REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

City of Laredo

City Council Meeting

2024-R-01

1110 HOUSTON STREET LAREDO, TEXAS 78040

Monday, January 22, 2024

5:30 PM

City Council Chambers

City of Laredo
Regular City Council Meeting
A-2024-R-01
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
5:30 P.M.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. MOMENT OF SILENCE
- IV. ROLL CALL
- V. MINUTES

Minutes of November 20, 2023 -

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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

 Recognizing City of Laredo Employees who celebrated "Milestone" years of service during the Month of December. **REC.-01**

	2.	Recognizing Brianna Andrews for being selected as a representative for the Distinguished Young Women of Texas organization. Recognizing Ms. Andrews "scholastics, leadership and talent". This scholarship program rewards only a few young women from all over the State, and also youth from all over the country. Brianna serves as a role model for our Laredo students to work hard at their studies and expand their horizons.	<u>REC02</u>
VII.	CC	OMMUNICATIONS	
	1.	Invitation to the Mayor's Annual State of the City Address on Thursday, January 25 6pm, at the TAMIU Fine and Performing Arts Center.	<u>24-0222</u>
	2.	Presentation by Rochelle V. Gonzalez, President of the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association (WBCA), to invite the City of Laredo Mayor, Laredo City Council and the citizens of Laredo and Webb County to the upcoming WBCA events with a presentation of the 2024 WBCA Commemorative Artwork to the Mayor and City Council.	<u>24-0255</u>
VIII.	AP	POINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES	
	1.	Appointment by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino of Leo Flores to the Laredo Housing Authority of the City of Laredo.	<u>APPT01</u>
	2.	Appointment by Mayor Pro-Tempore Ruben Gutierrez Jr. of Leticia Guajardo Martinez to the Laredo Commission for Women.	<u>APPT03</u>
	3.	Appointment by Mayor Pro-Tempore Ruben Gutierrez Jr. of Omar Minhas to the Economic Development Advisory Committee.	<u>APPT02</u>
	4.	Appointment by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa of Sandra Rocha to the Ethics Commission.	<u>APPT04</u>
	5.	Appointment of Alberto Hernandez, as the employee nominee to be confirmed by City Council to serve on the Municipal Civil Service Commission.	<u>APPT05</u>
IX.	PU	BLIC HEARING & INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE	
	1.	Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending section 24.65.0, of the Land Development Code by adding sub-section (b) titled "Schools", prohibiting the parking or storing or any commercial vehicle which exceeds one ton in manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating or which has more than two axels within one thousand (1,000) feet of any public or private	24-0203

elementary or secondary school, park, or public playground.

2. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the City of Laredo Municipal Housing Fund FY2023-2024 annual budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$38,000.00. Also, establishing the rental rates as follows: \$440.00 for efficiency units and \$460.00 for 1 bedroom units; the rental amount fee includes water service cost; to form tenant policies for the Market St. elderly affordable rental housing project, an elderly affordable rental housing project located at 870 Sanders Avenue; to provide for rents to be in compliance and charged at home program rent limits and occupancy to be limited to elderly individuals/households with incomes at or below 60% of the area median income, as set annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and leasing the units on a first-come, first-serve basis.

23-0233

3. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the FY2023-2024 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Position Listing by adding twenty-four Firefighter cadets, FA2 positions and amending fire strength from 407 to 431 for the City of Laredo Fire Department for a total of \$1,800,000.00. Funding is available through the American Rescue Plan Act Fund.

24-0024

4. An Ordinance repealing Ordinance Number 2023-O-202, which authorized the City Manager to accept and enter into a contract with The Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), by reducing the FY23-24 budget, and amended the FY23-24 full time equivalent (FTE) listing for the City of Laredo Health Department; such ordinance must be repealed because SAMHSA has recommended voluntary relinquishment of the funds.

24-0089

5. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 15, "Health and Sanitation," Article I, "In General", Section 15-4. "Health Department," of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances providing clarification on the public health department name and services; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; providing for publication; and declaring an effective date.

6. Public Hearing & Introductory Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo Police Department Special Police Fund FY 2023-2024 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Position listing by adding fifteen police cadet positions under the COPS Hiring Program (CHP). Funding will be provided by the U.S. Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Service (COPS) Program for a period of thirty-six months. The COPS CHP grant portion will fund \$1,875,000.00 (max. federal share - \$125,000.00 per position) and the City of Laredo is required to match \$2,481,905.00. Funding is available under the Special Police Fund - COPS Hiring Program.

