

CITY OF LAREDO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A-2016-R-10

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040**

June 6, 2016

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 May 16, 2016 and May 31, 2016

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Communiqués

Recognitions

- a. Recognizing the United South High School Tennis Team for being District 29-6A Spring Tennis Champions.
- b. Recognizing the Laredo Heat Girls Soccer Team for winning State at Super 2 Division in Fall 2014, received 4th place in Presidents Cup at the State Final 2015 Spring Season and also won State Champions in Division 2 in Fall of 2015. The Laredo Heat Soccer Team has been one of the best girls soccer team in the State the last two years.
- c. Recognizing Karen Tarango, the recently crowned and current reigning Miss Teen Laredo Latina; and also Alejandra Hernandez Jasso, the recently crowned and current reigning Miss Laredo Latina for their accomplishments in winning their respective pageant competitions.

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 Vidal Rodriguez of Nathan Chu to the Ethics Commission.
- b. Appointment by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez of Jerry Palizo to the Convention & Visitors Bureau Advisory Committee.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the City of Laredo's FY 2016 Budget by appropriating additional revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$301,641.00 for the Max Mandel Golf Course Operating Fund. The revenues are from lease purchase proceeds related to the financing of maintenance equipment for the Golf Course. **(Approved by the**

Operations Committee)

2. **Public hearing** allowing interested persons to comment on the 2016-2017 One Year Action Plan which identifies the projects proposed to be funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The City anticipates receiving \$3,436,805.00 in 42nd Action Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, \$854,378.00 through the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and \$311,462.00 through the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). An additional \$4,128.00 is anticipated to be received through CDBG program income, \$95,192.00 in Section 108 Loan Repayment, \$72,000.00 in Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan funds, and \$160,000.00 in HOME program income. The following projects are proposed to be funded:

42nd AY Community Development Block Grant

Community Development Administration	\$661,072
Housing Rehabilitation Administration	\$293,475
Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program (PI)	\$450,000
Code Enforcement	\$511,214
Graffiti Removal Program	\$57,741
Section 108 Loan Repayment	\$95,192
Transitional Housing Development	\$200,000
Downtown Senior Recreational Program	\$156,084
Demolition of Substandard Structures	\$111,847
Canseco Park	\$400,000
Slaughter Park Improvements	\$100,000
St. Vincent de Paul Section 202 Housing Improvements	\$166,500
Farias Recreational Area	\$166,500
District VII Sidewalks	\$166,500
Total	\$3,536,125
Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Administration	\$8,753
Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program	\$63,247
Total	\$72,000

HOME Investment Partnership Grant

HOME Program Administration	\$77,768
Downpayment Assistance Program (PI)	\$160,000
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	\$390,050

15% CHDO Set-Aside	\$128,157
Purchase of Lots	\$258,403
Total	\$1,014,378

Emergency Solutions Grant

ESG Program Administration	\$23,062
Emergency Shelter - Shelter Operations	\$85,000
Emergency Shelter - Essential Operations	\$45,000
Street Outreach	\$10,000
Rapid Re-Housing	\$80,400
Homeless Prevention	\$60,000
Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	\$8,000
Total	\$311,462

3. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** amending the City of Laredo Municipal Housing Fund FY 2015-2016 Annual Budget by increasing revenue and expenditures in the amount of \$14,956.00 for the Downtown Elderly Duplexes located at 1901 Farragut Street. Funds are to be used for operating expenses such as salaries, maintenance repairs, lighting, water and other related improvements.

4. **Public hearing** authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into contract with the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Office of Border Health, to conduct disease self management and chronic disease prevention and amending the FY 2015-2016 budget by appropriating additional revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$60,000.00, and amending the FY 2015-2016 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) listing by adding one (1) Nutritionist, R36 position for the term from May 1, 2016 through August 31, 2016 and renewable three (3) more years contingent on funding availability. **(Approved by the Operations Committee)**

5. **Public hearing and introductory ordinance** authorizing the City Manager to amend the 2016 Transit Capital Budget by increasing revenues and expenses in the amount of \$390,888.00 in order to appropriate FTA Capital Grant TX-2016-009-00 for the purchase of rolling stock. **(Approved by the Operations Committee)**

(Recess)
(Press Availability)

VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

6. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the lease renewals for the Webb County, Head Start Program for the following parcels at their current rate for a one (1) year term, as referenced below:

Jesus Garcia Head Start	2518 Cedar Avenue	\$900.00	
Tatangelo Head Start	2200 Zacatecas Street	\$616.00	
Villa Alegre Head Start	3501 Eagle Pass Avenue	\$893.00	

Leases will be renewed for one (1) year with an additional one (1) year option to extend at a new adjusted rate based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI). **(Approved by the Operations Committee)**

IX. SECOND READING

7. An ordinance granting a Non-Exclusive Electric Franchise to AEP Texas Central Company for the transmission and distribution of electricity; and providing for publication and effective date.

X. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

8. **2016-O-056** Amending the City of Laredo Municipal Housing Fund FY 2016 Annual Budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$220,000.00 and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents related to the Weatherization Grant Program. This grant is being provided to the city by AEP and AEP's consulting firm, Frontier Associates. There is no match requirement - it is based on a reimbursement basis. The program will provide for the replacement of complete central air conditioning and heating units, insulation and other weatherization items at the Tomas Flores Apartments located at 2301 & 2302 Lafayette St. The grant will provide up to \$6,500.00 per unit based on an assessment to determine the applicability and Savings -to-Investment (SIR) ratio and to include an eight percent (8%) administrative fee paid to Laredo Municipal Housing.

9. **2016-O-057** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for a Restaurant Serving Alcohol, on Lot 1, Block 1, Winfield Commercial Subdivision, Phase 13, located at 3402 Del Mar Blvd., Suite 220; providing for publication and effective date. District VI
10. **2016-O-058** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for a Restaurant Serving Alcohol, on Lot 1, Block 1, Winfield Commercial Subdivision, Phase 13, located at 3402 Del Mar Blvd., Suite 100; providing for publication and effective date. District VI
11. **2016-O-059** 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 1, Winfield Commercial Subdivision, Phase 13 located at 3402 Del Mar Boulevard, Suite 300; providing for publication and effective date. District VI
12. **2016-O-060** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 7.62 acres as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located at NE Bob Bullock Loop North of Crepusculo Drive, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date. District VI
13. **2016-O-061** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a pool hall/snack bar on Lots 9 and 10 less the North six feet of Lot 9, Block 86, Western Division, located at 318 and 320 Iturbide Street; providing for publication and effective date. District VIII
14. **2016-O-062** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a welding shop on Lot 7, Block 1330, Eastern Division, located at 906 S. Zapata Highway; providing for publication and effective date. (AS AMENDED) District III
15. **2016-O-063** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a bus terminal on Lots 6 and 7, Block 120, Western Division, located at 801, 803 and 805 Victoria Street; providing for publication and effective date. District VIII
16. **2016-O-064** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for an auto body and paint shop on the middle 1/3 of Lots 7 and 8, Block 1029, Western Division, located at 4103 Santa Maria Avenue; providing for publication and effective date. District VIII

17. **2016-O-065** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 10, 11 and 12; the South 10 feet of Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 793, Eastern Division, located at 1402 Market Street, from R-O (Residential/Office District) to B-1 (Limited Business District); providing for publication and effective date. District III
18. **2016-O-068** Authorizing owner Mr. Antonio Ayala, sole bidder in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. Tract is located adjacent to Borchers Elementary and is legally described as an unimproved 5.23 acre tract of land more or less, situated in Porcion 22, Abstract 277, Dona Maria Jesus Sanchez, original grantee, same being out of a called 8.55 acre tract conveyed to the City of Laredo as recorded in Volume 2952, Pages 134-139, Webb County Official Public Records and more particularly described on attached, Exhibit "A". Funds will be deposited into 2008 C.O. and Waterworks System Fund. Waterworks System funds will be used to purchase needed equipment.

XI. RESOLUTIONS

19. **2016-R-68** Accepting the conveyance of the following fifteen (15) foot Public Utility and Utility Access Easement, for the right to install, construct, reconstruct, repair and perpetually maintain utility improvements from:

CBA Laredo Escon, LP By: Paul C. Arthur, President - Utility easement as follows:

A tract of land containing 10,344 square feet, more or less out of a 21.0948 acre tract of land in Webb County, Texas, situated in Porcion 28, Abstract 241, 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 the Operations Committee)**
20. **2016-R-74** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a contract with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission in the total amount of \$140,000.00 over 5 years (\$20,000.00 for year one; \$30,000.00 for years 2 through 5) for the City of Laredo Health Department to address Chronic Disease Health Disparities in particular diabetes and heart and stroke prevention providing disease self management and access to primary health care for the term period from May 1, 2016 through July 31, 2020, contingent on funding availability.

