

CITY OF LAREDO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A-2015-R-15

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1110 HOUSTON STREET

LAREDO, TEXAS 78040

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

5:30 P.M.



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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of September 8, 2015 and September 15, 2015.

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Communiqués

- a. Presentation by the Domestic Violence Coalition on the *Human Rights Initiative* and invitation to their upcoming events.

- b. Presentation by the Texas Department of State Health Services Texas Healthy Communities Program to recognize the City of Laredo with the Silver Medal Award for promoting a Healthier and Active Living City.

Recognitions

- a. Recognizing Rudy Flores for repeating as World Champion at the Power Lifting Competition held in Prague, Czech Republic.
- b. Recognizing the Elysian Social Club for being in existence for 75 years.

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 Charlie San Miguel of Donna Magnon to the Laredo Commission for Women.
- b. Appointment by Council Member Esteban Rangel of Omar Gonzalez to the Airport Advisory Board.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending Chapter 19, Article VI - Operation, Division 2-Miscellaneous Driving Rules, Section 19-224 of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances to prohibit the operation of hand-held wireless communication devices while operating a motor vehicle; providing exemptions; providing affirmative defenses; providing a savings clause; providing for severability and an effective date.

2. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for a restaurant selling alcohol on Lot 1, Block 5, Del Mar Village Subdivision, located at 120 W Village Boulevard, Suite 101-102 (one unit); providing for publication and effective date.

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

3. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a contractor's office/sales on Lots 4, 5, 6, Block 1490, Eastern Division, located at 2507 Market Street; providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and Planning and Zoning recommends approval of the Conditional Use Permit. **District III**

4. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 6.813 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located northeast of FM 1472 Road (Mines Road) and at approximate 3,300 FT southeast of the Max A. Mandel golf course access road, from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff does not support the application and Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change. **District VII**

5. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning .69 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located south of Shiloh Drive and West of Backwoods Drive, from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to B-1 (Limited 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 VI**

6. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning the West 16.66 feet of Lot 7 and the East 25 feet of Lot 8, Block 1027, Western Division, located at 1208 Pace Street, from B-1 (Limited Business District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

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

7. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for auto sales and the sale of new/used merchandise on Lots 7 and 8, Block 817, Eastern Division, located at 1520 Cortez Street; providing for publication and effective date.

Staff is not in support of the Conditional Use Permit and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends denial of the application. **District III**

8. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending Chapter 28, Article VII of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances by limiting the numbers of times a year an organization can conduct a noncommercial street solicitation campaign and by restricting the days of the week a noncommercial street solicitation campaign can be conducted on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. **(Approved by Operations Committee with a recommendation that organizations be limited to four (4) permits per calendar year).**
9. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending Chapter 21, Article XII of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances by adding the requirement that persons participating in a noncommercial street solicitation campaign and soliciting funds carry a government-issued photo identification card with them at all times they are participating in the campaign. **(Approved by Operations Committee with a recommendation that participants in the solicitation campaign be 18 years of age or older, or, if under 18, then with a valid Texas Drivers License or driving (learner's) permit. Also, all participants in a fund solicitation campaign must have a valid identification card, i.e. Texas Driver's license, on display on their person).**
10. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** authorizing the Chief of Police to accept a grant in the amount of \$47,716.36 from the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD) and to appropriate the City of Laredo Special Police FY 2015-2016 budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$47,716.36. This funding will provide overtime and equipment for the Laredo Police Department Gang Unit, which will target Criminal Street Gangs by identifying, monitoring, suppressing and documenting criminal gang activities and implementing a database. The term of this grant is from October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016 and requires no local match. **(Approved by Operations**

Committee).

