

# **CITY OF LAREDO CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**A-2015-R-10  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1110 HOUSTON STREET  
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040  
JUNE 15, 2015  
5:30 P.M.**



## **DISABILITY ACCESS STATEMENT**



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### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

### **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **III. ROLL CALL**

### **IV. MINUTES**

**Approval of the minutes of May 27, 2015 and June 1, 2015.**

### **V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

#### **Communiqués**

- a. Report by Mayor Pete Saenz on his visit to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to attend the "62nd National Session of the Mayors' Institute on City Design."

## Recognitions

- a. Recognition of the Octavio Salinas Elementary Cheerleaders for their 2014-2015 accomplishments including: National Champions at Southern National Cheer Power, Grand Champions at Cheer America, and National Champions at Redline Cheer.
- b. Recognition of La Posada Hotel for becoming the only hotel in the City of Laredo with a four (4) diamond rating. This rating signifies that the hotel is refined, stylish with upscale physical attributes, extensive amenities and a high degree of hospitality, service and attention to detail.

## Citizen comments

Citizens 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. No more than three (3) persons will be allowed to speak on any side of an issue. Should there be more than three (3) people who wish to speak on a particular issue, they need to select not more than three (3) representatives to speak for them and the presiding officer may limit the public comments further in the interest of an orderly meeting. Speakers may not pass their minutes to any other speaker. 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

- a. Appointment by Council Member George Altgelt and Council Member Roberto Balli of Arturo Dominguez to the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA).

## VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for a Restaurant Serving Alcohol, on Lot 1A, Block 1126, Buena Vista Subdivision, located at 2115 E. Saunders Street; providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the Special Use Permit.

District IV

2. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 2 and 3, Block 563, Eastern Division, located at 906 Willow Street, from M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff is in support of the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change. District III

3. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning, Blocks 34 and 35, Laredo Airport Subdivision, located at the 1300 block and 1400 block of E. Calton Road, from AG (Agricultural District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff is in support of the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change. District V

4. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 3, Block 99, Western Division, located at 616 Hidalgo Street, from B-1 (Limited Commercial District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff is in support of the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change. District VIII

5. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 4.92 acres out of Tract 7, Casa Verde Subdivision, as further described by metes and bounds in Exhibit "A", located at 8310 Casa Verde Road, from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff is in support of the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change. District V

6. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning one acre out of Tract 8-E, Casa Verde Acres Subdivision, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located at 8406 Casa Verde Road, from R-1 (Single-family residential District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District);

providing for publication and effective date.

Staff is in support of the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change. District V

7. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 5 acres out of Tracts 8-F, 8-G, 8-H and 8-I, Casa Verde Acres Subdivision, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located at 8406 and 8408 Casa Verde Road, from R-1 (Single-family residential District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff is in support of the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change. District V

8. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 9.94 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located north of the Laredo International Airport, from B-3 (Community Business District) to R-1 (Single-Family Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff is in support of the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change. District V

9. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 17.06 acres as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located north of the Laredo International Airport, from B-3 (Community Business District) to R-1 (Single-Family Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff is in support of the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change. District V

10. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 17.78 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located north of the Laredo International Airport, from B-3 (Community Business District) to R-1 (Single-Family Residential District).

Staff is in support of the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change. District V

11. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 37.49 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit “A”, located north of the Laredo International Airport, from B-1 (Limited Business District) and B-3 (Community Business District) to R-1 (Single-Family Residential District).

Staff is in support of the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change. District V

12. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the 2015 HOME Program Budget by appropriating \$175,000.00 in actual and anticipated program income due to early repayment of Down Payment Assistance Loans. The appropriated funds will ensure the budget reflects actual expenses incurred and revenues recorded in the amount of \$129,729.00 during previous and current fiscal years and an additional \$45,271.00 in anticipated income. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**

13. **Public hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending Article VI [Investment Policy] of Chapter 2 [Administration] of the Code of Ordinance in order to:

1. Clarify Authorized Investment language;
2. Adjust the Broker/Dealer list;
3. Provide for an effective date. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**

**(Recess)**

**(Press Availability)**

## **VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES**

14. Authorizing the City Manager to convey an easement and right of way to American Electric Power (AEP) Texas Central Company located at, and to serve the Jefferson Water Treatment Plant Administration Building on Anna Ave., one (1) conveyance over a tract of land containing 0.018 acres (773 square feet) of land, more or less, situated in Abstract 239, Lot 1, Block 423, Eastern Division as described in easement conveyance attached as Exhibit "A"; and providing for an effective date. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**

15. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Laredo (City) and UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (UISD) in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the 16" Water Main Improvements to UISD 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Campus, along Loop 20 from Aguanieves to the 18" Water Main south of Los Presidentes Subdivision and amending the City of Laredo FY 2014-2015 Water Revenue Bond Series 2012 Annual Budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$15,000.00 for this contribution. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**

## **IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

16.

