonio, TX in an amount up to $30,000.00
(Primary Vendor: Section 1.2 - El Pico Water Plant)
(Primary Vendor: Section 1.4 - Water Museum, El Pico & Jefferson WTP's)
(Primary Vendor: Section 1.5 - Water Museum, El Pico & Jefferson WTP's)
(Secondary Vendor: Section 2.1 - Main office Utilities Department)
(Primary Vendor: Sections 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.6, 3.7 and 3.8 - Wastewater Treatment Plants)

2). Total Termite and Pest Control, Laredo, TX in an amount up to $20,000.00
(Primary Vendor: Section 1.1 - Jefferson Water Treatment Plant)
(Secondary Vendor: Section 1.2 - El Pico Water Plant)
(Secondary Vendor: Section 1.3 - Laredo Water Museum)

3). JD's Pest Control, Laredo, TX in an amount up to $20,000.00
(Secondary Vendor: Section 1.1 - Jefferson Water Treatment Plant)
(Secondary Vendor: Section 1.2 - El Pico Water Plant)
(Primary Vendor: Section 1.3 - Laredo Water Museum)
(Secondary Vendor: Section 1.4 - Water Museum, El Pico & Jefferson WTP's)
(Primary Vendor: Section 2.1 - Main Office Utilities Department)
(Primary Vendor: Sections 3.4 & 3.5 Wastewater Treatment Plants)
(Secondary Vendor: Sections 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.6, 3.7, & 3.8 Wastewater Treatment Plants)

49. Authorizing the City Manager to award a construction contract to the low bidder Mage 4 Group, Ltd. in the amount of $305,380.00 for site improvements at the San Isidro Booster Pump Station. The improvements include concrete pavement/access road, concrete driveway (including sidewalk), CMU wall, and a slide gate. Funding for this construction project is available in the 2015B Waterworks Revenue Bond and is contingent to approval from the Texas Water Development Board.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XIV. STAFF REPORTS

50. 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.

51. 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.

52. Status report with possible action by the Traffic Department on the angled parking on Hidalgo St and Flores Ave., including but not limited to the concerns, reduction of spaces, cost, maintenance; and any other matters incident thereto.

XV. 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.

53. Request for executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.076(1) to deliberate the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices to strategically combat crime trends and highest priorities with the City, and any other matters incident thereto.

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

54. **2023-RT-09** Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute a grant in the amount of $8,302,512.00 from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for FY2023 Section 5307 Urbanized Area Authorized under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Th grant funds will be used for operating and preventative maintenance assistance for the El Metro bus fixed route and Paratransit services. The federal share of this grant is $4,580,696.00. The required local match for this grant is $3,721,816.00. The local match will be funded with the Transit Sales Tax.

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

55. **GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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

1. Discussion with possible action on City of Laredo submitting a public comment relating to ethylene oxide emissions in our medically underserved community at the TCEQ October 17, 2023, public meeting, and any matters related thereto. This comment will be in line with the new CDC and EPA warnings on ethylene oxide emissions and their impact on public health.

(Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez)

2. Discussion with possible action on engaging our local hospitals, other medical groups, and federal officials to discuss the framework for providing pediatric intensive care services in our medically underserved community, and any matters related thereto. This is in line with the National Institute of Health's recommendations that there should be 8 pediatric intensive care unit beds per 100,000 population. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Dr. Tyler King)**

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

1. Discussion with possible action to instruct the City Manager to authorize staff to install speed humps at the following locations, under the Special Provision of the Speed Hump Installation Policy, and to authorize the use of asphalt type speed humps, instead of speed cushions, which is currently required under the policy; and any other matters incident thereto. City Council District 2 Priority Funds will be used for this project.

   - 2600 Aldama Street

2. Discussion with possible action to address the traffic safety concern on Bianka Street addressing the need for traffic signs, stop signs and speed humps; and any other matter incident thereto.

C. **Request by Council Member Ruben Gutierrez, Jr.**

1. Discussion with possible action to instruct the City Manager to authorize staff to put together an incentive program/plan to attract food truck vendors at the new Vietnam Veterans Plaza; and any matters incident thereto.

D. **Request by Council Member Dr. Tyler King**

1. Discussion with possible action regarding the severe traffic congestion at UNITEC Industrial Park to authorize City Management to update the thoroughfare plan for the City of Laredo in consultation with the Laredo and Webb County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to incorporate the proposed UNITEC relief road project (attached), authorize a feasibility study to confirm road alignment and budget, initiate dialogue between TxDot, RMA, MPO, Webb County and the City of Laredo to prioritize this project, identify possible funding sources and consider adding this area to the proposed North Laredo Transportation Reinvestment Zone (TRZ) study, and

any other items incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez)**

2. Presentation from staff followed by discussion with possible action to initiate a strategy for how the City plans to move forward with implementing the $333,875.00 Shiloh Hike and Bike Trails grant that the City recently accepted from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), and any other matters incident thereto.

E. **Request by Council Member Vanessa J. Perez**

1. Discussion with possible action to modify fees for Willie Bote can rentals for 501(3)(c) non-profit organizations that are in good standing and to apply fees retroactively to the Iglesia Cristiana Misericordia 27th annual Missions Festival to be held on October 21-22, 2023, and any other matters incident thereto.

XVIII. 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, October 11, 2023, at 5:30pm.

Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary

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