XII. MOTIONS

21. Authorizing the City Manager to accept a dedication of 6.21 acres for park land from Laredo Four Winds, LTD, Richard Hachar.
 22. Consideration to award contract FY16-030 to Community Development Strategies (CDS), Houston, TX for the creation of a Downtown TIRZ. Contract amount is not to exceed \$140,600.00 and includes the Downtown study, creation and out-of-pocket expenses (travel, postage, reimbursables and related costs). Study includes: conducting a market and economic feasibility study for the city's Downtown area, and should also determine if findings/conditions which exist in the Downtown TIRZ area meet the criteria of the Tax Code of the State of Texas. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund.
 23. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract to pay Killam Development, Ltd. for \$396,903.42 for the oversizing of a waterline from 12" to 24" along Inspiration Parkway (formally Windfield Parkway). Funding is available in the 2015 Water Revenue Bond.
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XIII. 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.

XIII (a) RESOLUTIONS

24. **2016-R-70** Authorizing the City of Laredo to enter into Inter-Local Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the City of Rowlett and authorizing the City Manager to execute the membership agreement. The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate compliance with the State of Texas bidding requirements, to identify qualified vendors of commodities, goods and services, and to realize potential cost savings for the City of Laredo.

25. **2016-R-71** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$81,341.00 to the Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for funding the 2016 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2019. This funding will be used for support staff, equipment and supplies for police operations. The Bureau of Justice Assistance mandates that this grant be divided equally between the City of Laredo and Webb County.
26. **2016-R-72** Ratifying the submittal of a grant application to the South Texas Development Council (STDC) in the amount of \$53,190.61 with no matching funds required. Funds will be used to purchase a glass pulverizer to decrease the amount of glass waste that enters the landfill and to continue beautification efforts for the city.
27. **2016-R-73** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services through the South Texas Development Council (STDC) for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department's Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids Project (HOPWA) to assist with housing and utilities in the amount of \$76,507.00 for the term of February 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017.
28. **2016-R-75** Consideration to grant fee waivers and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and Roberto Carranza for the residential property located at 219 Victoria St., being N ½ of Lot 10, Block 114 Western Division. The proposed residential property eligible for property tax abatement includes the new construction of a 1,286 sq. ft. structure in the total amount of \$19,427.77 which is equal to or in excess of 20% of the Base Value of the property in accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ). This agreement will be for a five (5) year period and will consist of an estimated annual tax abatement total of \$123.75 and estimated total fee waiver of \$696.00 based on capital investment for the purpose of economic development. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information.

XIII (b) MOTIONS

29. Consideration for approval of the selection of consultant for the World Trade Bridge U.S. Customs Exit Booth Expansion for design, preparation of plans and specifications, and authorization to negotiate a professional services contract. Structural Engineering Associates Inc., (SEA) was the sole responder and is recommended for selection. Item will be presented to Council again once consultant is selected and fee is negotiated.

30. Consideration for approval of the selection of consultant Sepulveda Associates Architects, Inc., for the Roof Replacement and Building Improvements for Fire Station No. 1 (One Guadalupe Street) and Fire Station No. 5 (2601 Bartlett Avenue) for design, preparation of plans and specifications, and authorization to negotiate a professional services contract.
31. Consideration for approval of the Roof Replacement of the City of Laredo Environmental Services Building located at 619 Reynolds Street as complete, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$4,750.00 to Aftermath Roofing Construction and Renovation, Inc., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$47,505.00. Funding is available in the Environmental Services Storm Water Fund.
32. Consideration to authorize a lease purchase contract of one (1) aerator, two (2) fairway mowers, three (3) greens mower trailers, three (3) walk greens mowers, four (4) gator utility vehicles, one (1) bunker and field rake utility vehicle, one (1) progator vehicle, one (1) selectspray attachment for the progator vehicle, and one (1) trim and surrounds mower from John Deere Government & National Sales, Cary, North Carolina in the total amount \$285,060.96 for the Max Mandel Golf Course. The purchase of this equipment shall be made utilizing a BuyBoard lease purchase contract. The lease purchase shall be 60 months. The estimated monthly payment shall be \$ 5,214.79. Funding is available in the Max Mandel Golf Course Fund.
33. Consideration to award an annual supply and service contract FY16-045 to the sole bidder, The Brandt Companies LLC., Carrollton, TX in an amount up to \$100,000.00 to provide HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) repair services for various departments. This contract establishes an hourly service rate and cost percentage for parts. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. The contract may be extended for six, additional one (1) year periods. Funding for the additional extensions are subject to future budget appropriations. All services will be purchased on an as needed basis and funding will be secured from the respective user departmental budgets.
34. Consideration to award a two (2) year supply contract to the sole source provider Xylem Water Solutions, Carrollton, Texas for the purchase of replacement submersible water and drainage pumps, parts, and service for the Water Treatment Plant, Wastewater Treatment Plants and lift stations for the Utilities Department. This contract will be for an estimated annual

amount of \$650,000.00 and is subject to future appropriations. All pumps, parts, and services will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Utilities Department budget.