24-0004

(Recess) (Press Availability)

X. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

7. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a First Amendment to the ground lease between the City of Laredo ("Landlord") and American Towers LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Tenant"), as predecessor in Interest to Nextel WIP Lease Corp., for ground space at 3019 Cortez, Laredo, Webb County, Texas, for the continued maintenance and operation of a 100 ft. high self-supporting type tower and related ground facilities for use in their communications business. Term of the Amendment is one (1) initial term of five (5) years commencing November 21, 2025 and ending November 20, 2030, with four (4) additional five (5) year renewal options. The annual fee will increase from \$15,652.91 to \$45,000.00 with a three percent (3%) annual escalator. The City will also receive a \$25,000.00 one-time payment within 30 days of Licensee's receipt of this amendment executed by Landlord for processing and documenting this Amendment.

8. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a First Amendment to Ground Lease (Lease") between the City of Laredo ("Landlord") and NCWPCS MPL 30 - Year Sites Tower Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, by and through CCATT LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, its attorney in fact, ("Tenant") for ground space at 1501 East Lyons St., Laredo, Webb County, Texas, for the continued maintenance and operation of a 80 ft. high self-supporting tower and related ground facilities. Term of the Amendment is for (3) consecutive renewal terms of five (5 years); effective October 21, 2027. The annual rent will increase from \$19,141.00 to \$45,000.00 with a four percent (4%) annual escalator. The City will also receive a conditional signing bonus of \$25,000.00.

24-0109

9. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 2, Article VIII., of the Municipal Code by adding Section 2-327, titled "Conduct of City Council Members", creating a mechanism for a supermajority of City Council to discipline Council Members if a council member violates the City Charter, any ordinance of the City, policies, rules, or regulations, or acts in a manner that causes embarrassment or disgrace to the City of Laredo.

24-0252

XIV. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

10. 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.

2023-O-231

11. Authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY2023-2024 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.

2023-O-232

12. 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 Certificate of Obligation Bond and the Environmental Services Fund. Funds will be used for the Riverbend Trails project.

2023-O-233

13. Authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and amend 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.

2023-O-234

14. 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.

2023-O-235

15. 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.

2023-O-236

16. 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, Provider may charge a convenience fee plus a fee in the amount of six dollars (\$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 to the General Fund and allotted to the Police Department to offset technology fees.

2023-O-237

2023-O-238

17. 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, the Provider may charge a convenience fee plus a fee in the amount of six dollars (\$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.

XV. 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.

BRIDGE: STAFF SOURCE YVETTE LIMON, BRIDGE DIRECTOR

18. A resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, to work collectively with the State of Nuevo Leon, Mexico, to prepare for the future expansion of the Colombia Solidarity Bridge, including expanding the bridge span and increasing processing capacity with the Port facilities.

2024-R-041

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: STAFF SOURCE TINA MARTINEZ, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

19. Authorizing the City Manager to ratify the submittal of an application for the Housing for Texas Heroes Grant (H4TXH) provided by the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA). The Community Development Department through the Municipal Housing Division, submitted an application in the amount of \$300,000.00 to provide home modifications for the Veteran community within the City of Laredo area. Upon approval, the term of the grant shall be one (1) year from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. There is no match requirement.

2023-R-584

- 20. Resolution to accept dedication of an approximate 14,753.14 sq. ft. being out of a tract of land containing 2.5978 acres, owned by NHS Laredo Holding Corporation D/B/A Neighborworks of Laredo, recorded in Volume 5371, Page 182 situated in survey 799, original Laredo tract, abstract 239, Webb County, Texas. The estimated value of the donation of land is \$79,076.00. Tract is more particularly described on attached, Exhibit "A".
- **21.** Consideration to award contract FY24-010 to the following vendors: **24-0005**
 - 1.Torres Landscaping, Laredo, Texas in an annual amount up to \$105,000.00 (Primary Vendor)
 - 2. Midas Contractors, LLC, Laredo, Texas in an annual amount up to \$15,000.00 (Secondary Vendor)

for the emergency maintenance and repairs of city-owned Municipal Housing properties on an "as needed" basis. The term of this contract shall be for a period of two years as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. This contract can be renewed one additional two-year term upon mutual agreement of both parties. Funding is available in the Municipal Housing and Noise Abatement Fund.

DETOXIFICATION CENTER: : STAFF SOURCE, DR. SAN JUANA VIVIANA MARTINEZ, DETOXIFICATION CENTER DIRECTOR

- 22. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a
 Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Laredo
 Detoxification Department, Roots Recovery Center and Casa de
 Misericordia for 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.
- 23. Ratifying the execution of a month-to-month services agreement between the City of Laredo Detoxification and Mateo Reyes, M.D. for services necessary within scope of practice for appropriate treatment of City of Laredo Detoxification Department patients, medical, and prescriptive authority oversight in the amount of \$10,000.00 per month for a total not to exceed \$60,000.00. Funding is available in the American Rescue Plan Act Fund.