(Recess)

(Press Availability)

VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

11. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement with the United States Postal Service, (USPS). The City acting as Lessor and USPS, as Lessee, have agreed to a yearly lease rate of \$95,894.00 for lease space at the former US Courthouse building located at 1300 Matamoros. The lease and rental term is retroactive to June 18, 2013 with an expiration of May 31, 2018. **(Approved by Operations Committee, AS AMENDED).**
12. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with the City of Laredo Utilities Department for approximately 5,550 square feet constituting Building No. 1054 located at 4812 North Bartlett Avenue at the Laredo International Airport. Lease term is for five (5) years commencing on October 1, 2015 and ending on September 30, 2020. The lease may be terminated by either party on not less than ninety (90) days written notice from the party terminating to the other. Monthly rent shall be \$4,700.00 per month and will be adjusted annually according to the consumer price index; providing for an effective date. **(Approved by Operations Committee).**
13. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement with International Bank of Commerce for the approximate 0.1182 acre tract of land located on Block No. 1 within the southwest fuel farm at the Laredo International Airport. Lease term is for five (5) years commencing on October 01, 2015 and ending on September 30, 2020 with one (1) option to extend the term for five (5) years. Initial rent shall be \$770.00 per month; providing for an effective date. **(Approved by Operations Committee).**
14. Authorizing the City Manager to amend the FY 2014-2015 Full Time Equivalent Position (FTE) listing by creating one (1) Clerk II, R25 position funded by Texas Department of State Health Services through the South Texas Development Council (STDC) for the City of Laredo Health Department Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Project (HOPWA). The position was approved for this fiscal year and as well for future fiscal years and will improve program efficiency and customer

service for benefits of patients/clients. **(Approved by Operations Committee).**

15. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract with Valley AIDS Council d/b/a Westbrook Clinic (VAC), amending the FY 14-15 Annual Budget by appropriating additional revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$49,196.00 with an in-kind match in the amount of \$5,466.00 for a total of \$54,662.00, and amending the FY 14-15 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) listing by creating one (1) Caseworker, R34 Position for providing HIV/AIDS (Ryan White Part D) health care and prevention services for women, infants, children and youth affected by AIDS for the term from August 1, 2015 through July 31, 2016. **(Approved by Operations Committee).**

IX. FIRST AND FINAL READINGS

16. **2015-O-134** Ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of Laredo, Texas Subordinate Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2015, in the principal amount of \$5,500,000.00 for the purpose of improving and extending the City's combined waterworks system and sewer system, making provisions for the security thereof; authorizing amendment to the City's budget to appropriate such proceeds for purposes authorized herein; awarding sale of the bonds to the Texas Water Development Board, and Ordaining other matters relating to the subject.

X. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

17. **2015-O-119** Adopting the proposed Annual Budget for fiscal year 2015-2016 by appropriating the revenues, expenditures and balances reported therein for the year beginning October 1, 2015, and ending September 30, 2016, consistent with the financial plan described in said annual budget (see exhibit "A") and motions approved by City Council at public workshop (see exhibit "B") and authorizing the City Manager to implement said Annual Budget. **AS AMENDED.**

2015-O-120 Providing that the property tax rate (revenue) be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.637000 per \$100 value, which is effectively a 2.88 percent increase in the tax rate (revenue). This tax rate, which has been the same since Tax Year 2004, will have a Maintenance and Operation Rate of \$0.493751 per \$100 value and a Interest and Sinking Fund Rate of \$0.143249 per \$100 value for the levy and the collection of General and Special Ad Valorem taxes for the City of Laredo for Tax Year 2015 and Fiscal Year 2015-2016. **(This will be the twelfth year that the City would adopt this same rate.)**

2015-O-121 Amending the FY 2014-2015 9-1-1 Regional Administration Budget by appropriating additional revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$56,100.00 to provide surcharge for the non-recurring fees associated with procurement for MIS services from Direct Technology, Inc for Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb and Zapata Counties for the period beginning September 1, 2014 and ending August 31, 2015.

2015-O-122 Amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2015 Information Technology Fund budget to appropriate revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$3,971,914.00. The expenditure will fund an upgrade to the City's existing 800 MHz Trunked Radio P-25 System. The project will be funded through a capital lease purchase agreement.

