

**CITY OF LAREDO**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**A-2023-S-11**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**1110 HOUSTON STREET**  
**LAREDO, TEXAS 78040**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023**  
**5:30 P.M.**

**SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA**

**I. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Request by Council Member Melissa R. Cigarroa**

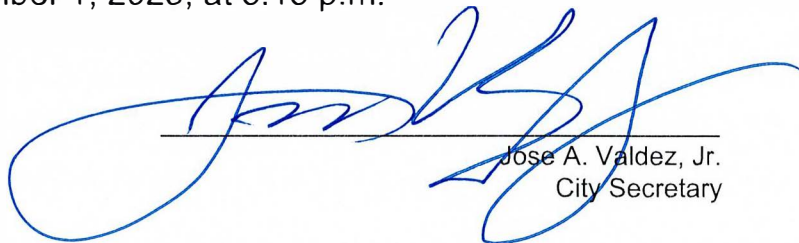
1. Discussion with possible action to allow Council by majority vote to suspend a Council Member who is found by trial court, by a preponderance of the evidence, to have been elected by, or participated in, voter fraud or any other illegal or unethical means, notwithstanding the exhaustion of any appeals, and any matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Dr. Tyler King)**

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

1. Discussion with possible action to give employees a one-time payment, as determined by City Council, in addition to employees' regular pay in the month of December. **(Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pro Tempore Ruben Gutierrez, Jr., Council Member Gilbert Gonzalez and Council Member Vanessa Perez)**
2. Discussion with possible action to offer eligible employees for retirement, an incentive buyout; and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pro Tempore Ruben Gutierrez, Jr., Council Member Gilbert Gonzalez and Council Member Vanessa Perez)**

## ADJOURNMENT

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 Friday, December 1, 2023, at 5:15 p.m.



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Jose A. Valdez, Jr.  
City Secretary

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# **AS AMENDED CITY OF LAREDO**

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**A-2023-R-20**

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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 minutes of November 6, 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. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño of Jose A. Valdez, Jr. to the Laredo Economic Development Corporation.
2. Appointment by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa of Maritza Bautista to the Fine Arts and Culture Advisory Committee.

## VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount \$3,876,968.00 in the FY 23-24 Airport Operation Fund and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents between the City of Laredo and The Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT), to effectively convey the “surface only” of a 7.498 acre tract, as right-of-way, for the expansion of US Highway 59, with a fair market value of \$3,876,968.00. Said tract is legally described as, a parcel of land located in the Dona Maria Gertudis Sanches Procion No. 27, Abstract No. 284, and in the Jane Guyman Survey No. 1714, Abstract No. 517, Webb County, Texas, being out of that certain 1,249.23 acre tract, conveyed from the United States of America to the City of Laredo in an Indenture executed February 25, 1975, recorded in Volume 478, Page 471, Deed Records Of Webb

County, Texas; providing for severability; providing for an effective date.

2. **Public Hearing** Providing community residents an opportunity to comment on the 2022-2023 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) prepared by the Department of Community Development which identifies the activities undertaken by the City of Laredo and participating non-profit organizations and agencies in support of the City's housing and non-housing strategies and the objectives outlined in the 2022 Annual Consolidated Plan.

Noted are the accomplishments achieved through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), as well as the CDBG and ESG Coronavirus grant funds. The report is available for public comment beginning December 4th, 2023 and ending at 5:00 p.m. on December 18th, 2023.

Copies of the report are available at the offices of the City Secretary located in City Hall at 1110 Houston St., and at the Department of Community Development, located at 1301 Farragut, 3rd Floor, East Wing, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A copy is also available at the Laredo Public Library located at 1120 E. Calton Road during the hours of operation and on the City's website at <https://www.cityoflaredo.com/departments/community-development>.

The public may provide comments via this public hearing, by visiting the offices of the Community Development Department and/or via email to [cdcomments@ci.laredo.tx.us](mailto:cdcomments@ci.laredo.tx.us)

3. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo 2023-2024 Detoxification Department's Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Position Listing by creating two (2) new positions; one (1) Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor, 208, and one (1) Counselor Intern, 208. The funding for FTE's is available through the American Rescue Plan Act Fund in the amount of \$121,282.00. The performance period is October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024.

4. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute a grant awarded by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) for the amount of \$1,312,130.00, with a 50% match of \$656,065.00 and amending the City of Laredo's FY 2024 annual budget for the Environmental Services fund by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$1,144,178.00. Local match is available in 2015 C.O. and the Environmental Services Fund. Funds will be used for the Riverbend Trails project.
5. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and amending the FY 2023-2024 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$195,000.00, for a total award of \$2,195,000.00 with no match for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Public Health Workforce Grant for the term period August 26, 2021, through June 30, 2024.
6. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** An ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, Amending Chapter 2, Article II, Division 1, Section 2-16, "Departments of the City" of the code of ordinances by establishing a newly "Internal Audit Office" as a Department and abolishing the existing Internal Audit Division of the City Manager; Transferring all functions from the existing Internal Audit Division to the newly created Department; Designating the Internal Auditor with supervisory responsibilities over the Department; Repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith; Providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; Providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date.
7. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Amending Article II of Chapter 26 (Police) of The Code of Ordinances, specifically Section 26-27 (Fees for Documents and Services), by adding a new subsection (a)(1) entitled "Online Reports" to authorize assessment and collection of a six dollar (\$6.00) fee for the release of electronic case and incident reports via an electronic portal, providing for publication and an effective date.
8. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the contract with LexisNexis, that provides an online police report distribution system. This system allows police reports to be secured via the internet. The amendment to the existing agreement makes available an online citizen reporting system called Desk Officer Reporting System ("DORS") enabling individuals, retail companies and other organizations to file reports, crime tips and other forms online. For all request by an authorized requestor, the

Provider may charge a convenience fee plus a fee in the amount of \$6.00 on behalf of the Police Department for each copy requested through the online system. The term of this agreement shall commence upon the effective date and shall continue until terminated in accordance with this agreement. All revenues generated from this service contract will be deposited into the General Fund and allotted to the Police Department to offset technology fees.

9. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** Authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the contract with LexisNexis, that provides an online police report distribution system. This system allows police reports to be secured via the internet. The amendment to the existing agreement makes available a solution called LexisNexis® Request a Report (RAR) which is a web-based solution that allows parties to request a Report from law enforcement, and permits law enforcement agencies to review, accept, reject, and distribute reports to the requestor online. For all request by an authorized requestor, Provider may charge a convenience fee plus a fee in the amount of \$6.00 on behalf of the Police Department for each report requested through the online system. The term of this agreement shall commence upon the effective date and shall continue until terminated in accordance with this agreement. All revenues generated from this service contract will be deposited to the General Fund and allotted to the Police Department to offset technology fees.

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## VIII. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

10. **2023-O-224** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for a reception hall (outdoor) on Lots 9 and 10, Block 143, Western Division, located at 1519 Matamoros Street.

**ZC-101-2023**  
**District VIII**

11. **2023-O-225** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo authorizing the issuance of a Planned Unit Development District (P.U.D.) overlay for townhomes on an approximately 8.04 acre tract of land, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit B, located south of Juan Escutia Boulevard and west of Cavatina Drive.

**ZC-107-2023**  
**District VI**

12. **2023-O-226** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning an approximately 15.32 acre tract of land, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit B, located south of State Highway 359 and east of Old Milwaukee Road, from R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) to B-3 (Community Business District).

**ZC-109-2023**  
**District III**

13. **2023-O-227** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for Industrial - Warehousing on an approximately 15.32 acre tract of land, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit B, located south of State Highway 359 and east of Old Milwaukee Road.

**ZC-110-2023**  
**District III**

14. **2023-O-228** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning an approximately 2.64 acre tract of land, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit A, located at 7607 North Bartlett Avenue from B-3 (Community Business District) to R-1B (Single Family High Density District).

**ZC-112-2023**  
**District V**

15. **2023-O-229** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, 2, and 3, Block 819, Eastern Division, and an approximately 0.028-acres tract of land as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit A, located at 1501 Chihuahua Street, from R-O (Residential/Office District) to B-1 (Limited Business District).

**ZC-113-2023**  
**District III**

16. **2023-O-230** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for a Contractor's Office/Sales, No Outside Storage on Lots 4 and 5, Block 763, Western Division, located at 2805 Salinas Avenue.

