

# **CITY OF LAREDO**

## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**A-2023-R-16**

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**JOE A. GUERRA LAREDO PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**1120 E. CALTON ROAD**

**LAREDO, TEXAS 78041**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 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 21st, August 23rd, and September 14, 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

1. Introduction of Miguel A. Rodriguez, Jr., Police Chief for the City of Laredo.

## VIII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

## IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 0.059 acres being the north 46.05 feet of the north 92.10 feet of Lot 10, in Block 91, situated in the Western Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, such property fronting 55.56 feet on Hidalgo Street and extending south for a depth along San Francisco Avenue 46.05 feet as described in Gift Deed dated October 2, 1975 recorded in Volume 497, pages 979-982, Webb County Deed Records, Texas, located at 419 Hidalgo Street, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District).

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

**ZC-077-2023**

## District VIII

2. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** 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.
3. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** 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.
4. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** 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.

(Recess)  
(Press Availability)

## X. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

5. 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.

6. 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.
7. Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute all documents necessary to complete the sale 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 1.2 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. Contingent to the final reading of ordinance 2023-O-198.
8. 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.

## **XI. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES**

9. Authorizing the City Manager to grant a non-exclusive franchise 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 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 and an effective date.

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

## **XI. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

11. **2023-O-189** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 2.0 acre tract of land being all of the 2.0 acres conveyed to Grupo Inmobiliario Salinas, in deed recorded in Volume 5408, Page 671, Webb County Official Public Records, Webb County, Texas, being a portion of a 9.94 acre tract of land conveyed to Antonio Castillo, Jr and Carlos Castillo, recorded in Volume 547, Page 205, deed records of Webb County, Webb County Texas, and also being a part of a survey 2150, abstract 660, D. Sanchez, Original Grantee, Webb County, Texas, located north of Jacaman Road and east of Casa Verde Road, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District).

### **ZC-084-2023 District V**

12. **2023-O-190** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 1.118 acres, located in the Jose Antonio Diaz, Survey 34, Abstract 762, Webb County, part of a 58.06 acres tract described in Tract IV of conveyance document to ALS Laredo Holdings, Limited Liability Company recorded in Volume 3342, Pages 687-et seq., of the Webb County Official Public Records, Webb County, Texas, located east of South Ejido Avenue and north of La Terraza Way, from R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) to B-1 (Limited Business District).

### **ZC-087-2023 District I**

13. **2023-O-191** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for a restaurant serving alcohol on Lots 3 and 4, Block 61, Calton Gardens Subdivision, located at 5216 Springfield Avenue, Suite 3 and 4 (1,893 square feet).

**ZC-088-2023**  
**District IV**

14. **2023-O-192** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 1.9891 acres, situated in Porcion 24, Toribio Rodriguez, Original Grantee, Abstract 268, and being out of a 200.68 acre tract of land, conveyed to Charco Land Sales, Limited Liability Company, as recorded in Volume 5400, Pages 824-829, Official Public Records of Webb County, Texas, located east of Bob Bullock Loop and north of Inspiration Parkway, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District).

**ZC-089-2023**  
**District VI**

15. **2023-O-193** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by amending Ordinance 2022-O-083, which authorized a special use permit for a restaurant serving alcohol on Lot 1, Block 1, Emami Plaza Plat, located at 3311 East Del Mar Boulevard, Suite 101 (6,924 square feet) in order to reduce the square footage and amend the hours of operation.

**ZC-091-2023**  
**District V**

16. **2023-O-194** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Laredo Police Department Texas Anti-Gang Center (LPD/TAG) and San Antonio Texas Anti-Gang Center (SA/TAG), via the Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS) for the purpose of executing a transfer of investigative equipment, to accept said equipment and to amend the FY22-23 Special Police Fund budget by appropriating and increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$190,792.00 to reflect the value of the investigative equipment and accessories. The equipment will be used for drug related investigations as part of the LPD/TAG program. The acquisition of equipment and mutual agreement is at no cost to the City of Laredo.