2015-O-123 Amending the FY 2014-2015 9-1-1 Regional Administration Budget by appropriating additional revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$807,339.00 for a total grant of \$2,480,630.00 for equipment and program budgets for Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb and Zapata Counties for the period beginning September 1, 2015 and ending August 31, 2016. **AS AMENDED.**

2015-O-124 Amending Section 24.93.6 Smoking Establishments and Drug And Tobacco Paraphernalia Shop (A/K/A Head Shop) and Tobacco Shop by requiring Special Use Permits for Tobacco Shop[S] in B-4, M-1 And M-2 Zoning Districts and requiring that Tobacco Shop[S] provide audit of percentage sales of Drug Paraphernalia; and amending Section 24.63 Permitted Uses (Land Use Chart) to indicate that a Special Use Permit is required for a Tobacco Shop in B-4, M-1 And M-2 Zoning Districts; and providing for publication and effective date.

2015-O-125 Amending Chapter 18, Article III of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances by increasing the garage sale permit fee to thirty dollars (\$30) per permit for exceeding two permit applications; and amending the permit limit to four (4) permits per calendar year; providing for a savings clause; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing for severability, publication and effective date.

2015-O-126 Amending the Laredo Land Development Code of the City Of Laredo by: revising Article IV, Section 24-62 Zoning District and Boundaries, Section 24-63 Effects of Districting and General Regulations by Creating the Single Family Residential District (R-1B), Section 24-65 Supplementary Zoning District. Regulations, Section 24-77 Dimensional Standards and Amending Section 24-84 Sidewalk Standards by Renumbering And Creating Requirements of the Laredo Land Development Code; providing for publication and effective date.

2015-O-127 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant award in the amount of \$637,768.00 from the Texas Auto Burglary & Theft Prevention Authority to fund the Laredo Auto Theft Task Force for the period of September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016 to pay for salaries and supplies; to amend the City of Laredo 2014-15 Laredo Auto Theft Task Force Fund budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$89,346.00; and amend the FTE's by adding two (2) Investigator positions as awarded by the Texas Auto Burglary & Theft Prevention Authority. The grant requires a cash match in the amount of \$341,959.00 which is available in the General Fund.

2015-O-128 Authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into contract with the Department of State Health Services (DSHS); amending the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) FY 2014-2015 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$165,000.00; and amending the FY 2014-2015 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Position Listing by creating one (1) Epidemiologist, R38 position and one temporary Clerk II, R25 position without benefits (0.48 FTE) for surveillance and epidemiology activities for all notifiable and infectious conditions especially for highly infectious diseases for the term from September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2017.

2015-O-129 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) and amending the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) FY 2014-2015 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$245,185.00 for the continuation of City of Laredo Health Department

Ryan White Program to provide medical care, treatment, case management, testing and supportive care and extending the term period from September 1, 2014 through March 31, 2016. **AS AMENDED.**

2015-O-130 Authorizing the City Manager to acquire the surface only of Lot 5, Block 66, Western Division, Laredo, Texas from Fernando Cantu III, for its appraised fair market value of \$35,000.00, plus supplementary closing costs. This property, situated at 305 Zaragoza is being purchased in support of parking improvements along San Enrique Avenue to improve access within the Azteca neighborhood. Funding is available in the 2009 C.O.

2015-O-132 Authorizing the City Manager to ratify the contract amendment from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and amending the FY 2014-2015 budget by appropriating additional revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$605,000.00 for a total of \$6,162,724.00 for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program for the term period from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 to provide supplemental nutrition services for Webb and surrounding counties.

2015-O-133 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a restated master lease agreement for the lease of 14.5 acres of Airport Property located on Saunders Street and authorizing the City Manager to execute a ground lease estoppel certificate, confirmation and modification agreement, stipulating that the Lessee is in good standing with the City once payment of past due additional rent in an amount that exceeds \$1,600,000.00.

XI. RESOLUTIONS

18. **2015-R-70** Accepting the conveyance of the following 15 Foot Utility and Utility Access Easement and corresponding Temporary Construction Easement for the Right To Construct, Reconstruct, Repair and Perpetually Maintain Water Line Improvements for the construction of a 24" Diameter Water Transmission Main from Loop 20 and Del Mar Blvd to East Corridor Booster Station from:

Antonio Castillo, Jr., Utility Easement as follows:

A strip of land 15' In Width Containing 8,775.69 Square Feet or 0.201 Acres more or less, over, across and upon Casa Verde Acres Subdivision, a 31.8814 Acre Tract, Lot 4, Block 1 Jacaman Ranch Subdivision, Unit 6. A copy of which Conveyance is attached as Exhibits A

& B; and directing that the said Easement be filed of Record in Official Property Records of Webb County, Texas.