**ZC-114-2023  
District VIII**

## **IX. 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

17. Consideration to award a professional services contract to vendor, Flaster Greenberg P.C., Attorneys at Law, for legal services at the Laredo International Airport for an amount not to exceed ninety thousand (\$90,000.00) dollars. These services will be utilized on an on-call capacity regarding all matters requested pertaining to Laredo International Airport ("LRD"), including but not limited to contract reviews, contract development, airport real estate and airport concessions. Funding for this contract is available in the Airport Fund.

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

18. Request for executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071, consultation with attorney for pending or contemplated litigation related to the appeal of Campos Rodriguez v. Rangel.

**CITY MANAGER'S:** STAFF SOURCE JOSEPH W. NEEB, CITY MANAGER

19. **2023-R-231** Resolution adopting the City of Laredo Federal Legislative Agenda for the 118th Congress. The agenda provides direction and guides the city's advocacy with members of Congress and Federal agencies.

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

20. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with NeighborWorks of Laredo, a nonprofit organization, to award Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the amount of \$240,000.00 to assist with the design, testing, and/or construction of public improvements to be located in low and moderate income area. Funding is available in the 49th CDBG Action Year.
21. Authorizing the City Manager to execute (1) one individual contract with the following General Fund recipient totaling \$25,000.00 for FY 2023-2024.

Organization	Amount
Laredo Regional Food Bank	\$25,000.00

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

22. Authorizing the City Manager to donate: (1) Hurst Jaws of Life, (1) Ambulance Unit Number 268 and (2) Stretchers to Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, (1) Hurst Jaws of Life, and (10) sets of Bunker Gear to Monterrey, Nuevo León, (1) Hurst Jaws of Life, (15) sets of Wildland gear and (10) sets of bunker gear to San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, (10) sets of bunker gear to Guadalupe, Nuevo León, (15) sets of Wildland gear to Corregidora, Queretaro. All equipment and vehicles will be used for public service purposes. Unit 268 was purchased with 2009 PPFCO funds. All equipment and vehicles have a book value of zero.

**DETOX:** STAFF SOURCE DR. VIVIANA MARTINEZ, DIRECTOR

23. **2023-R-224** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a memorandum of understanding between the City of Laredo Detoxification Department, ROOTS RECOVERY CENTER and PILLAR for the purpose of establishing a cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship between the parties in order to address substance abuse recovery with no additional cost to the City of Laredo.

24. **2023-R-225** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a memorandum of understanding between the City of Laredo Detoxification Department, ROOTS RECOVERY CENTER and Bethany House of Laredo for the purpose of establishing a cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship between the parties in order to address substance abuse recovery with no additional cost to the City of Laredo.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** STAFF SOURCE MIRIAM CASTILLO, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

25. **2023-R-223** Authorizing the reappointment and confirmation of the City's representatives as members of the Reinvestment Zone Number Two (2) Board of Directors, City of Laredo, Texas; as authorized by Chapter 311 of the Texas Tax Code; and providing an effective date.

Position 1: Jose Zuniga

Position 2: Olivia Varela

Position 3: Edward Ochoa

The City reappoints Jose Zuniga as the chairperson of the Board and that he shall serve as such until December 31, 2025, or until replaced by a subsequent chairperson appointed by the City as allowed by law.

26. **2023-R-230** Authorizing the City Manager to approve and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Laredo, Texas ("City") and Laredo College to provide workforce skills training, development training, and redevelopment training for individuals who may have experienced lay-off, furlough, or under-employment due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The City and Laredo College will each contribute up to \$750,000.00. Funding for the City is available under the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act.

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

27. **2023-R-229** Authorizing the City Manager to submit multiple grant applications to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Flood Mitigation Assistance Program for flood control studies and projects. Once applications are reviewed by TWDB and if the studies/projects are selected, a more detailed application(s) will be

submitted with City Council authorization.

28. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a memorandum of understanding between the City of Laredo and the Rio Grande International Study Center (RGISC) for the purpose of accessing, planning, implementing, and maintaining urban riparian restoration initiatives on the Las Palmas property. There is no additional cost to the City of Laredo.