24-0189

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

- 25. Consideration for approval of FY23-ENG-13 CDBG Vietnam Veterans Walking Trail District V Project as complete, release of retainage, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$30,273.50 to Midas Contractors, LLC. The final construction contract amount is \$302,735.00 with a construction contract time of two hundred forty-nine (249) calendar days. Funding is available in 2021 CO Bond District V Priority Funds and CDBG 2021 to 2022 grant years.

24-0115

- 26. Consideration for approval of FY23-ENG-30 Prada Machin Dr. Speed Tables District II project as complete, approval of change order No.1, a total decrease in the amount of \$10,000.00 to adjust for final project close-out items, release of retainage, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$13,980.00 to Midas Contractors, LLC. The final construction contract amount including this change order is \$139,800.00 with a construction contract time of thirty (30) working days. Funding is available in the 2019 CO Bond District II Priority Funding.
- 24-01

- 27. Consideration for approval of Amendment No. 1, an increase in the amount of \$1,080,000.00 to include additional architectural and engineering services to the professional services contract with JHS Architect, Inc., Laredo, Texas, for the City of Laredo Sports Complex Venue Phase II. Current contract amount with this amendment is \$4,035,000.00. Funding is available in the Sports Venue Tax Fund.
- 24-0132

28. Consideration for approval of FY21-ENG-21 El Portal Meeting Space Project as complete, approval of Change Order #2 a total decrease of \$36,552.00, release of retainage, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$18,501.00 to Midas Contractors, LLC. The final construction contract amount including this change order is \$185,010.00. Funding is available in the Convention & Visitors Bureau Operational Budget.

29.	Consideration for approval of Fasken Community Center Pool & Amenities Project, including the tree house and water feature project as complete, approval of change order No.3, a total decrease of \$65,277.43 to balance quantities, release of retainage, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$44,240.75 to Celso Gonzalez Construction, Inc., Mission, Texas. The final construction contract amount is \$512,231.17. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund and 2019 CO Bond.	24-0170
30.	Consideration to award construction contract FY24-ENG-04 to the	<u>24-0171</u>

- 30. Consideration to award construction contract FY24-ENG-04 to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder ALC Construction Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$140,295.00 for the Winfield Parkway Speed Tables District VI project which includes the total alternate bid #1 plus a \$10,000.00 contingency allowance. The construction contract time for the project is 60 working days. Funding is available in the 2019 and 2021 CO Bond District VI Priority Fund.
- 31. Consideration to award a construction contract FY24-ENG-08 Father McNaboe Park Basketball Court Metal Shade Structure project to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder, Mage 4Group Ltd Laredo, TX, in an amount not to exceed \$699.725.00 which includes alternate #1 plus \$10,000.00 contingency allowance for a roof LED lighting, 12 new basketball backboards and goals, wire mesh, and material testing. Funding is available in the 2018, 2019, 2022, and 2023 CO Bond District VII Priority Funds.
- 32. Consideration for approval of Amendment No. 9, an increase of \$97,546.00 to the professional services contract with KCI Technologies, Laredo, Texas, for the West Laredo Corridor Flecha Lane/Las Cruces Re-Alignment Project, for additional engineering Services, including utility coordination, update construction contract documents, update signal design, revised culvert design, resubmit bridge plans, update environmental assessment and reporting. We received a letter of approval from TxDOT on December 29, 2023, to proceed with the amendment. Current engineering contract amount with this amendment is \$671,616.00. Funding is available in the Capital Improvements Fund.

24-0175

33. Consideration for approval of change order No. 1 for FY22-ENG-20 CDBG Arturo N. Benavides Sr. Memorial Park Splash Pad Water Features and Other Amenities (Design-Build/Turn-Key) Project to Mage 4Group, Ltd., Laredo, Texas, in association with Slay Architecture, Laredo, Texas, an increase in the amount not to exceed of \$201,200.00, and an increase in contract time of 120 calendar days to include restrooms, water meter, additional concrete sidewalk, retaining wall work sidewalk, benches, installation of flag poles, and monument structure. The revised contract amount, including this change order, is \$1,097,780.00 with a construction contract time of 310 calendar days. Funding is available in the 2017, 2022, and 2023 CO Bond - District IV Priority Fund.

24-0176

34. Consideration for approval to award a professional services contract to TJKM, Inc., Austin, Texas for an amount not to exceed \$223,200.00 for the FY22-ENG-19 Plum & Mier Streets shared use path for bicycle and pedestrian use project. We received a TxDOT concurrence letter on December 8, 2023. Funding is available in the Capital Grants Fund.