19. **2015-R-78** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a Municipal Lease Purchase Agreement ("Agreement") with Motorola Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$3,971,914.00 to upgrade to the City's existing 800 MHz Trunked Radio P-25 System from Release 7.7 to Release 7.16 to include new hardware/software enhancements and other services as more fully set forth in the attached Agreement. First payment of \$834,256.84 will be due eighteen (18) months after execution of contract; then annually thereafter. Funding is available in the Information Technology Fund. **(Approved by Operations Committee).**
20. **2015-R-79** Authorizing the City Manager to apply for a grant in the amount of \$810,795 to fund the Laredo Police Department HIDTA Task Force and to fund the Rio Grande Valley Financial HIDTA Task Force. Both initiatives will be funded by the Executive Office of the President, Office of the National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) at no cost to the City. Funding will be used to pay personnel salaries, fringe benefits, overtime, travel and operating expenses from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. **(Approved by Operations Committee).**
21. **2015-R-81** Supporting the City of Laredo's participation in the South Texas Development Council; authorizing payment of \$36,255.84 for the City's Membership Assessment for the period covering October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015; and, confirming the appointment of representatives from the City of Laredo to serve on the Board of Directors of the South Texas Development Council. Funding is available in the General Fund. **(Approved by Operations Committee).**
22. **2015-R-82** Authorizing City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$300,000.00 to the Office of the Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) for the purpose of funding the 2016 Local Border Security Program (LBSP). This grant does not require matching funds. Funding will be used to pay for overtime to increase patrol security along the Texas-Mexican border. **(Approved by Operations Committee).**
23. **2015-R-83** Authorizing the City Manager to accept three (3) continuation contracts from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) as follows:
 - 1) TITLE V-CHILD HEALTH SERVICES \$ 75,000.00
 - 2) TITLE V-PRENATAL SERVICES \$ 43,490.00
 - 3) PRIMARY HEALTH CARE \$159,171.00

for a total of \$327,661.00 with program income in the amount of \$20,038.00 for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department primary care and prevention services for the term period from September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016. **(Approved by Operations Committee).**

24. **2015-R-84** Authorizing the City Manager to accept the contract with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHS) in the amount \$415,000.00 with a cash match of \$41,500.00 for a total of \$456,500.00 for continuation of the Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) to provide evidence-based nurse home visitation for first-time mothers and their children to ensure a healthy birth outcome for mom and baby for the period beginning September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016. **(Approved by Operations Committee).**
25. **2015-R-85** Authorizing and approving a Tax Abatement Agreement between the City of Laredo and Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc., in accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria and established reinvestment zone. This Agreement will be for a five (5) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development and the creation of jobs. The amount of taxes abated depends on the number of jobs created and the amount of investment. Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc., is representing that they will create a total of fifty six (56) new full time jobs and invest \$11,227,544.00 in real and personal property improvements at their new facility to be located at the Killam Industrial Park. Based on these representations, the total five (5) year abatement is expected to be \$191,100.00. The guidelines and criteria for the abatement are set forth in the attached agreement and exhibits. **(Approved by Operations Committee).**
26. **2015-R-86** Consider the adoption of the 2016-2020 Capital Improvement Program of the City of Laredo. **(Approved by Operations Committee).**

XII. MOTIONS

27. Approving the property tax revenue increase for the fiscal year 2016 budget as required by the Texas Local Government Code Section 102.007, said increase being \$2,642,292 or 3.77%. The amount is due entirely to increases in property tax valuations and new property added to the tax roll and not to any increase in the current tax rate of \$.637000. **(Approved by Operations Committee).**