**FINANCE:** STAFF SOURCE ROSARIO CABELLO, ACTING DIRECTOR/ DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

29. Consideration to approve a contract with Hussey Seating, Staples, MN, in the total amount of \$2,422,460.00 for the replacement of the current telescopic platforms which include 1,514 metro polymer seats at the Sames Auto Arena located at 6700 Arena Boulevard, Laredo, Texas. This purchase shall be made utilizing the OMNIA Cooperative Purchasing Contract Program. All labor, materials, equipment, insurance, and bonds are included in the total price. Funding is available in the Sports and Venue Community Fund.
30. Consideration to award a two-year contract FY24-001 to the sole bidder, Rochester Armored Car Co. Inc., Omaha, Nebraska, for an annual amount not to exceed \$136,135.68. This service contract provides bank courier services for various city departments. The term of this contract shall be for a period of two (2) years beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. The contract may be extended for three, additional two (2) year periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the respective departmental budgets.

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

31. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a two (2) year contract with Dr. Gina Dunckel, Psy.D., P.L.L.C., to provide psychological services to the Laredo Fire Department. The services consist of psychoeducation and presentation programs, after-action sessions, and consultations with the peer support team, firefighters, and vetting for mental health providers and any critical incidents. This service is part of the Laredo Fire Department Health & Wellness Initiative for our firefighters. The two-year contract for psychological services provided will be for an amount of \$38,600.00 per year for a total amount of \$77,500.00. Funding is

available in the American Rescue Plan Act Fund.

32. Consideration to ratify and approve a consulting services contract provided by Mike Pietsch, P.E. Consulting Services, Inc. to the City of Laredo Fire Department in the amount of \$47,000.00 for the preparation of Phase I for Insurance Service Office (ISO) pre-survey information and the corresponding support documentation and to approve an additional \$46,000.00 for Phase II and III for a total not to exceed \$93,000.00. Currently, the Laredo Fire Department is considered a community classification of "Class 2/2X" and will be scheduled to be surveyed on December 5, 2023. Funding is available in the General Fund-Fire Department.
33. Consideration to approve a professional services agreement with Ready Rebound, Inc., Milwaukee, WI, in the annual amount of \$93,203.00 for first responder healthcare services. The term of the agreement is for a period of one year with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods. Funding is available in the American Rescue Plan Act Fund.

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

34. Consideration to renew annual service contracts FY23-027, Outside Tire Repair Contract with the following vendors:
- Section I: outside tire repairs for mid-size vehicles: Southern Tire Mart, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$75,000.00 (Primary Vendor);
  - Toro Auto Sales, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$65,000.00 (Secondary Vendor); and
  - Border Tire, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$45,000.00 (Secondary Vendor);
  
  - Section II: outside tire repairs for heavy trucks: Southern Tire Mart, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$50,000.00 (Primary Vendor);
  - Toro Auto Sales, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$35,000.00 (Secondary Vendor); and
  - Border Tire, Laredo, Texas in amount up to \$20,000.00 (Secondary Vendor);
  
  - Section III: outside tire repair industrial: Southern Tire Mart, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$60,000.00 (Primary Vendor).

The city has decided to exercise the renewal option upon mutual

agreement of both parties for one additional one-year period. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the first of three one (1) year extension periods and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. All outside tire repair services will be secured on an as-needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Management Fund.

35. Consideration to renew contract FY23-016 for vehicle repair services for small and medium vehicles for the City's Fleet Department with the following vendors:

1. Toro Auto Sales, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$100,000.00, (Primary Vendor) and;
2. South Texas Auto Rebuilders, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$70,000.00 (Secondary Vendor) and;
3. Rotex Truck Center, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$50,000.00 (Secondary Vendor).

This contract provides the Fleet Department with the ability to outsource out and expedite needed services for small and medium vehicle repairs. The city has decided to exercise the renewal option upon mutual agreement of both parties for one additional one-year period. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the first of three one (1) year extension periods and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. All outside tire repair services will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Management Fund.

36. Consideration to renew annual supply contract FY21-079 with Hydrhose Services, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$55,000.00 for the fabrication of hydraulic hoses with fittings for the City's heavy equipment. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. This is the last extension period for this contract. There was no price increase during the last extension period. All hoses will be purchased on an as-needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Management Budget.

37. Consideration to renew the six-month supply contract FY21-094 with Arguindegui Oil Company, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$100,000.00 for the purchase of lubricants for the Fleet Department. All lubricants will be secured on an as-needed basis. The term of this contract shall be for a period of six months beginning as of the date of its execution. At the time contract renewal notices were received, there was no price increase during this extension period; price changes will be governed by an index made up of the composite posted prices in the

Laredo area of those companies published in the daily publication of Oil Price Information Service. This is the fifth of seven extension periods. Funding is available in the Fleet Management Budget.

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

38. **2023-R-226** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission in the estimated amount of \$125,000.00, with no match for the City of Laredo Health Department HIV Prevention Services for the term period from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, with up to two (2) two-year renewals through December 31, 2029, for a total grant award of up to \$625,000.00, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents resulting from the award of this grant.
39. **2023-R-227** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission in the estimated amount of \$400,000.00, with no match for the City of Laredo Health Department HIV Clinical HIV/STI Prevention for the term period from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, with up to four (4) one-year renewals through December 31, 2029, for a total grant award of up to \$2,000,000.00, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents resulting from the award of this grant.
40. **2023-R-228** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the estimated amount of \$1,000,000.00, with no match for the City of Laredo Health Department Support and Scale Up of HIV Prevention Services for the term period from June 01, 2024 through May 31, 2025, with up to four (4) one-year renewals through May 31, 2029, for a total grant award of up to \$5,000,000.00, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents resulting from the award of this grant.
41. Consideration for approval of the purchase of cabling and network equipment and installation from Solid Border, Inc. through the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) Purchasing Contract DIR-CPO-4850 in the amount of \$128,342.70 to upgrade the Health Department network firewall system. Funding is available in American Rescue Plan Act Fund.

**HUMAN RESOURCES:** STAFF SOURCE LINDA TENIENTE, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

42. Authorize the City Manager to enter into and execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), attached hereto as Exhibit A, between Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) and the City of Laredo for the purpose of providing hands-on internship experience for undergraduate students under the AIRES Internship Program.

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

43. Authorizing the City Manager to authorize renewal of Contract for Darktrace Enterprise Immune System from SHI Government Solutions for the total amount of \$115,000.00. Pricing under Omnia Partners – IT Solutions Contract # 2018011-02. Funding is available in the Information Services & Telecommunications I-Net Division.
44. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a services agreement with Vertosoft, Lessburg, VA, DIR TSO-4227, in the total amount of \$169,006.52 for a one-year contract to provide OPENGOV open data software services. The term of this contract becomes effective January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024. Funding is available from the Information Technology Fund.

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

45. Consideration to renew annual supply/service contract FY22-006 with South Texas Waste Systems, Laredo, Texas, for an amount up to \$180,000.00. This contract establishes daily/weekly/monthly/emergency rental rates for portable hand wash stations, latrines, and showers for various city departments. All rentals will be done 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 and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This contract can be renewed for two additional one-year extension periods, upon the mutual agreement of the parties. There was no price increase during the last extension period. Funding for this contract is available in the respective department budgets.

46. Consideration to approve a supply/service contract with Park Place Recreation Designs, San Antonio, TX, in the total amount of \$300,000.00, and to further authorize future related expenditures for the purchase and installation of playground equipment for the Parks & Recreation Department. This annual contract shall utilize the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Contract Program. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one year beginning as of the date of its execution. Funding for this contract is available in the General Fund - Parks Department and in District Priority Funds.
47. Authorization for the City Manager to enter into an agreement to approve the Pricing Schedule from AT&T in the amount of \$734,205.00 for surveillance cameras to be placed in various city parks. Funding is available in the 2022 C.O.

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

48. Consideration to authorize the purchase of a Mobile Command Center (MCC) from LDV Custom Specialty Vehicles in the amount of \$651,094.00 through the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC Cooperative Purchasing Program's contract pricing). This specialty vehicle will replace the Laredo Police Department's current MCC, Unit# 1866, that was purchased in August 2002. The Mobile Command Center will support major operations for the Police Department as well as the Laredo Texas Anti-Gang Center (TAG). Funding is available in the Special Police Fund (TAG FY24 Grant).

**PUBLIC WORKS:** STAFF SOURCE JOHN ORFILA, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

49. Consideration to renew annual supply contract FY23-017 with Texas Materials Group; Cedar Park, TX, (Secondary Vendor) for the purchase of Asphalt Hot Mix Type B & Type D for various departments in an annual amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This contract can be renewed two (2) additional one (1) year extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the General Fund - Public Works Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Fund.

50. Consideration to renew annual supply contract FY23-013 with GO-CRETE, Laredo, Texas, as a third vendor (Supplier) for the purchase of ready mix cement (job site delivered) for Public Works and various city departments in an annual amount of up to \$250,000.00. The term of the contract shall be for a period of one (1) year 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. All materials are purchased on an as needed basis. Funding for this contract is available in the respective City departments' operational budget.

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

51. Consideration to renew a two-year service contract FY22-011 with TAMCO Services, Laredo, TX in an annual amount not to exceed \$185,000.00 for the disposal of freon for refrigerators and window A/C units for the Solid Waste Department. This service is needed in order to comply with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regulations and guidelines to properly dispose of freon by certified technicians. The term of this contract shall be for a period of two (2) years and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This is the last extension period for this contract. There was no price increase during the last extension period. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Department Fund.
52. Consideration to renew supply contract FY23-008 with GA Advertising, Laredo, TX for the purchase of uniforms and Mike's Western Wear, Laredo, TX for the purchase of jeans. The annual amount for this contract shall not exceed \$65,000.00. The term of this contract is for one (1) year, this is an extension of one of three (3) one (1) year periods contingent upon availability of funds. Funding is available in Solid Waste Fund.
53. Motion to rescind purchase contract to Rush Truck Center, Laredo, Texas for the purchase of one rear loader in the total amount of \$209,003.29 and consideration to award a purchase contract to Volvo & Mack Trucks of Waco, Robinson, Tx. in the total amount of \$185,398.00 for one rear loader for the Solid Waste Department. This purchase shall be made utilizing the TIPS Cooperative Purchasing Program contract pricing. This rear loader is a replacement for unit# 6351 which has already reached its useful life. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Fund- 2021A C.O.

54. Consideration to award construction contract to the lowest bidder 4x Construction Group, LLC, Mansfield, TX in the amount of \$4,778,499.00 for the construction of five disposal cells - Phase 4, Cells 1, 2 & 3, and Phase 5, Cells 1 & 2 for the City of Laredo's Landfill at the City of Laredo Municipal Landfill located at 6912 Hwy. 359, with a construction contract time of two hundred (200) calendar days; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related contract documents contingent upon receipt and approval of insurance and bond documents. Funding is available in the 2022 Solid Waste C.O. Bond.

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

55. Consideration to approve a contract with Core & Main, LP, San Antonio, Texas in the amount of \$77,421.90 for maintenance for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)/Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) equipment and hosting software services. The term of the contract is for one year. Funding is available in the Waterworks Fund-Utilities Billing Division.
56. Authorizing the City Manager to award a contract to Porras Nance Engineering in the amount of \$1,155,000.00 for engineering services to develop plans, specifications, bid documents, easements, permits, cost estimate, construction staking and administration of the 24" water line along Loop 20 from KCSR to the existing 24-inch main south of Los Presidentes Boulevard. Funding is available in the 2022 Water Revenue Bond.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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**X. 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.

## **XI. 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.

59. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 related to contemplated litigation against the federal government regarding the Biden Administration's revocation of 27 federal laws along the Starr County border where the City of Laredo has property interests, and any other matters incident thereto.

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

60. **2024-RT-01** Authorizing the City Manager to rescind an Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) No. CSJ-0922-33-181 with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in the amount of \$200,000.00 and an estimated local match in the amount of \$76,000.00 including overruns for the city improvement of ADA Bus Stops and Bicycle Plazas Project. The increase was due to the high cost of the engineering and design that were not included in the grant. El Metro was not able to negotiate a contract.
61. **2024-RT-02** Authorizing the City Manager to rescind an Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) No. CSJ-0922-33-202 with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in the amount of \$143,715.00 including overruns for the city improvement of ADA Bus Stops and Bicycle Plazas Project. The local match of \$37,500.00 is broken down as follows; \$25,000.00 from District 8 Priority Funds and \$12,500.00 from the Transit Sales Tax account. \$6,215.00 is an estimated indirect state cost for general administration. This is due to the cost of the engineering and design were not included in the grant and are extremely high. El Metro was not able to negotiate a contract.

62. Authorizing the City Manager to amend Ordinance 2021-O-230, a lease agreement by and between Laredo Transit Management, Inc., (Lessor) and the City of Laredo Department of Community Development, (Lessee) decreasing the leased space at the Laredo Transit Center located at 1301 Farragut St. from 9,309.61 square to 6,628 square feet for a difference of 2,681.61 feet. The leased space will include the 3rd floor east offices. The term will be for the remainder of the year and will expire on December 1, 2024. The new monthly rent is \$4,568.58 (\$0.6920 per square foot). The prorated shared cost of 20% of the electric and water bills will remain the same.

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

63. **GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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

1. Discussion with possible action on status and implications of Texas Senate Bill 4, and any matters related thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Melissa Cigarroa)**
2. Recognition and presentation by Parks and Recreation and other City Departments, Sponsors and Collaborators on the Successful 1st Annual City of Laredo Marathon, a USATF certified course and Boston Marathon Qualifier.
3. Recognition of Lucas Galvan and presentation of the Keys to the City of laredo for his contributions to the community.

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

1. Discussion with possible action to instruct the Utilities Department to begin the process of exploring a rebate and incentives program for xeriscaping, drip irrigation, and/or any other relevant customer incentive programs, and any other matters incident thereto.  
**(Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pro Tempore Ruben Gutierrez, Jr.**

**and Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa)**

2. Discussion with possible action to instruct the City Attorney's Office to assist the Utilities Department in negotiating and drafting Memorandums of Understanding (MOU's) to begin the process of formalizing an official "Amistad Water Partnership" (AWP) between the City of Laredo, the City of Eagle Pass, Webb County, Maverick County, Zapata County, and any other relevant entities, similar in structure to the West Texas Water Partnership (WTWP) formed by San Angelo, Texas, Abilene, Texas, and Midland, Texas to help the region be more competitive for monies available in the expanded Texas Water Fund through the Texas Water Development Board since the passing of Proposition 6 on November 7, 2023, and better regional advocacy in general for water security measures, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Melissa Cigarroa and Council Member Vanessa Perez)**

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

1. Discussion with possible action on the Los Martinez park project, and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action on the Fasken Tree House Project, including project and current status, and any other matters incident thereto.
3. Discussion with possible action to amend the City of Laredo Land Development Code to prohibit industrial development within 500 feet of any school, park, or any other place where children congregate, to require traffic impact studies in the consideration of approval of industrial plats whose use would affect these sensitive areas, and any other matters incident thereto.

**D. Request by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa**

1. Discussion with possible action for an update on regulations of junkyards, abandoned vehicles, automotive wrecking yards, machine shops and related codes, hazards, nuisance with the intent of modifying enforcement authority and efforts and any other matters incident thereto.

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

1. Discussion with possible action to assist the weekend baseball league with a two day baseball youth tournament and any other matters incident thereto.

**F. Request by Council Member Melissa R. Cigarroa**

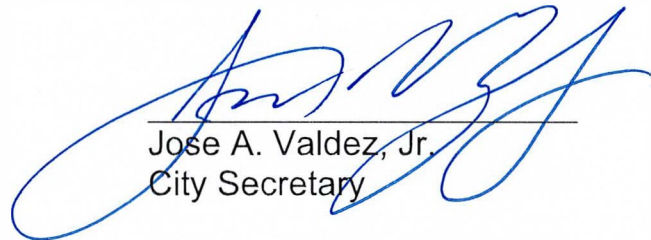
1. Discussion with possible action to ratify the city attorney's decision to send a letter to the Texas Fourth Court of Appeals requesting expediency in the judgment of the election appeal between Ms. Daisy Campos Rodriguez and Mr. Ricardo Rangel, Jr., and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Dr. Tyler King and Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa)**
2. To restore faith by the public in our electoral process, discussion with possible action for a resolution to request Ms. Campos Rodriguez to refrain from any decision-making and/or expenditure of District 2 funds until the appeals process in the election appeal between her and Mr. Ricardo Rangel, Jr. is exhausted, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Dr. Tyler King and Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa)**

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

1. Recognizing and thanking Council Member Vanessa Perez for the successful completion of duties as Mayor Pro Tempore for the City of Laredo from January 18, 2023, to November 20, 2023; and any matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Gilbert Gonzalez and Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.)**
2. Discussion with possible action and status update on the waiving of the fees for events for non-profit organizations at the Unitrade Stadium and Sames Auto Arena parking lots; and any matters incident thereto.

#### XIV. 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 Friday, December 1, 2023, at 5:00pm.



Jose A. Valdez, Jr.  
City Secretary

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