24-0177

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

35. Authorizing the City Manager to execute and approve Amendment #7, for the additional Engineering Services contract with Crane Engineering - Laredo, Texas in the amount of \$263,241.10 for the Eastern Chacon Creek 18" - 36" Interceptor from Vaquillas Lift Station to India Avenue and Gates Street. The new total contract amount with this amendment is \$904,666.42. The additional services will assist the City with several tasks including: Rain Event Assessment and Repairs; USACE Inspection Response and Stream Restoration; Assessment of Pipe Installation across TxDOT Loop 20 right-of-way,SW3P Update; Dryden/Cavazos Coordination on Incorrect Landowner; Update of Channel Design to address Impacts from 100-year storm; and Groundwater issues during construction. Funding is available in the 2019 Sewer Revenue Bond and 2019 Environmental C.O.

24-0167

FIRE: STAFF SOURCE GUILLERMO HEARD, FIRE CHIEF

36.	Consideration to award annual supply contract FY24-026 to Richardson Apparatus LLC, Johnson City, Texas for the purchase of firefighting turnout gear in the amount of \$365,833.02 and to further authorize unforeseen related expenditures for an additional amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for a total amount of \$415,833.02. This purchase includes but is not limited to: rescue suits (coats & pants) and other related items. The term of this contract shall be for period of one year with option to renew two additional one-year periods upon mutual agreement of parties and subject to future appropriations. Funding is available in the General Fund - Fire Department Budget.	24-0051
37.	Consideration to award service contract FY24-023 to Hagerty Consulting, Inc., Evanston, Illinois in a one-time amount of \$98,344.00 for the COVID-19 After Action Report. This report will focus on the strengths and weakness with regard to procedures, processes and capabilities regarding the City of Laredo's response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Funding is available in the America Rescue Plan Act Fund.	24-0059
38.	Consideration to approve the purchase of one Spartan S-180 Model 2116 Fire Truck from Metro Fire Apparatus Specialists, Inc, Houston, TX, in the amount of \$836,959.00 through Sourcewell Contract #113021-RGV-4. Funding is available in the 2023 CO Bond Fund.	24-0061
39.	Consideration to approve the purchase of two Pierce Custom Saber Fire Trucks from Siddons Martin Emergency Group, Denton, TX, in the amount of \$1,469,061.00. Funding is available in the 2023 CO Bond Fund.	24-0064
40.	Consideration to approve the purchase of one Ford F450 Type 1 Ambulance from Siddons Martin Emergency Group, Denton, TX, in the amount of \$577,726.00 through the HGAC Cooperative Purchasing Program. Funding is available in the 2023 CO Bond Fund.	24-0080
41.	Consideration to approve a purchase with Motorola for the amount of \$342,336.51 to purchase critical upgrade equipment to our Emergency Operations Center's visual display system connection and infrastructure, replacing the original equipment installed in 2013 with more advanced technology. We are utilizing HGAC Buy Contract #17724 (TX) RA05-21 for this purchase. Funding is available in the American Rescue Plan Act Fund.	24-0155
42.	Consideration to approve the purchase of FirstNet Compact Rapid Deployable (CRDs) from AT&T, Dallas, TX, in the amount of \$77,995.00 through Texas DIR Contract #DIR-TELE-CTSA-002. Funding is available in the American Rescue Plan Act Fund.	<u>24-0156</u>

43. Consideration to approve the purchase of two Road Rescue Ford F 450 Type 1 Ambulance Remounts from Siddons-Martin Emergency Group, LLC, Denton, TX, in the amount of \$503,762.00 through the HGAC Cooperative Purchasing Program HGAC AM10-20. Funding is available in the 2023 CO Bond.

24-0159

FLEET MANAGEMENT: STAFF SOURCE RONALD MILLER, FLEET DIRECTOR

44. Consideration to renew contract FY22-002 for the purchase of recapped tires for the city's fleet vehicles with Southern Tire Mart, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$250,000.00. 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 may be extended for one additional one-year period upon mutual agreement of the parties. There was no price increase during the last extension period. All recapped tires will be purchased on an as-needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Fund.

24-0076

45. Consideration to award contract FY23-022 to the following vendors:

24-0108

- 1). Humdinger Equipment, Lubbock, Texas in an annual amount up to \$95,000.00 (Primary Vendor);
- 2). RDO Equipment, Laredo, Texas in an annual amount up to \$65,000.00 (Secondary Vendor);

for the purchase of Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) parts/services for the City's TANA heavy equipment in use at the City's landfill. 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 may be extended for two additional one-year periods upon mutual agreement of the parties. RDO Equipment is proposing a 9% increase during this extension period due to an increase in labor costs. Funding is available in the Fleet Department Fund.