35. Consideration to renew annual supply contracts FY15-044 for the purchase of automotive parts for the Fleet Department to the following vendors:

1) Gonzalez Auto Parts, Laredo, TX, for an amount up to \$200,000.00 (Primary Vendor); and

2) Vehicle Maintenance Program, Boca Raton, FL, for an amount up to \$15,000.00 (Secondary Vendor).

The replacement parts will be purchased on an as needed basis for all City fleet vehicles. The contract items include: oil/fuel filters, front end parts, hoses, clamps, belts, lamp/bulbs service lubricants and brakes. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. There will be no increase during this extension period. This is the first of two extension periods. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.

36. Consideration to award contract FY16-047 to the low Bidder Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation, Corpus Christi, Texas in an amount of up to \$211,680.00 for a three year elevator and escalator maintenance service contract. This contract will provide for monthly maintenance on the elevators and escalators at the following locations: Airport Terminal, Bridges III & IV, City Hall (Downtown), City Hall Annex, Police Department, Public Library, Fire Administration Building, El Mercado, Parking Division, Federal Courthouse, Parks & Leisure Recreation Centers, El Pico Water Treatment Plant, Max Mandel Golf Course, and Uni-Trade Stadium. The term of this contract shall be for a period of three (3) years beginning as of the date of its execution. The contract may be extended for two, additional three (3) year periods. Funding is available in the respective departmental budgets.

37. Consideration to award contract FY16-050 to the low bidder, Aluminum Lamps & Patio Furniture, Laredo, Texas for the purchase of estimated one hundred (100) ornamental sign poles in the amount total amount of \$94,220.00 for the Traffic Safety Department. Funding is available in the 2009 CO funds.

38. Consideration for acceptance, release of retainage, approval of change order No. 3, a credit in the amount of \$55,331.29 for a total final contract amount of \$1,742,297.21, and final payment in the amount of \$120,731.57 to MTZ Construction Inc.; Laredo Texas for the Lift Station, Booster Station and Force Main for the Max Mandel Municipal Golf Course. The construction contract time is extended for an additional on hundred and sixty (160) working days. The new construction time including this change order will be three hundred forty-seven (347) working days. Funding is available in the 2012 Sewer Revenue Bond.
39. Authorizing the City Manager to cancel the BuyBoard contract with Fuquay, Inc, of New Braunfels, Texas, for the repairs required at the McPherson Lift Station in the amount of \$138,100.00. Fuquay (Contractor) made several attempts to by-pass pump raw sewage but was unsuccessful. They requested additional funding to perform the work. City staff felt this was not justified due to scope of work had not changed. City staff and contractor held several meetings to bring this to a resolution but neither could reach an agreement. City staff reached out to BuyBoard Cooperative staff to act as non-partisan third party. BuyBoard Cooperative staff evaluated information provided by both the City and Contractor and ruled in favor of the City.
40. Authorizing the City Manager to award a professional services contract in the amount of \$95,000.00 to JBS Water, Inc. of Houston, Texas for the Comprehensive Water Distribution & Meter Management Audit. Funding is available in the Waterworks Operations Fund.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XIV. STAFF REPORTS

41. Presentation of the independent audit report of First Recycling, LLC at the City of Laredo Municipal Recycling Facility by the independent CPA firm of Mejia & Company, PLLC, with possible action.
42. Discussion with possible action to consider a request for a fourth extension of Injury Leave with pay in accordance with 143.073 (b) of the Texas Local Government Code for Patrol Officer Sergio R. Reyes, Jr.
43. Discussion with possible action to consider a request for a second extension of Injury Leave with pay in accordance with 143.073 (b) of the Texas Local Government Code for Patrol Officer Jose Cisneros.

44. Discussion with possible action to consider a request for a second extension of Injury Leave with pay in accordance with 143.073 (b) of the Texas Local Government Code for Patrol Officer Gilbert Vazquez, III.
45. Status Report on an Internship Program with TAMU to allow students and/or graduates of various disciplines to provide students with opportunities to learn programs, services, regulations and knowledge in various city programs.

XV. 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.

46. Request for executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 to deliberate the value of real property pertaining to a potential purchase of parcels within the Central Business District for municipal purposes, in order to avoid any detrimental effects that a discussion in an open forum would have on the City's ability to negotiate.

XVI. RECESS AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD

47. **2016-RT-05** Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute a grant award no. TX-2016-009-00 with the Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, in the amount of \$312,710.00 for fiscal year 2016 Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Grant Program authorized under the new Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. **(Approved by the Operations Committee)**
48. **2016-RT-06** Authorizing the City Manager to execute the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant no. TX-2016-011, Section 5307 in the amount of \$3,260,305.00 authorized under the new Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act Transportation Bill. Funding will be for Operating and Capital Assistance to the El Metro Bus Operations. The required local match for this grant will be funded with the Transit's Local Sales Tax. **(Approved by the Operations Committee)**

49. Consideration to renew contract FY13-037 for the period of one year to Andy's Auto Air & Supply, Laredo, Texas in the estimated amount of \$60,000.00. This will be the second and final option to extend this contract for providing air conditioning services for the Transit System Fleet. There will be no price increase and contract will be used on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Laredo Transit Management Inc. - Operations Budget. **(Approved by the Operations Committee)**
50. Consideration to authorize the purchase of (1) 40ft. low-floor Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) bus in the amount of \$463,866.00 for Gillig L.L.C ("Gillig") Hayward, California, through a joint procurement with Corpus Christi Regional Transit Authority, Request for Proposal (RFP) No.:2013-V-20. The City of Laredo will execute the provision under the RFP Option 1 for the additional purchase of one (1) CNG bus. Funding is available through the Transit's Sales Tax fund and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities grant. FTA Grant # TX-2016-009-00 in the amount of \$312,710.00 with local match in the amount of \$78,178.00 (20%) from Transit Sales Tax. The remaining balance of \$72,978.00 will be funded by local Transit Sales Tax. **(Approved by the Operations Committee)**
51. Consideration for approval of change order no. 1, an increase of \$54,298.25 to the construction contract with ALC Construction, Inc., Laredo, Texas, for the El Metro Operations and Maintenance Facility – 401 Scott Street Repair/Reconstruction and/or Replacement of Concrete Slabs and Construction Joints for additional concrete removal and concrete replacement of concrete slabs. Current construction contract amount with this change order is \$525,502.00. Completion date for the project is scheduled for August 2016. Funding is available in the Transit Capital Grants Fund/FTA Grant. **(Approved by the Operations Committee)**

XVII. ADJOURN AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD AND RECONVENE AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL

GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 52.

A. Request by Mayor Pete Saenz

- a. A Resolution Adopting and Supporting Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization Resolution 2016-16 Requesting the Texas Transportation Commission ALLOCATE Additional Funds, including but not limited to discretionary funding, to the Laredo Urban Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization and to the Texas Department of Transportation Laredo District to complete mobility projects within the Laredo MPO Boundary.

B. Request by Council Member Alejandro "Alex" Perez

- a. Discussion with possible action to Request for Qualification (RFQ) for a consultant to retrofit all waste water treatment programs with reverse osmosis and/or similar filtration systems to capture and recycle all effluent to make a 100% contained system for the City of Laredo.
- b. Discussion with possible action on the status of the Old Mercy Hospital property.
- c. Discussion with possible action on the recruitment of a full-time veterinarian for the Laredo Animal Care Facility.

C. Request by Council Member Roque Vela, Jr.

- a. Status Report on the Laredo Housing Authority's Casa Verde Apartment Development tax credit application, with possible action.
- b. Discussion with possible action directing staff to televise the Charter Review Committee via Public Access Channel (PAC).

D. Request by Council Member Charlie San Miguel

- a. Discussion with possible action to implement a requirement that all structures 5,000 square feet or more need to be designed by an architect.

E. Request by Council Member George Altgelt

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding the implementation of a xeriscaping ordinance and charging the city environmental advisory committee and the technical review board to recommend to council a proposed ordinance.

- b. Discussion and possible action to require all commercial and industrial structures built in Laredo to be designed by an architect and to be at least LEED "certified" and for all neighborhood developments to be a minimum of LEED "certified".
- c. Presentation by GSA regarding the LEED "gold" standard to be used at both the Convent and Lincoln JUAREZ bridges.

XVIII. 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 1, 2016 at 5:50 p.m.



Heberto "Beto" L. Ramirez
Acting City Secretary