17. **2023-O-195** Ratifying the execution of a contract amendment from the Health and Human Services Commission in the amount of \$1,018,903.00, with a grant award match of \$1,018,903.00, for a total amount of \$2,037,806.00 and amending the FY23-24 Full Time Equivalent Listing by adding one (1) Physician Assistant, 209 position and two (2) Office Assistant, 201 positions for the City of Laredo Health Department Community Mental Health Program for the term from September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024.
18. **2023-O-196** An ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, Amending the FY22-23 9-1-1 Regional Administration Budget by appropriating additional revenues and expenditures provided by the Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) in the amount of \$197,562.00 to provide additional funding for Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb and Zapata Counties for the period beginning September 1, 2023, and ending August 31, 2024.
19. **2023-O-197** An ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending chapter 18, article III, section 15, of the Code of Ordinances by changing the application fee for all garage sales to fifteen (15) dollars, increasing the maximum number of garage sale permits per person to five (5), exempting documented non-profit organizations from the fees and the maximum limit requirement, and establishing an annual waiver of garage sale permit fees for the second weekend in August in recognition of National Garage Sale Day.
20. **2023-O-198** An Ordinance closing and vacating, as a public easement, a section of Vidaurri Avenue between Jefferson Street and Shea Street, being a 1.20 acres tract of land out of Vidaurri Avenue Right-Of-Way, situated in District VIII, The Western Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas; The City of Laredo reserves any and all apparent and visible easements recorded or not recorded; Hereof, Closed as a public Easement and providing for an effective date.
21. **2023-O-199** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for a restaurant serving alcohol on Lot 1, Block 1, Alexander Commercial Subdivision, Phase XIV, located at 1119 Fenwick Drive, Suite 206 (2,639 square feet).

**ZC-085-2023**  
**District V**

## **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.**

### **AIRPORT: STAFF SOURCE GILBERTO SANCHEZ, AIRPORT DIRECTOR**

22. Consideration to authorize a professional service contract with GRA, Incorporated, Alexandria, VA, in the amount not to exceed \$75,000.00. The purpose is to provide consulting services in support of air service development at the Laredo International Airport. The contract is a one-year term commencing on October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024. Funding is available under the Airport Operation Funds.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: STAFF SOURCE TINA MARTINEZ, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

23. Authorizing the City Manager to execute (24) twenty-four individual contracts with the following General Fund recipients totaling \$469,443.00 for FY 2023-2024.

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Bethany House of Laredo	\$29,763.00
Casa de Misericordia	\$19,763.00
Catholic Charities Diocese of Laredo	\$15,763.00
Kidney Foundation of Laredo	\$14,762.00
Laredo Stroke Support	\$10,000.00
Mercy Ministries of Laredo	\$21,000.00
Ruthe B. Cowl Rehabilitation Center	\$50,000.00
Serving Children & Adults in Need	\$13,500.00
Volunteers Serving the Need	\$10,962.00
Area Health Education Center	\$20,334.00
Laredo Children's Museum/Imaginarium	\$10,000.00
Laredo Philharmonic	\$35,000.00
Literacy Volunteers of Laredo	\$6,000.00



Neighborworks Laredo	\$14,763.00
Rio Grande International Study	\$10,000.00
Children's Advocacy Center of Laredo	\$27,000.00
Laredo Crime Stoppers	\$25,000.00
Laredo Main Street	\$25,000.00
Laredo Pets Alive	\$10,000.00
Sacred Heart Children's Home	\$15,000.00
Boys & Girls Club of Laredo	\$50,000.00
Laredo Amateur Boxing Club, Inc	\$7,500.00
Laredo Tennis Association	\$18,333.00
Special Olympics	\$10,000.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$469,443.00</b>

24. Authorizing the City Manager to execute (10) ten individual contracts with the following Hotel-Motel Tax Fund recipients totaling \$502,000 for FY 2023-2024. In person events only (virtual events are not valid).