**2015-O-074** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 2, Block 4, Larga Vista, located at 5604 State Highway 359, from B-1 (Limited Commercial District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

**2015-O-075** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 5.37 acres as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located north of FM 1472 and west of Verde Road, from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District); providing for publication and effective date.

**2015-O-076** Repealing Ordinance No. 2015-O-051 dated April 20, 2015 for lease agreement with Trecon Investments Corporation, as Lessee, for Tract 2B out of Block No. 23 of the Laredo I Airport Plat and Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement with Trecon Investments Corporation, as Lessee, for all of Lot No. 2 of Block No. 23 consisting of 166,851 square feet, known as Tracts 2A & 2B being Lot No. 2 Block 23, at the Laredo Airport Subdivision Plat. Lease term is for twenty (20) years commencing on June 1, 2015 plus, two (2) consecutive ten (10) year renewal options. Initial monthly rent shall be \$5,978.00 and will be adjusted annually according to changes in the Consumer Price Index; and rent adjustments based on appraisals at each ten (10) year anniversary period; providing for an effective date.

## **X. RESOLUTIONS**

17. **2015-R-44** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a contract amendment by the South Texas Development Council (STDC) through funding from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in the amount of \$64,088.00 for the continuation of City of Laredo Health Department Ryan White Program to provide medical care, treatment, case management, testing and supportive care for the term period of October 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**
18. **2015-R-46** Accepting the conveyance of the following twenty (20) foot Public Utility and Utility Access Easement, for the right to construct, reconstruct, repair and perpetually maintain sanitary sewer line improvements and fire hydrants for the construction of an 8" diameter sanitary sewer line from:
- Thunderbird Real Estate III, Ltd., By: Evelyn Sames - Vice President - Utility easement as follows:
- A tract of land containing 0.26 Acres of Land, more or less situated in Survey 1022, Abstract 654, same being out of Lot 2A, Block 2A of the recorded plat known as Lot 2A and Lot 2B, Block 2A, Amended Plat of Re-Plat of Jacaman Ranch Subdivision Unit 2, and being also out of Lot 1, Block 2, Jacaman Ranch Unit 2, a copy of which conveyance is attached as Exhibits A & B:
- And directing that said Easement be filed of record in official property records of Webb County, Texas. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**
19. **2015-R-49** Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute a continuation contract amendment from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Program which revises the term period to September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. There is no monetary impact to the City. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**

## **XI. MOTIONS**

20. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts to be adjusted for the month of May 2015, represent a decrease of \$35,534.18. These adjustments are determined by the Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

21. Authorizing the City Manager to purchase real property located at 1204 Matamoros, legally described as Lots 4 thru 7, Block 73, Western Division, Laredo, Webb County, Texas for the sum of eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000.00), and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all relevant documents. The acquisition of this tract would be for municipal purposes, to include supplemental parking improvements. Funding will be available through the sale of 2015 C.O.
22. Authorizing the City Manager to approve Amendment No. 2 to Terracon Consultants, Inc., in the amount of \$12,565.00 for additional testing services required for the South Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant 6.0 MGD Expansion Project. The new contract amount is \$287,060.00. Funding is available in the 2009 Series C Utility Bond. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**
23. Authorizing the City Manager to cancel the remaining Engineering Services Contract for the design of Martin High School 3.0 MG elevated storage tank in the amount of \$258,450.00 with LNV Engineering, Inc., Laredo, Texas. The cancelation of the contract with LNV for the Martin High School elevated storage tank was due to the unavailability of a suitable/feasible site for the tank. The cancelation will reduce the original contract from \$427,900.00 to \$169,450.00. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**
24. Consideration to award a contract to the sole source provider, The Scruggs Company, Houston, Texas for the purchase of a Horizontal Split Case Pump to be used at El Pico Water Treatment Plant. This contract will be for \$135,140.00 and is subject to future appropriations. Funding is available in the 2012 Water Revenue Bond. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**
25. Authorizing the City Manager to approve change order No. 6; a credit in the amount of \$149,261.32, for a total final contract amount of \$16,182,370.10 and acceptance of project and release of retainage in the amount of \$718,299.02 to Pedal Valves, Inc., of Luling, LA for the Water Meter AMI/AMR System. Funding is available in the Water and Sewer Retainage accounts. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**
26. Consideration for approval of award of construction contract to the lowest bidder ALC Construction, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$88,329.20 for the CDBG El Eden Multipurpose Field Improvements with a construction contract time of eighty (80) calendar days; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related contract documents contingent upon receipt and approval of insurance and bond documents. Completion date for the project is scheduled for September 2015. Funding is available in the CDBG 39<sup>th</sup>



Action Year/2013 Grant. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**

27. Consideration to award annual supply contract number FY15-045 to the following vendors:

1. ACC, LLC, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$494,700.00 for the purchase of the following paving, and construction materials:

- a. Gravel, Picked up by City Trucks at vendors plant - \$12.00/ton
- b. 3/8" Pea Gravel, Picked up by City Trucks at vendors plant - \$18.00/ton
- c. 3/8" Pea Gravel F.O.B Delivered to Public Works and Utilities Job Site - \$25.50/ton
- d. Flexible Base-Caliche F.O.B Delivered to Public Works and Utilities Job Site - \$14.00/ton
- e. Flexible Base-Caliche Picked up by City Trucks at vendors plant - \$6.00/ton

2. Gomez Trucking, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$57,000.00 for the purchase of the following paving, and construction materials:

- a. Gravel, F.O.B Delivered to Public Works and Utilities Job Site - \$19.00/ton;

This contract is for the purchase of materials required for all city paving and construction projects. All materials are purchased on an as needed basis and funding is available in the Public Works Department, Utilities Department and various construction project budgets. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**

28. Consideration to award contracts to providers for the following voluntary products. These products are voluntary for eligible City employees and have no financial impact to the City budget.

1) Group Vision (with agent services by Laurel Insurance)  
Superior Vision

2) Personal Insurance ( with agent services by Laurel Insurance)

- a. Group Accident, Colonial Life
- b. Group Critical Illness, Colonial Life
- c. Group Cancer, Colonial Life

These benefit changes will be effective October 1, 2015. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**

29. Authorizing the City Manager to approve an amendment to the agreement with The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dental School in the amount of \$32,978.00 for a total of \$82,978.00 to continue to provide dental care for children and pregnant women and enhance Title V dental services by the City of Laredo Health Department for the term from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. Funding is available through the Health Department budget. This will allow the City to provide additional dental care to children and pregnant women. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**
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## **XII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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**A. Request by Mayor Pete Saenz**

1. Discussion of a third lane on IH-35.
2. Discussion of the City-wide Light Synchronization Study with the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).
3. Discussion of the 4A/4B tax.
4. Discussion of the Downtown Laredo Masterplan.

**B. Request by Council Member Esteban Rangel**

1. Presentation on the Super Summer Blast-Off at the South Branch Library.
2. Discussion with possible action on the possibility of having a City wide cook-off.
3. Discussion with possible action to revisit the paving ordinance.  
**(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Roque Vela, Jr.)**

**C. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Juan Narvaez**

1. Discussion with possible action on allowing City committees and committee members to introduce and present their recommendations in person before the City Council at the council meetings.

**D. Request by Council Member Roque Vela, Jr.**

1. Discussion with possible action addressing the flooding issue within District V, with an emphasis in the Fiesta Loop area.

**E. Request by Council Member Roberto Balli**

1. Status report on the Outlet Shoppes; the parking facility utilizing a proposed grant from the Economic Development Administration (EDA); and the proposed up-ramp, with possible action.

**XIII. STAFF REPORTS**

31. Report on Laredo Day in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon on June 8th - 9th, 2015 given by Blasita Lopez, Convention and Visitors Bureau Director.
32. Discussion with possible action to consider a fourth request for an extension on Injury Leave with pay in accordance with 143.073 (b) of the Texas Local Government Code for Patrol Officer Jesus A. Garcia Perez.
33. Presentation on a food truck vending pilot program throughout designated sites in the City; including, Parks and Recreation Centers, with possible action.
34. Status report on the transfer and landscaping development of the four (4) blocks between Bridge II and IH-35 from the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT), with possible action.
35. Presentation by Martin Aleman, Budget Manager on the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget Process.

**XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The City Council hereby reserves the right to go into executive session at any time during this public meeting, if such is requested by the City Attorney or other legal counsel for the City, pursuant to his or her duty under Section 551.071(2) of the Government Code, to consult privately with his or her client on an item on the agenda, or on a matter arising out of such item.

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

36. Consideration for approval to rescind the construction contract with Capital Construction Company, LLC., Laredo, Texas, for the New Canopies at El Metro Maintenance Facility located at 401 Scott with a construction contract time of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days; and approval to re-bid the project. The construction contract was awarded on March 16, 2015; however, Capital Construction Company, LLC., has been unable to provide the contractor's and subcontractor's insurance as required by the bid documents. Funding is available in the Transit Capital Grants Fund – FTA Grant TX-03-0274. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**
37. Consideration for approval of amendment No. 1; an increase of \$25,405.00 to the architectural services contract with Sepulveda Associates Architects, Inc., Laredo, Texas, for the Roof Replacement of El Metro Operations and Maintenance Facility located at 401 Scott Street. The project consists of additional restrooms and locker room upgrades. The current architectural contract amount with this amendment is \$53,945.00. Funding is available in the Transit Capital Grants Fund. **(Approved by Operations Committee)**

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

This notice was posted at the Municipal Government Offices, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas, at a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times. Said notice was posted on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

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Gustavo Guevara, Jr.  
City Secretary