

CITY OF LAREDO

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A-2016-SC-01
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
JANUARY 4, 2016
12:00 P.M.



DISABILITY ACCESS STATEMENT



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Out of consideration for all attendees of the City Council meetings, please turn off all cellular phones and pagers, or place on inaudible signal. Thank you for your consideration.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

1. An Ordinance amending Chapter 19 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic) of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances by repealing and replacing the language in Section 19-224 (Regulating the use of hand-held mobile communication devices while driving) to ensure the enforceability of the provisions contained therein; and providing for the following: findings of fact, savings, severability, repealer, and an effective date.

V. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

2. **2016-O-001** Amending the City of Laredo Water Availability Fund FY 2016 Annual Budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$3,500,000.00 by appropriating from the Utility System Fund Balance to be used for the purchase of water rights.

VI. MOTION

3. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to negotiate a Consulting Contract with Judith Zaffirini, PHD D/B/A Zaffirini Communications, for purposes of advising the City on the proposed Charter Amendments that have been presented to City Council for submission to the voters in accordance with §9.004 of the Texas Local Government Code.
4. Consideration for approval of change order No. 1, an increase of \$794,018.50, to the construction contract with Reim Construction, Inc., Mission, Texas for: the Laredo International Airport Taxiway G Reconstruction, for additional reconstruction of Taxiway G pavement north of the south edge of runway 14/32, and to add ninety (90) calendar days to the construction contract time. Completion date for the project is scheduled for January 2017. Current construction contract amount with this change order is \$8,312,029.50. Funding is available in the Airport Construction Fund – Subject to Federal Aviation Administration future grant funding within Fiscal Year 2016.
5. Consideration for approval of amendment No. 1, an increase of \$6,000.00, to the professional services contract with Seca Engineering, L.L.C., Laredo, Texas, for additional design services for the Repairs/Reconstruction and or Replacement of Concrete Slabs and Construction Joints at El Metro Operations and Maintenance Facility – 401 Scott Street. Funding is available in the Grant# TX-04-0055-01.
6. Consideration for approval to ratify amendment No. 2, an increase of \$3,310.00, to the professional 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 Project for: modifications and additional clarifications of the FTA specifications, check list, required procurement documents, and re-printing of the modified plans and specifications to re-bid the project. Current engineering contract amount with this amendment is \$57,255.00. Funding is available in the Transit System Fund – FTA Grant TX-03-0274.

7. Consideration for approval of the selection of consultant for CDBG Freddy Benavides Recreational Water Feature adjacent to the City of Laredo Cigarroa Recreation Center Swimming Pool at 2201 Zacatecas Street and authorization to negotiate a design/build contract. Funding is available in the Community Development Fund - 41st Action Year Grant.
8. Consideration for approval of the City Streets Connections – Cielito Lindo Ave. (CSJ: 0922-33-133), Los Presidentes Blvd. (CSJ: 0922-33-134) and Lomas Del Sur (Southgate Blvd.) (CSJ: 0922-33-135) as complete; approval of change order no. 3 to add twenty-three (23) working days to the construction contract time; approval of change order no. 4, a decrease of \$14,978.31, for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place; release of retainage; and approval of final payment in the amount of \$265,001.56 to Reim Construction Co., Inc., Mission, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$5,300,031.20. This item is contingent upon Texas Department of Transportation approval. Funding is available in the Environmental Services 2012 C.O. & Capital Grants Funds.
9. Consideration to authorize the award of a one (1) year contract to La Familia Consulting and Counseling Services for Consulting and Evaluation Services required under the City's Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Grant. Despite the potential or existence of any prohibited financial interest, the contract should be allowed pursuant to §2.09(d) of the Ethics Code, as the bidder is the sole source provider. Contract is from October 01, 2015 to September 30, 2016 for up to \$37,000.00 annually and could be renewed for another (2) years pending funding availability. The scope of work is attached to the contract agreement. Funding is available in the Health Department's HIV and Mental Health Grant.
10. Consideration to award contract FY15-063 to Conventions, Sports & Leisure International, LLC. (CLS), Minneapolis, MN for the Convention Center Feasibility Study (Update) - Phase I. Contract amount is not to exceed \$96,500.00 and includes the Convention Center Feasibility Study and out-of-pocket expenses (travel, postage, copies and related costs). Study includes: an updated market analysis, market condition, community/regional facilities, market potential, suggested building design/specifications, economic and fiscal impact analysis. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund.

VII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Request by Council Member Rudy Gonzalez, Jr.

- a. Discussion with possible action to install lighting fixtures at the new basketball courts and future beach volleyball courts at Independence Hills Regional Park.

Request by Council Member Alejandro "Alex" Perez

- a. Discussion with possible action on entering into a private partnership for an indoor Mini Football Field.

Request by Council Member Roque Vela, Jr.

- a. Discussion with possible action on the Open-Carry Handgun Law in City Facilities.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

This notice was posted at the Municipal Government Offices, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas, at a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times. Said notice was posted on Thursday, December 31, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

Doanh "Zone" T. Nguyen
Acting City Secretary