- **46.** Consideration to renew annual service contract FY23-021 to provide car wash services with the following vendors:
- **24-0163**
- 1. (Section I: Full Service Car Wash) Power Car Wash and Detail, Laredo, Texas in an amount of up to \$35,000.00 (Primary Vendor);
- 2. (Section II: Exterior Car Wash Services) Go & Car Wash, Laredo, Texas in an amount of up to \$45,000.00 (Primary Vendor);
- 3. (Section II: Exterior Car Wash Services) Power Car Wash and Detail, Laredo, Texas in an amount of up to \$20,000.00 (Secondary Vendor);
- 4. (Section II: Exterior Car Wash Services) Aqua Express Auto Wash, Laredo, Texas in an amount of up to \$10,000.00 (Secondary Vendor).

The term of the contract shall be for 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 mutual agreement of the parties. There was no price increase during the last extension period. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.

HEALTH: STAFF SOURCE RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, HEALTH DIRECTOR

47. Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in the estimated amount of \$315,000.00, with no match for the City of Laredo Health Department, Transforming Lives: Empowering Vulnerable Communities through Holistic Health Education, for the term period from February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025, with up to two, one-year renewals through January 31, 2027, for a total grant award of up to \$945,000.00, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents resulting from the award of this grant.

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2024-R-016

48. Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in the estimated amount of \$315,000.00, with no match for the City of Laredo Health Department, Inclusive Health Initiative, for the term period from February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025, with up to two, one-year renewals through January 31, 2027, for a total grant award of up to \$945,000.00, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents resulting from the award of this grant.

49. Authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a continuation	2024-R-024
contract with Methodist Healthcare Ministries in the amount of	
\$242,000.00, with no match, for The City of Laredo Health	
Department Community Mental Health Program for the term period of	f
January 01, 2024 through December 31, 2024.	

- **50.** Ratification of the appointment of Arturo G. Garza- Gongora, M.D. to serve as the City of Laredo Health Authority under section 121.021-121.025 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, for a two-year period after oath of office.
- 51. Ratifying the execution of a month-to-month services agreement between the City of Laredo Health Department and Arturo G.
 Garza-Gongora, M.D. for services necessary within scope of practice for appropriate treatment of City of Laredo Health Department patients, medical, and health authority oversight in the amount of \$10,000.00 per month for a total not to exceed \$60,000.00. Funding is available in the Health Fund.

LAREDO ANIMAL CARE SERVICES: STAFF SOURCE, MANUEL CAMPOS GONZALEZ, LAREDO ANIMAL CARE SERVICES ACTING DIRECTOR

52. Consideration to award a two-year contract FY24-017 to the lowest bidder MWI Animal Health Information, Boise, Indiana in an annual amount of \$350,000.00 for the purchase of pharmaceutical & medical supplies, for the Laredo Animal Care Services. Term of the contract is for two years with the option to extend for three, additional one year periods upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the General Fund - Laredo Animal Care Services.

MUNICIPAL COURT: STAFF SOURCE, ANA L. CABALLERO-RODRIGUEZ, MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK

53. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to enter into and execute a Professional Collection Services contract between the City of Laredo and Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP, for the collection of fines and fees owed to the City of Laredo Municipal Court. Contract is for a one (1) year term, with ability to automatically extend for an additional one (1) year period and automatic renewal of two (2) successive one-year term thereafter.

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

54. A Resolution Amending Resolution Number 2023-R-215, Authorizing the City Manager to accept the charitable donation of 23.846 acres of land, rather than 23.8147 acres as previously stated, from Riverhills Investments LLC., conveyance by warranty deed of 24.947 acres of parkland for the development of Riverhills Subdivision which is 23.846 acres more than the requirement of 1.101 acres of parkland to serve for recreational parkland purposes in accordance with the land development code; Authorizing the execution of warranty deed; and providing for an effective date. The parcel has an estimated value of \$597,130.00.	<u>4-R-009</u>
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- 55. Authorizing the City Manager to accept the surface estate only of Lot 30, Block 8, Phoenix Village Subdivision, Phase VII, which is 2.17 acres of land, more or less, from AFW Investments II, Ltd, conveyance by special warranty deed for the development of Phoenix Subdivision, to serve for recreational parkland purposes in accordance with the land development code; Authorizing the execution of Special Warranty Deed; and providing for an effective date. The parcel has an estimated value of \$425,000.00.
- 56. Authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for the 2024
 Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Texas Recreational
 Trails Program grant in the amount of \$375,000.00 to create new
 trails, as well as to provide, promote and support outdoor recreation,
 conservation, and environmental education to the community, and
 execute all relevant documents as determined by TPWD. Grant has
 a match of 20% for \$75,000.00 that will be funded with Parkland
 Improvement Fund.
- 57. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into Temporary License
 Agreements for baseball, softball and soccer field use by various
 approved baseball, softball and soccer Youth Sports Associations
 who have met the requirements as set under the Agreement. The
 term of each agreement being from March 1, 2024, through
 December 15, 2024.
- 58. Authorizing the City Manager to ratify a Lease Agreement between the City of Laredo and Concord Hills Community Association for 25 years for a 2.95-acre tract of land for use by the public. It will be maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department. Funding for park maintenance is available in the General Fund-Parks Department.

POLICE: STAFF SOURCE MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ, CHIEF OF POLICE

2024-R-019

- 59. Authorizing the City Manager to ratify the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$49,999.50 from the Texas Department of Transportation for the FY 2024 STEP Impaired Driving Mobilization (IDM) Program. The performance period is during enforcement waves scheduled on holidays between October 01, 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. The City of Laredo is required to match \$15,499.85 for a total grant project amount of \$65,499.35. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund.
- 60. Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$144,000.00 to the Texas Department of Transportation for the Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. The grant period will begin October 01, 2024 through September 30, 2025; this grant is for overtime salaries. The City of Laredo will match approximately 24% of total grant funds. Funding will be available in the Special Police Fund.
- 61. Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$136,700.00 to the Texas Department of Transportation for enforcement of Commercial Motor Vehicle Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. The grant period will begin October 01, 2024 through September 30, 2025; this grant if for overtime salaries. The City of Laredo will match approximately 24% of total grant funds. Funding will be available in the Special Police Fund.
- **62.** Authorizing the City Manager to ratify the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division, to fund the FY 2024 Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Program. The grant performance period is October 01, 2023 through September 30, 2024. This funding will provide overtime funds for details which will utilize target enforcement techniques against criminal and transnational organizations responsible for violent criminal activity. No local match is required. Grant is accounted for in the Special Police Fund.
- 63. Ratification to authorize the purchase of eight unmarked units from Lake Country Chevrolet, Jasper, TX, in the amount of \$204,840.00. The purchase of these vehicles shall be made utilizing the TIPS-USA Pricing Program Contract No. 210907 Automobiles. Funding is available in the 2023 Certificate of Obligation Bond.

64. Ratification to authorize the purchase of three unmarked units from Gunn Chevrolet, Selma, TX, in the amount of \$79,026.25. The purchase of these vehicles shall be made utilizing the BuyBoard Pricing Program Contract # 724-23. Funding is available in the 2023 Certificate of Obligation Bond for \$75,160.00 and the Police Trust Fund for an amount of \$3,866.25 for a total of \$79,026.25.

65. Ratification to authorize the purchase of thirty marked police units from Rockdale Country Ford, Rockdale, TX, in the amount of \$1,438,300.00. The purchase of these vehicles shall be made utilizing the BuyBoard Pricing Program Contract No. 724-23. Funding is available in the 2023 Certificate of Obligation Bond.

66. Authorizing the City Manager to ratify the amendment of the City of Laredo FY 2023-2024 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Positions and police strength by amending the classification of thirteen vacant Police Cadet FTE positions to create one Captain FTE position and twelve Sergeant FTE positions to the existing manpower in the Laredo Police Department. The estimated reclassification cost is \$484,832.66 for 15 pay periods. Funding is available in the Police Department General Fund Budget.

PUBLIC WORKS: STAFF SOURCE JOHN ORFILA, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

67. Consideration to renew annual supply contract with the following vendors:

24-0052

24-0007

- 1) Gateway Uniform Service, Laredo, TX and;
- 2) Red Wing Brands of America, Red Wing, MN., (Mobile unit)

in an annual amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for the purchase of Red Wing safety boots for various departments. Red Wing Brands of America shall utilize the Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract Pricing: GSA Contract 47QSWA22S00AB. Gateway Uniform Service is proposing a 25% increase in unit price of safety boots during this extension period. The price increase is due to recent shipping and material cost increases. The term of this contract shall be for two (2) years. This is the last extension period for this contract. Funding for this contract is available in the respective City department's operational budget.

SOLID WASTE: STAFF SOURCE JOHN PORTER, SOLI D WASTE DIRECTOR/ ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTOR **68.** Consideration to approve the purchase contracts of Heavy Equipment from:

24-0030

Rush Truck Center, Laredo, TX for the purchase of:

one (1) Peterbilt 548 Water Truck in the total amount of \$240,769.97;

one (1) Peterbilt 548 Roll Off Truck in the total amount of \$264,850.00;

four (4) Peterbilt 548 Rear Garbage Loaders in the total amount of \$1,191,380.00 through BuyBoard Cooperative contract 723-23.

Holt Cat, San Antonio, TX, for the purchase of one (1) Caterpillar 966 XE Wheel Loader in the total amount of \$541,166.18 through BuyBoard Cooperative Contract 685-22.

Humdinger Equipment, Lubbock, TX, for the purchase of one (1) TANA 555 Landfill Compactor \$1,215,013.00 through HGAC Cooperative Contract EM06-19.

McNeilus Truck, Dodge Center, MN, for the purchase of six (6) Automated Side Garbage Loaders in the total amount of \$2,290,836.00 though Sourcewell Cooperative Contract 091219-MCN.

RDO Equipment, Laredo, TX, for the purchase of one (1) Motor Grader in the total amount of \$413,800.79 through Sourcewell Contract 011723-JDC.

Funding is available in the Solid Waste Operations Fund and 2023 CO Bond.

TAX: STAFF SOURCE DORA MALDONADO, TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

69. Motion to approve tax roll adjustments for the month of December 2023. The amounts adjusted represent an increase of \$21,311.98 for prior year taxes and a decrease of \$49,690.59 for current year taxes. The aggregate adjustment represents a decrease of \$28,378.61. These adjustments are determined by value changes reported by the Webb County Appraisal District.

23-0441

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

70. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to accept setting the speed zone limit to 50 mph approximately SH 359 (mile point 20.818) to approximately 2,000 feet prior to Jalapa Street (mile point 10.841/0.955 miles), and 55 mph approximately 2,000 feet prior to Jalapa street (mile point 10.841) to Managana Hein Road (mile point 17.050/6.209 miles).

2024-R-040

71. Authorizing the City Manager to enter and execute a contract agreement to purchase parking technology and related services for parking meter operations from sole source provider IPS Group, Inc. (IPS) for an estimated annual amount of \$75,000.00. Contract agreement includes additional single space meter purchases, vehicle detection sensors, monthly wireless data fees for meters and sensors, software license, meter parts, credit card and Park Smarter mobile payments fees, replacement parts and meter repair services. This contract is contingent on continued appropriations in future fiscal years and includes option to extend two (2) additional terms to purchase parking technology and related services. Funding shall be available in Parking Meter Fund-Parking Enforcement Division Budget.

23-0481

TRANSIT: STAFF SOURCE, R.J. GARZA, TRANSIT DIRECTOR

72. Consideration to renew annual supply contract FY22-013 with Arguindegui Oil Company, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$115,328.00 for the purchase of motor oil and lubricants for the Laredo Transit Department. All motor oil and lubricants will be secured on an as needed basis. The term of this contract shall be for a (1) one-year period beginning as of the date of its execution. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the first of two extension periods. Funding is available in the Laredo Transit Management Operations Fund.

24-0105

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

73. Consideration to award a contract to Houston Freightliner, Houston, Texas in the total amount of \$503,425.92 for the purchase of one 2024 (1) Freightliner truck with one (1) Camel 1200 jet/vacuum tank body utilizing the H-GAC Cooperative Contract Pricing for the Utilities Department. This is a replacement truck for unit# 14392 which has already reached its useful life. Funding is available in the 2022 Water Revenue Bond.

24-0032

74. Consideration to authorize the purchase of three (3) 2024 Ford F550 Crew Cab Trucks from Silsbee Ford, Silsbee, Texas in the amount of \$170,208.75 through the TIPS Cooperative Purchasing Program's contract pricing. The three (3) trucks are replacements for units 14388, 14383, and 14382 which have all reached their useful life. The trucks will be assigned to the Wastewater Collection Division. Funding is available in the 2022 Sewer Revenue Bond.

75. Consideration to renew annual material/labor contract FY21-041 with Midas Contractors, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$280,000.00 for concrete repairs of sidewalks, driveways, and curbs as a result of water line break repairs made by 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. All work will be performed on an as needed basis depending on utility repairs. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the last extension period for this contract. Funding is available in the Utilities-Water and Wastewater Funds.	24-0040
76. Authorizing City Manager to award a construction contract to the sole bidder Sal Construction Management, LLC in the amount \$1,089,391.50 for the installation of 15-inch gravity sanitary sewer line along Backwoods Trail. Funding is available in the 2022 Sewer Revenue Bond.	<u>24-0130</u>
77. Authorizing the City Manager to reject the single sole bid for Jefferson Water Treatment Plant North Raw Water Pump Station Improvements project received on November 16, 2023, because the bid received significantly exceeded the engineer's estimate for the project. Per the consultant, Garver USA, the single bid submitted does not represent a good value for the City of Laredo.	<u>24-0161</u>
END OF CONSENT AGENDA	
STAFF REPORTS	
78. 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.	24-0223
79. 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.	<u>24-0224</u>
80. Presentation by the Laredo Commission for Women regarding the selected nominees for the 2024 Hall of Fame with possible action and any matters incident thereto.	<u>24-0107</u>
81. Report on the current migrant influx in Laredo, and any other matters	<u>24-0226</u>

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incident thereto.