28. Consideration to award contract FY15-062 to the lowest bidder, Magnadata USA, Inc., in the amount of \$52,900.00 for the purchase of custom magnetic swipe passes (Gateway Passes) for the Laredo Bridge System pedestrian gates. Funding for this purchase is available in the Laredo Bridge System's Operation Fund. **(Approved by Operations Committee).**
29. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts to be adjusted for the month of August 2015, represent a decrease of \$48,351.34. These adjustments are determined by the Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders. **(Approved by Operations Committee).**
30. Consideration to authorize the purchase of a GalaxyPro 16 mm Outdoor LED Video Marquee Display 3V GPS Series for the Arena in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 from Daktronics, Inc. under Buy Board Contract #423-13 to replace the current marquee which is beyond repair. Funding is available under the Sports and Community Venue Fund. **(Approved by Operations Committee).**
31. Consideration for approval of the selection of consultant GRA, Incorporated, for the Laredo International Airport Passenger Airline Service Market Study and authorization to negotiate a professional services contract. **(Approved by Operations Committee).**
32. Consideration to authorize a purchase contract with the sole source provider, Sungard Public Sector OSSI, in the amount of \$253,500.00 for the purchase of an enterprise site license that will upgrade our current user based license to a site license which will support additional users and allow for future growth without future financial investment in licenses. This enterprise site license will benefit the Police, Fire, and Municipal Court departments. Funding is available in the Police Trust Fund and Fire Department budgets. **(Approved by Operations Committee).**
33. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Laredo Community College (LCC) reaffirming the commitment to work in partnership during times of Disasters and Community Wide Emergencies. **(Approved by Operations Committee).**

34. Consideration for approval to award a professional services contract to Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc., Dallas, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$364,973.00 for design and preparation of plans and specifications for the Laredo International Airport Taxiway G Extension. Design work is to be done on a fast track basis. Funding will be available in the Airport Construction Fund. **(Approved by Operations Committee).**
35. Consideration for approval to award a professional services contract to Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc., Dallas, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$174,310.00 for design and preparation of plans and specifications for the Laredo International Airport General Aviation Apron Rehabilitation Phase 10. Design work is to be done on a fast track basis. Funding will be available in the Airport Construction Fund. **(Approved by Operations Committee).**
36. Consideration for approval of the South Laredo Library Facility (Roofing Package) as complete, ratification of change order no. 1 an increase of \$7,115.00, ratification of change order no. 2 an increase of \$1,212.00, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$19,001.70 to A-Lert Roof Systems, a division of Centurion Industries, Inc., New Braunfels, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$190,017.00. Funding is available in the Capital Improvements Fund and 2008 C.O. **(Approved by Operations Committee).**
37. Authorizing the City Manager to approve change order No. 4 in the amount of \$35,433.21 to Vision Construction Company, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, for the Jefferson Water Treatment Plant Administration Building and Learning Center Project. The new contract sum is \$4,700,047.51. There is no increase in the construction time. Funding is available in the 2012 Water Revenue Bond account.**(Approved by Operations Committee).**
38. Authorizing the City Manager to approve final change order No. 5, a net increase in the amount of \$197,342.00 to Pepper-Lawson Waterworks, L.L.C., Houston, Texas for the South Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant 6 MGD Expansion Project. This change order will allow for future expansion of the plant, address unforeseen field conditions and missing work that was not shown in the contract documents and deletion of bid item No. 2. This change order also adds an additional eight (8) calendar days. The total new contract amount will be \$43,863,622.00. Total contract time is one-thousand eighty one (1,081) calendar days. Funding is available in the 2012 Sewer System Revenue Bond - TWDB - SLDO WWTP, and is subject to approval by Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). **(Approved by Operations Committee).**

