

# **CITY OF LAREDO CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**A-2017-R-04  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1110 HOUSTON STREET  
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040  
March 20, 2017  
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 February 21, 2017**

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

**Communiqués**

## **Recognitions**

1. Recognizing Kaydee Moncivias on Clean & Jerk Texas State Record Holder 58kg class with a 51kg lift. She also took Gold at the Texas State Meet and is currently ranked 6th in the Nation in her respective age/weight class and also recognizing Miguel Garcia on Clean & Jerk Texas State Record Holder with a lift of 118kg. He also took Gold at the Texas State Meet and is currently ranked 1st in the Nation in his respective weight class.
2. Recognizing the St. Augustine Knights, District 6-5A champions who remained undefeated with 6 wins and 0 losses and then advanced to Area and won and on to Regionals before being eliminated. The last time the Knights advanced this far in championship play was in 1998, 19 years ago.
3. Recognizing the FTC Robotics Team of Harmony Science Academy students for presenting 50 projects on February 11, 2017 in Brownsville, TX for the 57th Annual RGV Regional Science Fair. The heavily competitive science fair gained 6 projects advancing to the Texas Science and Engineering Fair on April 1st, 2017 in San Antonio, Texas.
4. Recognizing the 2017 Laredo Martin Tiger Basketball team for remaining undefeated District Champions and recognizing Coach Hector "Hecky" Noyola for being named Coach of the year for District 31-5A.

## **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**

1. Appointment by Council Member Roberto Balli of Jose Salvador Tellez to the Municipal Civil Service Commission.
2. Appointment by Mayor and City Council Members to the Board of Directors of the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number One (TIRZ 1) known as the Downtown TIRZ.
3. Appointment by Council Member George Altgelt of to the Ethics Commission.

4. Appointment by Council Member George Altgelt of to the Laredo Commission for Women.
5. Appointment by Council Member George Altgelt of to People with Disabilities Blue Ribbon Committee.
6. Appointment by Council Member George Altgelt of Anna Laura Cavazos-Ramirez to the Animal Care Facility Advisory Committee.
7. Appointment by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez of Jorge Vela to the Board of Adjustments.
8. Appointment by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez of Isela Martinez to the Para Transit Advisory Committee.
9. Appointment by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez of Alexandra Colessides to the Animal Care Facility Advisory Committee.
10. Appointment by Mayor Pro-Tempore Alex Perez of Cathy Karen to the Animal Care Facility Advisory Committee.
11. Appointment by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr., of Cindy E. Cantu to the Animal Care Facility Advisory Committee.
12. Appointment by Mayor and City Council Members to the Animal Care Facility Advisory Committee representing the Animal Welfare Organization.
13. Appointment by Mayor and City Council Members of Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr., to the Animal Care Facility Advisory Committee.
14. Appointment by Mayor and City Council Members of the Animal Care Facility Department Director to the Animal Care Facility Advisory Committee in accordance with the Health and Safety Code, Section 823.005.

## VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Public Hearing** amending the 2016 One Year action Plan to allow for the reprogramming of CDBG funds totaling \$761,910.00. It is proposed that the reprogrammed funds be utilized to fund the following projects: District IV Sidewalks and school approaches (\$115,408.00), District II Sidewalks (\$100,000.00), Las Flores Park (\$96,502.00), Freddy Benavides Park Amenities (\$100,000.00), South Laredo Nature Center (\$150,000.00) and El Eden Basketball Court Shade Structure (\$200,000.00). It is further proposed that the newly created projects be funded through the use of fund balances and canceled activities listed below:

38 <sup>th</sup> Action Year (AY) Canceled Activity
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Demolition of Substandard Structures	\$49,880.00
<b>34<sup>th</sup> – 38<sup>th</sup> AY Fund Balances</b>	
34 <sup>th</sup> Action Year	\$21,353.00
35 <sup>th</sup> Action Year	\$30,212.00
36 <sup>th</sup> Action Year	\$9,179.00
37 <sup>th</sup> Action Year	\$1,957.00
38 <sup>th</sup> Action Year	\$2,827.00
<b>39<sup>th</sup> AY Fund Balances</b>	
Dryden Park Soccer Field	\$600.00
Cigarroa Park Area Improvements	\$1,248.00
<b>41<sup>st</sup> AY Fund Balances</b>	
Downtown Senior Rec. Center	\$75,165.00
Administration	\$111,193.00
Housing Rehabilitation	\$5,342.00
Code Enforcement	\$48,847.00
Graffiti	\$4,107.00
<b>42<sup>nd</sup> AY Canceled Activity</b>	
Canseco Neighborhood Center	\$400,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$761,910.00</b>

2. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the City of Laredo's FY 2107 annual budget by appropriating additional revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$123,008.00 in the 2015 CO Bond - Fire Station Repairs account. These funds are a reimbursement from Texas Municipal League insurance for the Fire Station #3- San Bernardo roof leak claim. Funding is available in the 2015 CO Bond.
  
3. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 1, Ejido Subdivision, located at 3301 Santa Barbara St., from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District); providing for publication and effective date.  
ZC-20-2017

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

District I

4. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 2, Block 1, The Reserve Commercial Plat Phase II, located at 2610 E Del Mar Blvd., from B-1 (Limited Commercial District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.  
ZC-21-2017

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

District VI

5. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 70.73 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located at south of Ranch Road 6086 B, from M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District); provided for publication and effective date.  
ZC-22-2017

Staff supports the application and Planning & Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change.

District II

6. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 5.23 Acres out of DM Sanchez Tract 1, Abstract 277, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located east of Backwoods Trail and north of Shiloh Drive., from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District).

Staff supports the application and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the Zone Change.

District VI

7. **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 Lots 64 and 65, Block 2, North Creek Subdivision, located at 1010 E. Hillside Rd.

Staff does not support the application and the Planning and Zoning

Commission recommends approval of the Special Use Permit.  
District V

8. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Laredo Land Development Code, Article IV, Section 24.63.2, Permitted Land Uses by removing "Jail (Criminal Detention)" from Permitted Uses in a B-4 Zoning District; providing for publication and effective date.

**(Recess)**  
**(Press Availability)**

## **VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES**

9. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement renewal with Securitas Security Services USA, Inc., for approximately 120 square feet of office space and an exclusive office entry lane for approximately 1,020 square feet at Juarez-Lincoln International Bridge (Bridge II).
  1. Lease term is for one (1) year commencing April 1, 2017 and ending on March 31, 2018.
  2. Monthly rent will be \$3,500.00 for approximately 120 square feet of office space and an exclusive office entry lane of approximately 1,020 square feet at Juarez-Lincoln International Bridge (Bridge II).
  3. The lease may be terminated by either party with a thirty (30) day written notice.
10. Amending Chapter 28 of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances by repealing and replacing Article II to be entitled, "sign regulations" establishing comprehensive rules and regulations governing all signs within the city; providing a severability, savings, repealing, and penalty clause; establishing an effective date; and providing for publication.
11. An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 13 Food and Food Products; creating Article V Urban Agriculture; allowing for home gardens, community gardens, and district gardens; providing a severability clause; providing a penalty clause; providing for publication; and declaring an effective date.

12. An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 28, Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places, Article V, Commercial Use of Streets, Sidewalks and other Public Places, by amending section 28-101 to provide an exception for street performers in the central business district; amending section 28-102 to include two new definitions: "street performance" and "street performer"; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; providing a penalty clause; providing for publication; and declaring an effective date.
13. Amending Ordinance No 2016-O-192 to provide for appointment of two additional directors, expanding the Board of Directors of Reinvestment Zone number one, City of Laredo, Texas; Containing findings and provisions related to the foregoing subject; and providing a severability clause.
14. Authorizing the City Manager to grant a non-exclusive franchise to Rubio's Development Inc. DBA R-Waste to use the present and future streets, avenues, alleys, roads, highways, sidewalks, easements and other public rights-of-way of the City of Laredo, Texas for container refuse gathering and disposing service, setting forth terms and conditions to govern the franchise; providing a severability clause, a savings clause and providing for publication and effective date.
15. Authorizing the City Manager to convey an easement and right of way to AEP Texas INC., located at, and to serve the Sophia Industrial Park Lift Station on N. Unitec, one (1) conveyance over a tract of land containing 0.13 acres of land, more or less, out of a 20.00 acre tract owned by the City of Laredo Sewer Treatment Plant, situated in Santiago Sanchez, Original Grantee, Abstract 278 as described in easement conveyance attached as Exhibit "A"; and providing for an effective date.
16. Authorizing the City Manager to convey an easement and right of way to AEP Texas INC., located at, and to serve the South Laredo WWTP, one (1) conveyance over a tract of land containing 0.04 acres (1,830 s.q. ft) of land, more or less, out of a 84.794 acre tract owned by the City of Laredo Sewer Treatment Plant, situated in Porcion 36, Laureano Salinas, Original Grantee, Abstract 473 as described in easement conveyance attached as Exhibit "A"; and providing for an effective date.

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

17. **2017-O-025** Authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment No.1 to License Agreement (“License”) by and between the City of Laredo, a municipal corporation (“Licensor”), and Texas Telecommunications, LLC, a Texas limited liability company (“Licensee”) dated June 20, 2011, and attached hereto; to allow Licensee to expand the Premises by adding ground space consisting of approximately 300 square feet in order to provide for additional facilities to be installed at and on the Premises located at 1501 Water St; as described in Exhibit “B-1” and “C-1;” therefore replacing Exhibit “B” with Exhibit “B-1;” and Exhibit “C” with Exhibit “C-1” and increase Licensee’s rent by \$12,500.00 per year commencing on February 21, 2017 and shall thereafter increase in accordance with paragraph 3 of the License; all other terms and conditions remain in full force and effect.
18. **2017-O-027** Authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services through the South Texas Development Council (STDC) and amending the FY 2016-2017 Budget by appropriating additional revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$803,306.00 for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department Housing Opportunities for Persons with aids Project (HOPWA) for the term of February 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018, the Ryan White Program for the term of April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018, and the State Services Program and State Services Rebate for the term of September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018.
19. **2017-O-028** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by repealing Ordinance No. 2015-O-011 and authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a Auto Dealer (primarily used), on Lot 4, Block 848, Eastern Division, located at 1519 E. San Pedro St.; providing for publication and effective date.
20. **2017-O-030** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 10 and E ½ of Lot 11, Block 1149, Eastern Division, located at 2006 Chihuahua St., from R-O (Residential/ Office District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.
21. **2017-O-031** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by repealing Ordinance No. 2015-O-011 and authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a Child Daycare Center, located at Lot 1, Block 1, City of Laredo HR Plat, located at 510 E. Del Mar Blvd.; providing for publication and effective date.



22. **2017-O-032** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 1, Winfield Commercial Phase 13, located at 3402 Del Mar Blvd., from B-1 (Limited Commercial District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.  
ZC-12-2017

District VI

23. **2017-O-033** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 1, Winfield Commercial Phase 12, located at 3320 Del Mar Blvd., from B-1 (Limited Commercial District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.  
ZC-17-2017

District VI

24. **2017-O-034** Accepting a supplemental grant award and amending the City of Laredo FY 2016-2017 Financial Task Force fund budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$66,350.00 for operational expenses awarded by the Office of the National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA). Funds will be used to pay operational expenses for the Laredo Police Department HIDTA Task Force from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017.

25. **2017-O-035** Authorizing the City Manager to execute a second amendment to the current multi-year lease agreement between the City of Laredo and UETA of Texas, Inc. as successor-in-interest to UETA Group, Inc. by modifying the premises to include the addition of a standalone office within the International Bridge 1 Administrative Building, together with three (3) appurtenant parking spaces immediately adjacent thereto.

## **X. 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.**

### **X (a) RESOLUTIONS**

26. **2017-R-29** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$80,000.00 to the Office of The Governor, Criminal Justice Department, for funding the 2018 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for the period of October 01, 2017 through September 30, 2018. This funding will provide overtime for the Anti-Gang Unit which will target Criminal Street Gangs by identifying, monitoring, suppressing and documenting criminal gang activities and maintaining the TX-Gang database.
27. **2017-R-30** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Office of The Governor, Criminal Justice Department, for a Violent Crime Grant under the 2018 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) for the period of October 01, 2017 through September 30, 2018. This grant will fund a position for the Domestic Awareness Service Program. The City of Laredo will match at least 35% of the grant funds. Funding is available in the PD Department Budget.
28. **2017-R-31** Authorizing City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$83,183.00 to the Office of the Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) for the purpose of funding the 2017 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)-Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA) Grant. This funding will be used to replace one fully equipped bomb vehicle that is essential and necessary in the prevention of terrorism events. No local match is required.
29. **2017-R-32** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Advance Funding Agreement For A Surface Transportation Program Metropolitan Mobility-Off System Project (CSJ# 0922-33-165) for the development of a schematic, environmental document and construction of a five lane rural highway facility for a new roadway connecting Mines Road to IH-35 across the Hachar and Reuthinger tracts. The total project cost is estimated to be \$31,635,324. The City's participation will be \$4,919,144 which includes various payments totaling \$607,062. Funding for the City's participation is available in the 2016 C.O.
30. **2017-R-33** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$310,000.00 to the Office of the Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) for the purpose of funding the 2018 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.

31. **2017-R-34** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a loan application to the Texas State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) in the amount of \$7,500,000.00 to fund the identified Utility Cost Reduction Projects such as leak detection systems, meter management, Variable frequency drive. By securing this loan through Texas SECO, the City of Laredo will save approximately \$1,755,400.00 per year for at least 4.3 years, for a total savings of \$7,548,220.00. The loan will be paid by the energy savings.
32. **2017-R-35** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Advance Funding Agreement For A Surface Transportation Program Metropolitan Mobility-Off System Project (CSJ# 0922-33-175) to prepare plans, specifications and estimates (including right-of-way mapping) for a new roadway connecting Mines Road to IH-35 across the Hachar and Reuthinger tracts. Total project costs is estimated to be \$1,833,226. Local participation of \$216,893.00 will be funded from the 2015 and 2016 C.O.'s which includes an initial payment of \$112,823.00.
33. **2017-R-36** Authorizing the City Manager to allow the City to follow the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT's) procurement process for any Hike and Bike Trail related projects which are federally funded through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). This special procurement process FHWA, 23 CFR PART 172 which differs from the City of Laredo's procurement process is required by TXDOT for projects which will be a condition of recent and future Advance Funding Agreements. The special procurement process is attached herein and incorporated as Exhibit A.
34. **2017-R-37** Authorizing fee waivers and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and Los Cardenas Plan Ltd. for the commercial property located at 919 Corpus Christi St. and 918 Laredo St. being Lots 3, 4 & 6, Block 555 Eastern Division respectively. The proposed commercial property eligible for property tax abatement includes construction of two new structures of approximately 2,720 and 2,970 sq. ft. respectively in the total amount of approximately \$481,177.50 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 ten (10) year period and will consist of an estimated annual tax abatement total of \$3,065.10 and estimated total fee waivers of \$2,187.90 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.

35. **2017-R-38** Authorizing fee waivers and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and Moda Re Investments for the commercial property located at 1119 Flores Ave. being Lots 6 & 8, Block 195 Western Division. The proposed commercial property eligible for property tax abatement includes rehabilitation of the existing structure of approximately 12,312 sq. ft. in the total amount of approximately \$465,184.00 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 ten (10) year period and will consist of an estimated annual tax abatement total of \$2,963.22 and estimated total fee waivers of \$2,129.40 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.
36. **2017-R-39** Authorizing fee waivers and a Chapter 380 sales tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and Jose Gonzalez for a proposed business located at 811 Iturbide St. being Lot 8, Block 26 Western Division. The proposed business eligible for reimbursement of their own generated sales tax equal to 1% of the City's portion for up to a maximum of their estimated initial investment amount of \$63,505.00 including building improvements, furniture, fixtures and equipment exceeding the minimum of \$25.00 per square foot of occupied space in accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for Economic Development Incentive Program along Iturbide "IT Street" (Phase I). This agreement will consist of an estimated maximum amount of \$63,505.00 within a five (5) year period of the certificate of occupancy issued date and estimated total fee waivers of \$615.00 based on initial investment for the purpose of economic development. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information.
37. **2017-R-41** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a contract from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in the amount of \$5,422,236.00 for the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program of the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) to continue to provide nutrition education and food supplemental services to high risk women and children for the term period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.
38. **2017-R-42** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a continuation grant application in the estimated amount of \$405,010.00 to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to continue the City of Laredo Health Department Healthy Texas Women Program in order to provide primary care, women's preventive health care, prenatal care, family planning, chronic disease prevention clinic services, diagnostic, and laboratory services for the term period from July 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018 and

further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant.

39. **2017-R-43** A resolution of the city council of the City of Laredo, Texas expressing support for the enactment of comprehensive immigration reform that: (1) benefits families, businesses and investors, and (2) deters human trafficking and illegal entry into the United States.
40. **2017-R-44** A resolution of the city council of the City of Laredo, Texas expressing support for a virtual wall that: (1) uses technology to keep Laredo and the United States secure; and (2) supporting a border security solution that incorporates eradication and mitigation of carrizo cane as a means to increase visibility and accessibility along the border.
41. **2017-R-46** Designating and creating a Neighborhood Empowerment Zone, number two (#2) within the City of Laredo, and making the necessary findings of public benefit and public purpose to support the creation of the zone in districts I and II for south area in the City of Laredo for the purpose of development.

#### **X (b) MOTIONS**

42. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between South Texas Aging & Disability Resource Center ADRC (part of the South Texas Development Council) and the City of Laredo effective as of March 1, 2017. The MOU describes the cooperative arrangements by which entities shall make and receive referrals and assist the target population in accessing needed long term support services. The South Texas ADRC is not intended to replace any role or responsibility of its partnering agencies, but rather to help facilitate their missions. The MOU shall be reviewed annually and can be terminated with 30 days notice.
43. Authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo's 2016 One Year Action Plan for the purpose of programming Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds totaling \$1,428,709.00 for the purpose of rehabilitation and converting an existing building located downtown at 820 Convent for the purpose of designing 8 to 10 one bedroom rental housing units to be available to low income elderly individuals.

44. Authorizing the City Manager to submit an application as the lead applicant to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the 2017 Lead Based Paint Hazard Control (LBPHC) Grant Program in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, for which a 10% of matching funds is required, plus an additional \$150,000.00 of Healthy Homes supplemental funding for a total funding amount of \$1,150,000.00. It is also proposed that CDBG funds be used for the 10% match.
45. Authorizing the City Manager to advertise the public sale of “the surface only” of a vacant tract of land containing 69,440 square feet (1.594 acres) more or less, identified as all of block number seven hundred twelve (712), in the Western Division, of the City of Laredo, recorded in the map records of Webb County.
46. Authorizing the selection of W.D. Schock Company, Inc. of Nashville, Tennessee as the Sound Insulation consulting firm in support of the Laredo International Airport's Noise Compatibility Program and authorizing staff to negotiate a contract for services to implement Phase 12 of the residential sound insulation improvements.
47. Consideration for approval of the World Trade International Bridge Port of Entry Hazardous Material Containment Facility as complete, approval of change order no. 2, a decrease of \$72,829.86 for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place, and includes liquidated damages assessment of \$28,000.00, and to add thirty-seven (37) calendar days to the construction contract time for weather, holidays and other delays, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$30,112.18 to Vision Construction Company, Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$1,134,243.54. Funding is available in the Bridge Construction Fund.
48. Consideration for approval of amendment no. 3, an increase of \$7,348.00 to the professional services contract with Structural Engineering Associates, Inc., San Antonio, Texas for the World Trade Bridge On-Site HazMat Containment Facility for additional project management, site visits, and project coordination caused by construction delays by the construction contractor. Current engineering contract amount with this amendment is \$167,038.72. Funding is available in the Bridge Construction Fund.
49. Consideration for approval of award of construction contract to the lowest bidder, ALC Construction, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the base bid amount of \$47,700.00 for the CDBG Farias Recreational Area Improvements with a construction contract time of forty (40) 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 May 2017. Funding is available in the Community Development Fund – 39<sup>th</sup> Action Year Grant.

50. Consideration for approval of the Bartlett Avenue Extension Project between University Blvd. and Del Mar Blvd. as complete, approval of change order no. 1, a decrease of \$68,855.89 for the balance of quantities actually complete, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$374,781.33 to D & J Alexander Management, L.P., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$7,865,869.11. Funding is available in the 2014 Certificate of Obligation.
51. Authorizing the City Manager to approve the purchase of a modular building for the City of Laredo Health Department Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition, supplemental and health promotion Larga Vista clinic. Funding is available through the Health Department WIC Budget.
52. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Dr. David H. Cruz, MD, PA as an independent contractor to provide daily medical services (1 to 4 hours per day/ 5 days per week) to all City employees at the Employee Health and Wellness Clinic. The term is for a period of two (2) years with an additional two (2) one (1) year renewal option, exercisable by the City Manager. The agreement would be renewable at the expiration of said term by the mutual consent from both parties, and may be extended on a month to month basis if needed. The cost shall not exceed \$60,000.00 per year and funding is available in the Risk Management Fund/Employee Health and Wellness Division budget.
53. Consideration for approval to award a professional services contract to Tetra Tech, Inc., Irvine, California, for an amount not to exceed \$293,221.00 for updating/revising and completing for submittal by the City, a Feasibility Study of the Rio Grande Basin – Chacon Creek to The U.S. Assistant Secretary of the Army – Civil Works for review as authorized under Section 203 of the WRDA of 1986, as amended by Section 1014(a) of the WRRDA of 2014. Funding is available in the 2016 Environmental C.O.
54. Authorizing the City Manager to grant two public firework displays in the month of April for the Grand Opening of the new Outlet Mall at 1600 Water St. The technicians for the display will be Dynamic Effects and Fireworks. There will be no financial impact.

55. Authorizing the City Manager to issue payment to Sig Sauer, Inc., in the amount of \$150,025.00 for the trade-in weapons that were purchased by PD officers. Funding is available in the Police Trust Fund.
56. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease purchasing agreement with AT&T Capital Services, Inc., for the acquisition of equipment and IP Flex services to upgrade the Laredo Police Department 21 year old phone system. The lease purchase will be under DIR Contract TSO-2652 in the total amount of \$67,476.73 including principal and interest. Funding for the lease purchase payments is available in the Police Department General Fund Budget.
57. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a service contract with AT&T and Affiliated Companies, Dallas, TX to acquire IP Flexible Reach communication services and upgrade City of Laredo's phone system at various city locations including City Hall, City Hall Annex and TeleComm. This is a 60 month service contract, which includes domestic long distance calling, under DIR Contract: DIR-TEX-ANNG-CTSA-005 for approximately \$3,641.08 monthly service fee and is subject to future appropriations. Funding for this contract is available in the various user department's operational budgets.
58. Consideration to renew the existing annual contract FY13-026 to Austin Wood Recycling, Cedar Park, Texas in an amount up to \$106,200.00 for the grinding of wood waste material (brush, branches, pallets, etc.,) at the City Landfill. Approximately 100,000 cubic yards of material will be disposed on an annual basis. All services will be secured on an as needed basis. There will be no price increase during this extension period. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. This is the last extension period for this contract. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Services Department Fund.
59. Consideration to award contract FY17-030 to the low bidder Petroleum Solutions, Edinburgh, Texas in the amount of \$84,955.50 for the replacement of various fueling facilities fuel dispensers for the Fleet Department. The project shall consist of replacing six fuel dispensers and to include all labor, equipment, and related appurtenances as per bid specifications. The installation shall be turn-key and fully compatible with the current SentryGold fuel management system from Trak Engineering. The estimated time for completion of this project is between sixty and ninety working days. Funding is available in the Fleet Department budget fund.



60. Consideration to renew the existing six (6) month contract FY14-039 to Hollon Oil Company, Weslaco, Texas in an amount up to \$88,000.00 for the purchase of motor oil and lubricants for the Fleet Department. The term of this contract shall be for a period of six (6) months beginning as of the date of its execution. There will be no price increase during this extension period. This is the sixth of eight extension periods. All lubricants will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.

61. Consideration to renew and amend contract FY15-050 to the sole bidder MO-VAC, Environmental Inc., McAllen, Texas in an amount up to \$81,250.00 for the transportation and disposal of leachate contaminated water for the Solid Waste Services Department to comply with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regulations. Due to an increase in usage, the proposed 25% would help fund these services before the end of the contract term. The term of this contract shall be for one (1) year and contract may be extended four (4) additional one (1) year periods. If the pricing remains the same or price adjustment has mutual agreement from both parties and the City agrees to extend the contract, the contract shall automatically renew for another one year period. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Services Department fund.

62. Consideration to authorize the final renewal extension and to amend the existing annual contract FY14-002 for the purchase of Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) parts/service for the City's Case and John Deere equipment currently awarded to:

1. RDO Equipment, South Fargo, North Dakota, in an amount up to \$112,500.00; and

2. Nueces Power Equipment, Corpus Christi, Texas, in an amount up to \$72,500.00.

The 25% increase is due to an unforeseen increase in the usage of this contract, the amendment to the contract is necessary in order to meet the city's needs. All parts will be secured on an as needed basis. There will be no price increase during this extension period. The term of these contracts shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. This is the last extension period for this contract. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.

63. Consideration to renew the existing annual service contract FY14-044 to Rafter P. Transport Inc., New Braunfels, Texas, in an amount up to \$100,000.00 to haul and load dry sludge from the Jefferson Water Treatment Plant to the City of Laredo landfill. This contract is based on a \$6.00 per cubic yard load rate. All services will be secured on an as needed

basis. There will be no price increase during this extension period. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. This is the third of five extension periods. Funding is available in the Utilities Department – Waste Water Budget.

64. Consideration to amend contract for the purchase of one (1) Broce self propelled sweeper to allow for a vendor name change from Nueces Power Equipment, Laredo, Texas to Cooper Equipment, San Antonio, Texas in the same amount of \$69,511.05. The purchase of this sweeper is for the Solid Waste Services Department utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program was previously approved by City Council on February 6, 2017. There will be no price change in the purchase of the sweeper; the only change is the vendor name to Cooper Equipment in San Antonio, Texas. Purchase order no. 278889 shall be canceled and a new purchase order shall be issued to Cooper Equipment. Funding is available in the 2016 Public Property Finance Contractual Obligation Bond proceeds.

65. Consideration to award annual supply contract FY17-024 to the following bidders:

- 1) Beaver's Source, Laredo, Texas;
- 2) Eagle Supply, Laredo, Texas;
- 3) Safe-T-Supplies, Laredo, Texas;
- 4) Laredo Safety Products, Laredo, Texas and
- 5) South Texas Specialties, Laredo, Texas.

for the purchase of safety supplies in an amount up to \$150,000.00 for all City departments. This contract establishes pricing and discount percentage for those safety supplies most commonly utilized by City departments. This contract has four extension periods and can be renewed upon mutual agreement of both parties. All items will be purchased on an as needed basis and funding will be secured from the user department budgets.

66. Ratification of contract FY17-026 to the low bidder ROMO Contractor, Laredo, Texas in the amount of \$225,000.00 for the rehabilitation of Fire Station# 1 located at One Guadalupe Street, Laredo, Texas. The project consists of rehab, remodeling and construction to include all labor, materials, and related appurtenances as per bid specifications. Electrical wiring and plumbing repairs are not included in this project since they were awarded

separately. The estimated time for completion of this project is ninety (90) working days; notice to proceed was given upon contract execution so that improvements could commence immediately. Funding is available in the 2015 Contractual Obligation Bond.

67. Consideration to award contract FY17-028 to Hector Cabello Wrecker Services, Laredo, TX in the annual amount of \$70,000.00 for Non-Police City owned Vehicles Towing Services. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning the date of its execution. This contract can be extended three (3) additional one year periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. All services will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding for this contract is available in the Fleet Department's budget.
68. Consideration to award supply contract FY17-027 to the sole bidder, Century Asphalt, Houston, Texas in an estimated amount up to \$100,000.00 for the purchase of tack coat emulsified asphalt oil used for street paving projects. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. This contract has four extension periods. The asphalt oils are purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Public Works and Utilities Departments construction projects budgets.
69. Authorizing the City Manager to approve amendment No. 1, in the amount of \$13,140.00 to Porras Nance Engineering Laredo, Texas. The consultant provided additional surveying, engineering design and construction services for the replacement of the existing waterlines crossing the proposed 24" waterline along Santa Cleotilde. This amendment will bring the total contract amount to \$363,140.00. This amendment is funded with the 2015 Water Revenue Bond.
70. Authorizing City Manager to sign a professional services contract with Carollo Engineers Inc., Dallas, Texas in the amount of \$100,000.00 for Phase 1 which will evaluate El Pico Water Treatment Plant process capacity, regulatory capacity, and hydraulic capacity in order to increase capacity from 20 MGD to 30 MGD. Also, identify hydraulic issues or areas that would require further investigation for the re-rating of El Pico Water Treatment Plant. Funding is available in the 2015 Water Revenue Bond.
71. Consideration for acceptance of the rehabilitation of 6 inch to 10 inch Sanitary Sewer Lines in the Downtown Area located along Water Street, Iturbide Street, Convent Avenue and Santa Maria Avenue to Insituform Technologies, LLC., Chesterfield, Missouri through the Buy Board Cooperative Purchasing Program's Contract Pricing and approval of Final Change Order No. 1, a decrease in the amount of \$15,731.48 to adjust

items and quantities of work actually done in place with 64 additional Calendar Days. Also, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$5,309.43. Final Construction Contract Amount is \$106,188.62 and total construction time was 120 calendar days. Funding is available in the 2011 Sewer Revenue Bond

72. Authorizing City Manager to award and execute the construction contract to the lowest bidder, Landmark Structures I, L.P. , Fort Worth, Texas in the amount of \$5,849,200.00 for the Installation of a 2.5 Million Gallon (MG) Elevated Storage Tank (EST) on San Isidro Subdivision, pending the approval of Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Construction time is three hundred and fifty (350) working days for final completion. Funding is available in the 2015 & 2015A Water Revenue TWDB bonds.
73. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts to be adjusted for the month of February 2017, represent a decrease of \$17,100.75. These adjustments are determined by the Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.
74. Consideration for approval of the selection of architectural consultants based on Request For Qualifications (RFQ) received and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate a contract for the design, bidding and construction management of the Office Building for the North Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant.
75. Authorizing the City Manager to approve Change Order No. 1, with an increase of fifty-seven (55) working days and an increase of \$26,000.00 in contract amount to the construction contract with Azar Services, LLC., Laredo, Texas, for the Cielito Lindo Lift Station Elimination Project. This change order is due to conflict of proposed force main with the existing communication cable line that impacted the work. The contract sum is \$130,875.00 and the new total completion period is eighty five (85) working days. Funding is available in 2012 Sewer Revenue Bond.

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## **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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## **XI. STAFF REPORTS**

76. Presentation with possible action on municipal landfill Request for Proposals, authorizing the City Manager to beginning negotiations with the sole responder Regional Land Management Services, Ltd., owners of Ponderosa Regional Landfill.
77. Presentation with possible action on the municipal cemetery Request for Proposals.
78. Presentation by USD on the design progress of the Aquatic Center, with possible action.
79. Presentation on the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) prepared by the City of Laredo's Financial Services Department and audited by the independent audit firm of Canales, Garza, and Baum, P.L.L.C.
80. Presentation by Michael F. Rodgers, Assistant Utilities Director regarding the late fees exemption for Veterans, with possible action.

## **XII. 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.

## **XIII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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### **A. Request by Mayor Pete Saenz**

1. Discussion with possible action on presentation by Nuevo Laredo officials of "Nuevo Laredo's Desarrollo del Centro Historico", i.e., Secured Tourist Zone, south of Bridge 1 by Avenida Guerrero.
2. Discussion with possible action to create: Consejo Bi-Nacional Dos Laredos.

3. Discussion with possible action on temporary closure of Bridge 1 to have Bridge fiesta event celebrating US-Mexico Border culture and heritage.
4. Discussion with possible action on amending certain provisions of Chapter 19 of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to the administrative adjudication of stopping, standing and parking violations, and other matters properly related thereto.

**B. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Alejandro "Alex" Perez**

1. Update on utility repairs and resurfacing of Lane street in the Heights area.

**C. Request by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.**

1. Discussion with possible action to develop a city ordinance that prohibits mobile snack trucks from conducting business past a certain hour; and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to explore the possibility of establishing a Special Needs Recreation Center and Community Fine Arts & Culture Center in District 4; and any other matters incident thereto.
3. Discussion with possible action on the City of Laredo's investment in the proposed Buenos Aires Community Center, now identified as the Fernando A. Salinas Community Center currently under the jurisdiction of Webb County and to propose a demand letter requesting that Webb County complete the project in a certain time period or demand reimbursement of City's investment or request transfer of property to the City of Laredo to adequately complete the project; and any other matters incident thereto.

**D. Request by Council Member Nelly Vielma**

1. Discussion with possible action to establish an invocation protocol to initiate City Council Meetings. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Charlie San Miguel)**
2. Discussion with possible action to request a report by the Internal Auditor

of the current contractor's insurance, bond, lapses and tax delinquencies with the city. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member George Altgelt)**

**E. Request by Council Member Charlie San Miguel**

1. Discussion with possible action regarding the Public's Health and Safety specific to the issuing and enforcement of permits applying to building, electrical, mechanical HVAC, irrigation, right-of-way, swimming pool, manufactured home installation, sign contractors; and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to discuss the drainage ordinance as proposed by the Technical Review Board. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member George Altgelt)**

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

1. Discussion with possible action regarding a downtown street musician and street performance ordinance tailored to the Downtown Arts & Entertainment District.
2. Discussion with possible action regarding proposals on the Boulevard of the Americas Project.

**XIV. 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, March 15, 2017 at 6:45 p.m.

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Heberto "Beto" L. Ramirez  
Acting City Secretary