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Border Olympics	\$135,000.00
Laredo Center for the Arts	\$57,000.00
Laredo Chamber of Commerce	\$35,000.00
Laredo Cultural District	\$10,000.00
Laredo Heat Youth Soccer	\$30,000.00
Laredo Main Street	\$30,000.00
Princess Pocahontas Council, Inc	\$15,000.00
The Society of Martha Washington	\$25,000.00
WBCA	\$75,000.00
Webb County Heritage Foundation	\$90,000.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$502,000.00</b>

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

25. Authorizing the City Manager to execute payments to Laredo Trade and Travel Center, d/b/a Casa Laredo, for the Monterrey office's daily operations. Total budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 is \$203,800.00 and expenses will not exceed this amount. Funding is available in the Convention & Visitors Bureau Department Budget.
26. Consideration to award a service contract to Ariel Agustin Rodriguez d.b.a ADS Comunicacion in an amount not to exceed \$99,300.00. The contract services include design, public relations, account management, content & creative, media planning & placement, digital activation, production management, video production for Mexico Campaign, and two 30'sec TV spots. The term of the contract is a twelve-month period, beginning on date of execution, with one option to renew. Funds are available in the Convention and Visitors Bureau Department.

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

27. Consideration to award construction contract FY23-ENG-30 to the lowest responsible responsive bidder Midas Contractors, LLC., Laredo, Texas; in the amount not to exceed \$149,800.00 for the Prada Machin Dr. Speed Tables – District II which includes total alternate #1 plus a \$10,000.00 contingency allowance and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related contract documents contingent upon receipt and approval of insurance and bond documents. The construction contract time for the project is 30 working days and funding is available in the 2019 CO Bond District II Priority Funding.

The three (3) bids and bid bonds received were reviewed by the Engineering Department and staff recommend approval of this contract.

Company Name	Total Base Bid	Total Alternate #1
ALC Construction Company, Inc., Laredo, Texas	\$159,400.00	\$152,400.00
Midas Contractors, LLC., Laredo, Texas	\$157,300.00	\$139,800.00
R&A Construction LLC, Laredo, TX	\$185,000.00	\$185,000.00

See attached letter of recommendation.

**FIRE:** STAFF SOURCE GUILLERMO HEARD, FIRE CHIEF

28. Authorizing the City Manager to approve and execute the Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Laredo and Holding Institute Inc. The City of Laredo has agreed to reimburse \$1,300,000.00 to Holding Institute, Inc. for activities related to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) /Federal Emergency Management Agency's Shelter and Services Program's guidelines of providing shelter aid to noncitizen migrants within 45 days of their release from DHS. The performance period is from March 1, 2023, through September 30, 2025. Funding is available through the General Fund- 2023 Shelter and Services Program grant.
29. Consideration to award a two-year contract for the purchase of Automotive Parts for the Laredo Fire Department in an annual amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 to the following local vendors:
- Advance Auto Parts, Laredo, Texas - OMNIA contract #201700280
  - NAPA Auto Parts, Laredo, Texas - Sourcewell contract #032521-GPC
  - Gonzalez Auto Parts, Laredo, Texas - Buyboard contract #629-20
- These purchases will be done utilizing Cooperative contracts and on an as needed basis for all Laredo Fire Department units. Items include but are not limited to batteries, rotors, disks, shocks, alternators, air filters, etc. This contract is subject to future appropriations and may be renewed for one additional two-year period, upon mutual agreement of parties. Funding is available in the Fire Department General fund Budget.
30. Consideration to approve a purchase with Stryker Powered Systems, Chicago, IL, in the amount of \$732,029.88 to acquire twelve powered stretchers for the Laredo Fire Department. Funding for this purchase is available through the American Rescue Plan Act fund.

**FLEET MANAGEMENT:** STAFF SOURCE RONALD MILLER, FLEET DIRECTOR

31. Consideration to renew supply contracts FY21-068 with the following vendors for the purchase of automotive parts for the Fleet 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. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the last extension period for this contract. Funding is available in the Fleet Management Budget.

Section	Description	Vendor	Location	Dollar Amt	Award
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I	Fuel, Air, Oil Filters	Rush Truck Center	Laredo, TX	\$75,000.00	Primary Vendor
		Fleet-Pride	Laredo, TX	\$40,000.00	Secondary Vendor
II III IV V VI VII VIII IX X XI XII XIII XIV XV XVI XVII	Belts, Hoses, Cooling Brakes & Related Items Brakes/Misc. Parts Chassis & Steering Drive Train Electrical Auto Parts Exhaust Auto Parts Fuel & Emission Parts Heating & Air Condition Ignition Lamp Bulb, Flashers Shock & Struts Wiper Blades & Motors Service Lubricants Brakes/Emergency Vehicles Parts/Emergency Vehicles	Gonzalez Auto Parts	Laredo, TX	\$250,000.00	Primary Vendor
		Toro Auto Sales	Laredo, TX	\$40,000.00	Secondary Vendor
		O'Reilly Auto Parts	Laredo, TX	\$40,000.00	Secondary Vendor
	(Only Section X Heating Cooling)	Andy's Auto Air	Laredo, TX	\$25,000.00	Secondary Vendor

32. Consideration to renew annual parts contract FY21-045 with the following vendors for the purchase of Scorpion Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) parts for the City's automated side loader trucks. 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. All services will be secured on an as-needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.

1. BTE Body Company, Irving, TX, in an amount up to \$120,000.00 (primary vendor-parts);
2. Fox Truck World, San Antonio, TX, in an amount up to \$60,000.00 (secondary vendor-parts);

33. Consideration to award contract FY23-080 for the daily maintenance and repair service of all the City's landfill operational equipment to the low bidders:

1. M&V Heavy Equipment Service, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$500,000.00 (Primary Vendor); and
2. Blanco Machinery LLC., Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$300,000.00 (Secondary Vendor).

This contract establishes multiple vendors and provides the Fleet Department with the ability to outsource and expedite needed services for the City's landfill equipment. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds and compliance city code of ordinances. This contract can be renewed three (3) additional one (1) year extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.

34. Consideration to renew a one-year service contract FY22-001 to the following vendors:

- 1) Lozano's Body Shop Repairs Laredo, Texas (Primary Vendor);
- 2) South TX Auto Rebuilders Laredo, Texas (Secondary Vendor).

Sections	Description		Dollar Amt/Year
I	Car Repair Services		
II	Light Duty Truck Repair Services		
III	Medium Duty Truck Repair Services		
IV	Heavy Duty Truck Repair Services		
		Total Amount	\$350,000.00

for auto & truck body shop repairs for the Fleet Department for \$350,000.00 annually. This contract establishes Primary/Secondary service providers with hourly service rates and a percentage markup on parts utilized during city vehicle repairs. All repair services will be purchased on an as-needed basis. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) years 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 renewed for one (1) additional one (1) year extension period, upon the mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.

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

35. **2022-R-186** Ratifying the execution of a contract amendment from the Health and Human Services Commission in the amount of \$340,208.00 for the Healthy Texas Women Program and \$353,505.00 for the Family Planning Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the term period from September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024, with no grant match required.
36. **2023-R-187** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Prevention & Early Intervention in the estimated amount of \$350,000.00, with no match for the City of Laredo Health Department to implement the Texas Home Visiting (THV) program for the term period from March 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025, with a possible extension through August 31, 2027, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents resulting from the award of this grant.
37. Ratifying the approval of a contract with Televero Health, Inc. in the total amount of \$80,000.00 for the City of Laredo Health Department telemedicine psychiatric services for the term from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024. Funding is available through the Health Department Community Mental Health and HIV grants.

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

38. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the renewal of a service contract with Computer Solutions Company of San Antonio, Texas, through the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) cooperative purchasing program DIRCIS4167 - CISCO DIR-TSO-4167 in the amount of \$57,742.00; Funding is available in the IST department budget.

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

39. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for professional services with Rio Grande Veterinary Clinic, PLLC for veterinary services in an annual amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 for a Term of 1 year.

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

40. **2023-R-188** Authorizing the ratification of the City Manager in accepting a grant award in the amount of \$1,963,833.24 from the Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) for the purpose of funding the FY23-24 Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Program. Funding will be used to pay for costs associated with the operation of the TAG Center such as personnel, rent, contractual costs, information system interfaces, equipment, training, supplies and direct operating expenses. This grant does not require matching funds.
41. Consideration to authorize the purchase of two (2) patrol units from Lake Country Chevrolet, Jasper, Texas in the amount of \$137,271.16. The purchase of these vehicles shall be made utilizing the TIPS Cooperative Contract Pricing Program. Funding is available in the 2022 Operation Stonegarden Grant-Special Police Fund.
42. Consideration to ratify the purchase of furniture from Kimball Office (Division of Kimball International) and Seating by Nightingale through authorized dealer G&S Office Supply, Inc., Laredo, TX, for the purchase, delivery, setup, and installation of modular workstations, tables, seating and related furniture for the Laredo Police Department (LPD) Headquarters Building; areas include, Patrol Sergeants, Watch Commanders, Special Investigations Unit, Crimes Against Persons, Real Time Crime Center and the new Neighborhood Executive Commanders section. The current expense is not to exceed \$390,000.00. Funding is available in the Police Department General Fund and Police Trust Fund.

The purchase contracts are identified as follows:

Kimball Office; OMNIA Partners Contract # 2019.001896

Seating by Nightingale; TIPS contract 230301

**TAX:** STAFF SOURCE DORA MALDONADO, TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

43. **2023-R-169** Authorizing and approving a Chapter 312 Tax Abatement Agreement between the City of Laredo and Shreem Laredo, LP in accordance with the Guidelines & Criteria Governing Tax Abatements by the City of Laredo for the "Modernization" of an existing hotel facility, Sections 2.7 and 3.6(2) of the Guidelines. This agreement will be for a five (5) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements derived from upgrading the existing facility for the purpose of economic development and creation of jobs. Shreem Laredo, LP is representing they will invest a total of \$12,969,753 for the modernization of an existing improvement and create sixty (60) new full-time jobs within one (1) year of completion of the improvements and a total of seventy (70) new full-time jobs by year five (5). The guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and attachments.
44. **2023-R-185** Nominating Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr. as the City of Laredo's candidate to the Webb County Appraisal District Board of Directors for the 2024-2025 Year Term as per Section 6.03 of the Texas Property Tax Code and directing the City Secretary to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Chief Appraiser of the Webb County Appraisal District before October 15, 2023. Prior to December 15, 2023, City Council will cast its 950 Votes in any manner it wishes for those individuals listed on the ballot provided by the Chief Appraiser.
45. Motion to approve a property tax refund in the amount of \$591.43 due to an overpayment as required by Section 31.11(a) of the Texas Property Tax Code. The refund will be issued to Falcon National Bank from parcel number 900-90321-006.

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

46. Consideration to renew annual supply contract FY22-061 with JMF Repair Services, Corpus Christi, Texas in an amount up to \$110,000.00 for the purchase of cementitious mortar concrete. This contract is needed for the repair of sanitary sewer underground structures for the 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. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This contract may be extended for two (2), additional one (1) year periods, each upon mutual agreement of the parties. All material will be purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the 2017 Sewer Revenue Bond.

### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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#### **XIII. STAFF REPORTS**

- 47. 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.
- 48. Status report with possible action by the Utilities Department on the water, including but not limited to quality, infrastructure, level status, improvements, and any other matters incident thereto.

#### **XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

- 49. Request for executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.072 to consult with legal counsel concerning a proposed Right of Entry Agreement by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to enter land owned by the City of Laredo in Starr County, Texas, and any other matters incident thereto.

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

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

### **50. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

#### **A. Request by Council Member Gilbert Gonzalez**

1. Recognition of the Paws of Johnson group from Lyndon B Johnson High School on the ongoing support they have been giving our local pets and outreach in the community.
2. Discussion with possible action to name the Independence regional dog park to K-9 Marimar Dog Park. K-9 Marimar was a competitive K-9 that worked together with Ben Bondoc, certified k9 handler. Together they ensured the safety for students and teachers of UISD for 10 years. K-9 Marimar inspired many students at UISD during red ribbon week to stay drug free. K-9 Marimar together with her handler Ben Bondoc were able to hold the title of Top Dog, 1st Place in 2010 with Laredo Police Department 1st annual Narcotics K-9 Competition, Top Dog and 2nd Place in 2011 at Palmview Police Department 5th annual K-9 competition in South Padre Island, Texas; and 1st Place in 2012 at Laredo Police Department at the 3rd annual Narcotics K-9 competition. K-9 Marimar is the only K-9 to this day to have received the Chiefs Award in 2010 by then Chief Ray Garner. K-9 Marimar reached her end of watch on July 4, 2019. She was a character filled with lots of energy and joy. K-9 Marimar will continue to be loved and missed not only by students but by everyone.

#### **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.
  - Along 3 points park and Susie Dr.

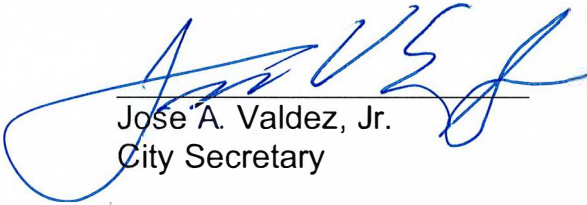
2. Discussion with possible action to take adequate action of nuisance of property located at 2200 Cortez by either forced clean or demolition. This property has been burned and abandoned and there is constant illegal activity at the location, instruct City Manager to take any legal matters and any other matters incident thereto.

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

1. Discussion with possible action regarding the upcoming Ethylene Oxide community meeting scheduled Wednesday, October 4, 2023, starting at 6:30 pm at the Barbara Fasken Recreation Center, with an invitation for the public to attend the meeting and submit comments, and any other matters incident thereto.

**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, September 27, 2023, at 5:15 pm.



Jose A. Valdez, Jr.  
City Secretary

**CITY OF LAREDO**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**A-2023-S-10**  
**JOE A. GUERRA LAREDO PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**1120 E. CALTON ROAD**  
**LAREDO, TEXAS 78041**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023**  
**5:30 P.M.**

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**SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA**

**1. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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

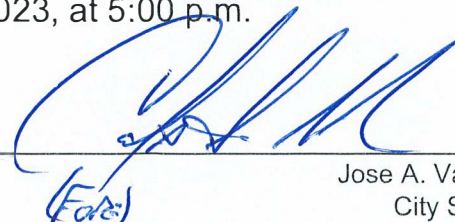
1. Discussion with possible action on Declaration of Emergency to address possible disruptions from a federal government shutdown and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr. and Council Member Ruben Gutierrez, Jr.)**

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

1. Discussion with possible action to amend City of Laredo Code of Ordinances Chapter 32 to raise the towing fees from an average of \$110.00 to always match the Texas State Law maximum (currently \$255.00), add enforcement provisions for tow services that do not comply with requirements, and any matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Gilbert Gonzalez)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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(For)

Jose A. Valdez, Jr.  
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