XVII. 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.

- 82. Removal by the City Manager of the Planning and Zoning Director in accordance with the Laredo City Charter §9.01; request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.074 to deliberate approval of same and any matters related thereto; and return to open session for possible action and any other actions incident thereto.
- **83.** Request for Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.072 related to acquiring real property for a proposed road designated as SH 84, and any matter incident thereto.

24-0259

24-0219

XVIII. RECESS AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT

84. Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) FY2022 Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Grant Program TX-2023-088 in the amount of \$449,924.00 authorized under the new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, enacted as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Funding will be used for the purchase of twenty-eight (28) bus farebox equipment upgrade for the El Metro Bus Operations. The required local match is for \$89,985.00 and the FTA share is for \$359,939.00. Funding is available in the Transit Capital Grants Fund.

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2024-RT-04

85. Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) FY2022 Section5307 Urbanized Area Grant Program TX-2024-001 in the amount of \$5,293,321.00 authorized under the new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, enacted as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Funding will be used for the purchase of seven (7) 35-foot heavy-duty CNG bus replacement, one (1) backup generator new, nine (9) ADA screen monitors upgrade, and twenty-five (25) bus farebox upgrade and (2) support vehicles for the El Metro Bus Operations. The required local match is for \$839,116.00 and the FTA share is for \$4,454,205.00. Funding is available in the Transit Capital Grant Fund.

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86. Discussion and consideration to amend the Hendrickson Transportation Group (HTG) Management Services contract through January 31, 2032. For mutual benefit due to unforeseen economic changed circumstances, the cost of providing management services has increased. The LTMI's budget can accommodate the proposed increase.

2024-RT-06

XIX. ADJOURN AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD AND RECONVENE AS THE LAREDO CITY

87. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Request by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño

1. Discussion with possible action revisiting future planning and potential development of a Laredo Convention Center and any matters related thereto.

24-C-002

Sponsors: Cm. Torres

2. Discussion with possible action on updating the public on water infrastructure projects, including river water conservation projects and incorporating these discussions to the Water Master Plan, Capital Improvements and Budget discussions, and any matters related thereto.

24-C-003

Sponsors: Cm. Cigarroa

3. Presentation and Invitation to the public of the 1st Annual Los Dos Laredos Binational Marathon, a certified Boston Qualifying Marathon. The race date is February 18, 2024.

24-C-004

B. Request by Council Member Gilbert Gonzalez

1. Discussion with possible action to instruct the City Manager for the usage of El Eden Recreation Center on March 22 and 23, 2024 and to support the SOUND THE ALARM Save a Life with American Red Cross to supply and install free smoke alarms to the 78046 area and any other matters incident thereto.

24-C-011

C. Request by Council Member Melissa R. Cigarroa

1. Discussion with possible action to convene a Council workshop on the newly adopted Water Master Plan to also include discussion and review of the secondary water source RFQ within the next 4 weeks, led by the City Utilities department including the engineering and environmental departments and any other city resources as needed.

24-C-007

Sponsors: Cm. Dr. Tyler King and Cm. Cigarroa

Sponsors: Cm. Perez and Cm. Cigarroa

various federal agencies and other funding entities.

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this would include applying for technical assistance funds from

G. Request by Council Member Vanessa J. Perez

- **1.** Discussion with possible action on the Los Martinez park project, and any other matters incident thereto.
- 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 on the need to seek funding opportunities at the state and federal level to enhance existing and future infrastructure in the industrial parks and trade corridors.

 Management will formulate a long term strategy and comprehensive plan detailing funding strategies, recommendations to current policies/ordinances, and any other changes needed to ensure our infrastructure remains adequate as we proactively plan for increased demands of trade in our city, and any other matters incident thereto.

H. Request by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa

1. Discussion with possible action for an update on regulating junk yards, abandoned vehicles, automotive wrecking yards, machine shops and related codes, hazards, nuisance with the intent to modify our ordinances to enhance enforcement authority and efforts and any other matters incident thereto.

24-C-006

24-C-015

XX. 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, January 19, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.