39. Consideration to award supply contract number FY15-058 to the low bidder, HD Supply Waterworks, Atlanta, GA in the estimated amount of \$200,000.00 for the purchase of PVC pipe used by the Utilities Department. This will be a sixty (60) day supply contract. If the contract pricing does not exceed the current pricing structure, the contract will be automatically renewed for an additional sixty days. These materials are purchased on an as needed basis for construction and repair projects. Funding is available in the Utilities Department budget. **(Approved by Operations Committee).**
40. Authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 4, an increase of \$274,050.00, to the professional engineering services contract with Sherfey Engineering Company, L.L.C., for the 1.75 MGD Sombreretillo Wastewater Treatment Plant. This amendment includes revision to the plans and specifications with the intention of reducing the overall construction costs to meet the City's budget. The total new contract amount including this amendment is \$2,223,950.00. Funding is available in the 2011 Sewer Revenue Bond. On April 6, 2015 this item (Amendment No. 4) was in the Consent Agenda as Item No. 35 and City Council decided to table this Motion. **(Approved by Operations Committee).**
41. Consideration to award a contract to Nydia Santos Martinez, RN, BSN in the amount of \$65,049.65 per year for home nurse visitation nursing services following the nurse family partnership model for first time mothers and their newborn to promote healthy birth outcomes of the mother and positive growth and development of the child for his first two years of life. The project is under the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) Program for the term of September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016 and may be renewed every year for three (3) years contingent on funding availability. Funding is available through the Health Department budget. **(Approved by Operations Committee).**
42. Consideration for approval of the selection of consultant for the Neighborhood Recreational Swimming Pool at Bartlett Avenue Soccer Field Complex (Design/Build Project) for design, preparation of plans and specifications, and authorization to negotiate a professional services contract. There is no financial impact.

XIII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

43.

A. Request by Mayor Pete Saenz

1. Status report by staff on water study covering the water shed sources of the Rio Grande River.
2. Evaluating water sources independent of the Rio Grande as part of Laredo's long term Master Plan.
3. Discussion with possible action on addressing the homeless and panhandler members of the community and the dangers that are imposed to the general public and themselves while soliciting.

B. Request by Council Member Esteban Rangel

1. Discussion with possible action to revisit Ordinance 2004-O-035 to reorganize the order of the agenda and follow the order of the items as listed on the agenda; as well as, enforce the time limit of ten (10) minutes per each agenda item. **(Operations Committee recommended to rotate the order of discussion of items requested by Council and limit the number of discussion items per Council Member).**

C. Request by Council Member Alejandro "Alex" Perez

1. Status Report on the recent changes to the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ) Guidelines.
2. Discussion with possible action on a feasibility study to renovate the Slaughter Home and Canseco House. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Roberto Balli).**
3. Discussion with possible action on the purchase of two (2) properties for an adobe home demonstration project.
4. Presentation of a video promoting the City of Laredo by Mr. Tony Arce from American Electric Power (AEP). **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member George Altgelt).**

D. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Juan Narvaez

1. Discussion with possible action to consider extending the issuance of El Metro Passcard to City-wide students currently attending Laredo Independent School District and United Independent School District. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Esteban Rangel).**
2. Discussion with possible action to direct the City Manager to provide funding for the Birding Festival through the Convention and Visitors Bureau. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Roque Vela, Jr.).**

E. Request by Council Member Roque Vela, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action on the requirements and procedures for street closures in general, and in particular for special events, such as 5K/10K runs, bike races, trail rides, etc.

F. Request by Council Member Charlie San Miguel

1. Discussion with possible action to adopt the City of Houston, Texas ordinance relating to the prohibition of elicit synthetic drugs. **(Co-sponsored by Council Member Alejandro "Alex" Perez and Council Member George Altgelt).**

G. Request by Council Member George Altgelt

1. Discussion with possible action to propose that staff set-up and operate a City of Laredo Facebook account.
2. Discussion with possible action regarding limiting the line item transfers between departments subject to Council approval.
3. Discussion with possible action to create a campaign that encourages local children to stop playing video games or other electronics and to go outside and play or to read a book, by visiting the City of Laredo recreation centers, parks and libraries, and whenever possible, utilizing the local transit system to help them to reach these facilities.

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

44. Consideration to authorize the purchase of three (3) support units from Silsbee Ford, Silsbee, Texas in the amount of \$77,861.50. Vehicles will replace 2006 Chevrolet Uplanders' that have met their lifetime expectancy. The purchase of these vehicles shall be made utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program. Funding is available in the 2014 FTA Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Grant.

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, September 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary