CITY OF LAREDO

RECOGNITION AND COMMUNICATION NOTICE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
August 7, 2017
5:00 P.M.

The Mayor will be presenting the following:

1. Recognizing the 18U Laredo Palomino girls softball team for winning the South Zone Girls Softball World Series.
2. Recognizing Lupita Zepeda on the occasion of her retirement after 39 years of working with AT&T; she is known as a strong civic leader and advocate for her community and the surrounding area and for building consensus with all levels of government.
3. Recognizing Carol Sherwood, Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity and staff for organizing "The Hottest Golf Tournament in Texas". Proceeds of the fundraiser benefited the Laredo victims of the storm disaster that hit our City on May 21st, 2017. Mrs. Sherwood is being recognized for her hard work, dedication, and commitment to the constituents of Laredo. We recognize and commend Mrs. Sherwood's efforts in taking the lead to organize this event.
4. Recognizing the Laredo Ladies Dribblers 7th grade basketball team for winning 3rd place Gold Bracket at the Orlando, Florida Youth Basketball of America (YBOA) National Tournament.
5. Recognizing the Customs and Border Protection executive staff at the Laredo Port and Entry and Field Operations for their truly exemplary leadership during a critical time for the Port of Laredo. They made giant strides in solidarity with their Mexican counterparts and all of the stakeholders in the trade and international commerce industry in response to the May 21st storm event that severely affected the infrastructure and operations at World Trade Bridge on both sides of the border. Their quick action to restore Laredo's and Nuevo Laredo's trade handling operations, intuiting immediate lines of communication and problem solving is to be commended. We applaud their recent work and look forward to a continued strong working relationship.
6. Recognizing Isabella D. Hernandez as this year's Laredo Noon Optimist Club Oratorical Contest winner. As a 5th grader at Our Lady of Guadalupe School here in Laredo, she went on to compete statewide at the Oratorical Contest in Corpus Christi.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A-2017-R-12

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LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
August 7, 2017
5:30 P.M.

DISABILITY ACCESS STATEMENT

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aid or services are requested to contact Heberto "Beto" L. Ramirez, Acting City Secretary, at (956) 791-7308 at least two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. The accessible entrance and accessible parking spaces are located at City Hall, 1100 Victoria Ave.

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.

Pursuant to the Texas Penal Code (trespass by holder of license to carry a handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (Concealed Handgun Law or Handgun Licensing Law), may not enter into the City Council Chamber while City Council is in session with a concealed or openly-carried handgun.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

IV. ROLL CALL

V. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of July 17, 2017 and July 24, 2017

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. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 8.10 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located at South of Flecha Lane and West of FM 1472 (Mines Road), from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District); providing for publication and effective date.
ZC-45-2017

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

2. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 12.35 acres out of Tract QMM Investments, LLC., Abstract 283, Porcion 23 L. Sanchez, located south of Flecha Lane and west of FM 1472, from AG (Agricultural District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District).
ZC-54-2017

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

3. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 42.95 acres out of Tract QMM Investments, LLC., Abstract 283, Porcion 23 L. Sanchez, located south of Flecha Lane and west of FM 1472, from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).
ZC-55-2017

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

4. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the City of Laredo's Waterworks Construction Fund FY 2016-2017 Annual Budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of $462,062.00. Insurance proceeds were received from the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool in the amount of $362,062.00 and the remaining $100,000.00 will be received upon completion of final investigation by TML. Funds will be used for repairs to existing pump and new magnetic meter at El Pico Water Treatment Plant.

5. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the City of Laredo's 2010 Sewer Revenue Bond FY 2016-2017 Annual Budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of $1,500,000.00. Proceeds in the amount of $1,500,000.00 will be received from the sale of the "surface only" of 6.9441 acre tract of land that is being purchased by AEP, Texas, Inc. Funds will be used to purchase additional land for the proposed Manadas Wastewater Treatment Plant. **(Action needed on item #17 prior to this Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance)**

(Recess)
(Press Availability)

VII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

6. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a billboard lease with Lamar Outdoor Advertising located on U. S. Highway 83, known as the Riverhill Property. The term for this parcel will consist of a 5 year lease, at the annual base rental amount of $2,700.00 with an additional 20% of revenue generated less the base rent for a 12-month period.

7. Authorizing the termination and release of interest of a 10' wide utility easement identified as line "B", recorded in Volume 189, pages 272-273, 277-278, deed records, Webb County, Texas and more fully described in Exhibit "A". Utilities department has determined the easement identified as line "B", is not being utilized and has been relocated along Black Diamond Street and Santo Tomas Street in the Las Minas Industrial Park Phase I. Therefore, it is being requested that the easement identified as line "B" be abandoned and terminated.

8. Amending Chapter 28, Article IX entitled "Public Right-of-Way Management" of the Laredo Code of Ordinances by adding Division 12, Section 28-243 through 28-253 regarding the siting of wireless communications facilities in the public rights-of-way; and providing an effective date of September 1, 2017.

9. Amending Chapter 19, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article VIII, Stopping, Standing, or Parking, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Laredo, specifically adding Subsection 19-364 (23) which establishes the north side of the 2000 block of E. Lyon Street, between Malinche Avenue and Urbahn Avenue, as a "No Parking Anytime/Tow Away" zone, providing severability and for an effective date and publication.

10. Amending Chapter 19, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article VIII, Stopping, Standing or Parking, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Laredo, specifically adding Subsection 19-364 (22) which establishes the west side of the 2900 block of N. Urbahn Avenue, between E. Frost Street and E. Lyon Street, as a "No Parking /Tow Away Zone" from 8 am to 5 pm, school days, providing for severability and for an effective date and publication.

VIII. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

11. **2017-O-089** An ordinance amending Chapter 19, Article VIII, Section 19-355 (Administrative Adjudication Of Stopping, Standing, Parking), of the Municipal Code of Ordinances by adding subsection (G) to provide for a review by the Administrative Hearing Officer of citations for parked in a disabled space issued on or after May 12, 2016, but before May 12, 2017; providing a repealing clause; providing for severability; providing for publication; and declaring an effective date.

12. **2017-O-090** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo Texas, Amending Chapter 6, Animals and Fowl, Article VII, of the Code of Ordinances by adding Section 6-125 Creating an Animal Neglect Registry and Section 6-126 Creating an Offense and Providing for a Penalty; Providing that this Ordinance shall be Cumulative; Providing a Severability Clause; Providing for Publication; and Declaring an Effective Date (As Amended).

13. **2017-O-092** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 2-D, Block 2, Ramirez Business Park, located at 502 South Creek Dr., from B-4 (Highway Commercial District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).
ZC-50-2017

District II

14. **2017-O-093** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for an Amusement Redemption Machine Establishment on Lot 1, Block 1, Bruni at Fiesta Subdivision, located at 102 Altamar Dr., Suites 7 and 8.
ZC-51-2017

District II

15. **2017-O-094** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 3.859 acres out of Porcion 24, T. Rodriguez, OG, Abstract 268, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located South of International Blvd. and West of Springfield Ave., from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Commercial District).
ZC-42-2017

District VII

16. **2017-O-095** Closing the section of De La Garza Lane between Ocean Drive and Wye Oak Street to motorized vehicular traffic and continuing its use as a pedestrian and bike way; providing for publication and effective date.

17. **2017-O-096** Authorizing the public sale for the "Surface Only" of 6.9441- acre tract to AEP Texas Inc., sole bidder in the amount of $1,500,000.00. The said tract is legally described as a 6.9441-acre parcel, out of a 70.6155-acre tract, recorded in volume 395, pages 442-454, Official Public Records of Webb County, Texas situated in Porcion 23 (A-283), Leonardo Sanchez, Original Grantee, in the County of Webb, Laredo, Texas.

18. **2017-O-097** Authorizing City Manager to enter into a lease with the Boys and Girls Club of Laredo Inc., for the premises known as Northwest Boys and Girls Club located at 4500 Santa Maria Street, Laredo Texas; the lease is for a ten (10) year term with two (2) five (5) year options to renew. A yearly rent of one ($1.00) dollar will be paid for the term of the lease.

19. **2017-O-098** An ordinance amending chapter 2, article I of the code of ordinances by adding a new section 2-11 to establish procedures for the debarment of a vendor; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability; providing for publication; and declaring an effective date.

IX. 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.

IX (a) RESOLUTIONS

20. **2017-R-75** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement, attached hereto, between Laredo Independent School District (LISD) and the City of Laredo (City) for the purpose of granting a non-exclusive permission to use the City of Laredo's 800 MHz Trunked Voice Radio System. LISD will be operating portable radios and base stations on a daily basis and will be responsible to pay an initial fee of $1,750.51 per radio (unit) and an operational annual fee of $200.00 per radio (unit) due upon execution of this agreement.

21. **2017-R-76** Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement by and between the City of Laredo and the Laredo Independent School District for the purchase and installation of playground equipment for Farias Elementary School. Funding is available through the Community Development Block Grant.

22. **2017-R-77** Authoring the City Manager to execute this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by and between the Coastal Bend Regional Advisory Council (CBRAC) - Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) and the City of Laredo Fire Department to develop hospital response capability (for responding to All Hazards Events), through the HPP. This MOU is to establish a mechanism for the utilization and coordination of emergency medical resources and assets in the event of an emergency or disaster. No financial impact will result from the MOU.

23. **2017-R-78** Authorizing the City Manager to accept additional funding from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection/U.S. Border Patrol Treasury Forfeiture Fund in the amount up to $55,000.00 for joint operations overtime expenses. The City of Laredo required match will be up to $17,600.00 for a total amount of $72,600.00. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund.

24. **2017-R-79** Amending Resolution #2017-R-60 by adding one (1) additional Memorandum of Understanding *(Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts)* to the list of cooperative working agreements/mutual assistance agreements/memorandums of understanding between the City of Laredo Police Department and various federal, state and local agencies, including but not limited to: Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), SCAN, *et al.*, a comprehensive list is attached hereto as "Exhibit A". The Police Department's participation is part of the community service provided to our citizens, with no cost to the City of Laredo.

25. **2017-R-80** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, expressing a complete lack of confidence in the Webb County Elections Administrator, Oscar Villarreal.

26. **2017-R-81** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas to call for the recall and to cast the City's 898 votes in favor of the recall of Mr. Juan Narvaez to the Board of Directors of the Webb County Appraisal District appointed under section 6.03 of the Texas Property Tax Code.

27. **2017-R-82** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas to nominate and cast all of the City's 898 votes towards the appointment of Councilman Rudy Gonzalez, Jr. as member to the Webb County Appraisal District Board of Directors for the remainder of the 2016-2017 term pursuant to section 6.03 of the Texas Property Tax Code.

28. **2017-R-83** Resolution accepting the donation of Lot 12, Block 4, Cuatro Vientos Norte Subdivision, Phase XII, from Laredo Four Winds, Ltd. and 4V Holdings, Ltd. for recreational and municipal purposes.

IX (b) MOTIONS

29. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Laredo Housing Authority (LHA) Agreement for Use of Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for Affordable Housing Purposes. This amendment provides that LHA will pay to the City accumulated PILOT funds for years 2008- 2017 in the amount of $442,768.20 and subsequently that the City will return said funds to LHA or one of its related non-profits for the purpose of affordable housing including the redevelopment of Russell Terrace.

30. Authorizing the City Manager to submit grant applications to U.S. Department of Labor and the Walmart Foundation for funding for the 2nd Annual Stand Down event scheduled for November 16, 2017. The Stand Down Grant from the U.S. Department of Labor is for a maximum of $7,000.00 and the Walmart Foundation grant is for a maximum $2,500.00. Funds will be used to conduct the event and assist homeless veterans needs.

31. Authorizing the City Manager to terminate Catholic Social Services contract for $21,200.00 for Emergency Solutions Grant funds awarded on November 07, 2016. Catholic Social Services has notified the City that they are declining this award. Staff is recommending awarding $21,200.00 to Bethany House of Laredo, Inc. and amending the current contracts in order to provide additional funds for Homelessness Prevention Assistance and for the operations of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

32. Authorizing the rejection of the sole response to the request for proposal (RFP) of the 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to develop a Transitional Housing Project by a local City of Laredo Non-Profit Organization. The sole respondent was the Laredo Housing Authority. The proposal submitted was not viable, since HUD is no longer prioritizing transitional housing.

33. Authorizing the selection of Sepulveda Associates Architects, Inc., of Laredo, Texas, as the architectural consulting firm to provide professional design services, surveys, testing and preparation of plans and specifications in support of the Fernando Salinas Elderly Rental Project and authorizing staff to negotiate a contract for services to implement referred multi-family housing elderly rental project located at 1803 & 1806 Juarez Ave.

34. Approving the submission of the 2017-2018 One Year Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) request for funding in the amounts of $3,401,417.00 in 43rd Action Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, $847,266.00 through the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and $309,407.00 through the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). An additional $2,800.00 is anticipated to be received through CDBG program income, $72,200.00 in Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan funds, and $160,000.00 in HOME program income. Also authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents as a result of the Plan's submission. The plan identifies the projects proposed to be funded by HUD through entitlement program funds and anticipated program income, which are as follows:

43rd AY Community Development Block Grant

Community Development Administration	$672,939
Housing Rehabilitation Administration	$284,384
Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program (PI)	$469,612
Code Enforcement	$508,573
Graffiti Removal Program	$47,382
Downtown Senior Recreational Program	$161,327
El Eden Park Improvements	$540,000
Ochoa /Sanchez Park Improvements	$100,000
District IV Sidewalks	$80,000
Ponderosa Park Improvements	$100,000
De Llano Park	$80,000
Bike Lanes (District VII)	$180,000
Bike Lanes (District VIII)	$180,000
Total	**$3,404,217**
Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Administration	$9,172
Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program	$63,028
Total	**$72,200**

HOME Investment Partnership Grant

HOME Program Administration	$84,536
Down payment Assistance Program (PI)	$160,000
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	$390,050
15% CHDO Set-Aside	$127,090
Infill Housing	$245,590
Total	**$1,007,266**

Emergency Solutions Grant

ESG Program Administration	$23,062
Emergency Shelter - Shelter Operations	$85,000
Emergency Shelter - Essential Services	$45,000
Street Outreach	$10,000
Rapid Re-Housing	$78,345
Homelessness Prevention	$60,000
Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	$8,000
Total	**$309,407**

35. Consideration for approval of the selection of consultant RS&H, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, for the Laredo International Airport Capital Improvement Program for design, preparation of plans and specifications, and authorization to negotiate a professional services contract. The top three (3) rated firms made a presentation to the selection committee on June 21, 2017, to demonstrate the specific qualifications, capabilities, and performance as it relates to the proposed projects listed in the RFQ. There is no financial impact.

36. Consideration to extend contract FY14-076 for one (1) year between the City of Laredo and ComPsych Corporation, to continue providing an Employee Assistance Program (EAP). This program allows employees to receive confidential assistance in many areas without having to access their medical health care benefits. The City of Laredo provides EAP coverage to approximately 2,500 employees plus their dependents. Eligibility for a dependent is anyone living at home including but not limited to: spouse, child, and any other family member living in the same household. The types of services provided are: confidential counseling (stress, anxiety, depression, relationships, etc.), financial planning, legal support, smoking cessation to name a few. The program has a cost of $43,992.00 per year and funding is available in the Human Resources Employee Health and Wellness Division. Original contract was awarded for two (2) years on 10/1/2014; therefore, this would be the second one (1) year extension from three (3)extension periods allowed by the contract.

37. Consideration to renew existing contract FY14-070 to Gutierrez Machine Shop, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to $750,000.00 for professional welding services for the Utilities Department. The services requested include site repairs to various water and wastewater treatment plants, lift stations, and other municipal utility facilities. 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 six (6) extension periods. All services will be requested on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Budget.

38. Consideration to renew existing contract FY13-054 to Rotex Truck Center, Laredo, Texas for an amount up to $60,000.00 for the purchase of International Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) automotive parts for the City's medium size trucks.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 price increase during this extension period. This is the fourth of five (5) extension periods. All parts will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.

39. Consideration to amend contract FY15-030 to the current vendor HD Supply Waterworks, San Antonio, Texas to include AMI/AMR turbine meters sizes 3" to 8". The current contract does not include this type of meter in these sizes as the Utilities Department is currently using compound meters for all large meters. Based on our Water and Management audit from JBS Water, turbine meters are needed and were designed for certain applications where flow rates are consistently moderate to high such as irrigation meters. There will be no increase in the current annual amount of $1,395,114.27. HD Supply has provided a notarized sole source letter stating that the meters are only provided by HD Supply Waterworks. Funding is available in the WaterWorks System Fund.

40. Consideration to award contract FY17-048 for the general diesel engine repairs and parts/service for the City's Fleet Division to the following bidders:

1. Cervantes Truck Center, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to $200,000.00;
2. Rotex Truck Center, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to $100,000.00;
3. Andy's Auto & Bus Air, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to $75,000.00; and
4. Rush Truck Center, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to $75,000.00.

This contract establishes multiple vendors for general diesel engine repairs. This contract provides the Fleet Division with the ability to farm out and expedite needed diesel engine repairs.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 six (6) extension periods. All parts and services will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.

41. Consideration for approval and final acceptance of the construction rehabilitation project for Fire Station #1 located at One Guadalupe Street and allowing for the release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of $22,500.00 to ROMO Construction, Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is $225,000.00. Funding is available in the 2015 Contractual Obligation Bond.

42. Consideration to award supply contract FY17-049 to the low bidder, Anderson Columbia, Lake City, Florida, in an amount up to $3,000,000.00 for the purchase of black base and asphalt hot mix used for street paving projects. Any price changes to this contract will be governed by an index made up of the composite posted prices in the Laredo area of those companies published in the daily publication of Oil Price Information Service (OPIS). All materials are purchased on an as needed basis utilizing the construction project budgets. This contract has four (4) extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Public Works construction project budget.

43. Approval of the 2017 Certified Appraisal Roll from the Webb County Appraisal District for the development of the City's tax roll; acceptance of the Effective and Rollback Tax Rate calculations for Tax Year 2017; and setting of the public hearing dates of August 21st and September 5th, 2017 for the proposed tax rate of $0.637000/$100 value. **(This will be the fourteenth year that the City adopts the same tax rate.)**

44. Consideration to authorize the installation of one (1) speed hump on Santander Drive, between Castro Urdiales Ave. and Burgos Dr., under the Special Provision of the Speed Hump Installation Policy, and to authorize the use of asphalt type speed hump, instead of a speed cushion, which is currently required under the policy. City Council District III discretionary funds will be used for this project in the amount of $2,000.00.

45. Authorizing the City Manager to sign a contract in an amount not to exceed $83,626.00 to the Owner/Developer, KCOM Managers, LTD., of Laredo, Texas, to upsize the 12-inch waterline to a 16-inch waterline at Khaledi Industrial Park along IH- 35. Funding is available in the 2012 Water Revenue Bond.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

X. STAFF REPORTS

46. Discussion with possible action on ongoing audits and/or irregularities identified by the Internal Auditor including the potential assignment of other and/or additional auditing duties; and any other matters incident thereto.

47. Discussion with possible action to consider a fourth request for an extension of Injury Leave with pay in accordance with 143.073 (b) of the Texas Local Government Code for Patrol Officer Jorge Leven.

48. Discussion with possible action regarding status of the City Manager recruitment process and any other matters related thereto.

49. Discussion with possible action on the recommendation by the Interim City Manager for the positions of City Secretary and City Attorney, and any other matters related thereto.

50. Discussion with possible action on the selection of outside legal counsel from among the seven (7) proposals received in response to RFQ-17-045 to review and recommend changes on the city's operating and contracting procedures, and any matters related thereto.

51. Status Report on Forest Loop flooding by John Porter, Environmental Services Director.

52. Presentation by Roberto Murillo, Traffic Director on the modifications of Bartlett traffic patterns, with possible action.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551,073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and 551.086 (Economic Development).

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

53. **2017-RT-03** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of $3,317,200.00 to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for Fiscal Year 2017 Section 5307 Urbanized Area authorized under the new Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. Funding will be for Operating Assistance to the El Metro Bus Operations. The required local match for this grant will be funded with the Transit's Local Sales Tax.

54. **2017-RT-04** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of $320,797.00 to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for Fiscal Year 2017 Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Program authorized under the new Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. Funding will be used for the purchase of three (3) Vans for the El Lift Paratransit operations. The twenty (20) percent local match for this grant is funded with the Transit's Sales Tax.

55. **2017-RT-05** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a resolution approving the Laredo Transit Management Inc. (LTMI) Ethics and Compliance Program and Employee Handbook. According to the Title 43 Texas Administrative Code Section 31.39 to be eligible to receive state and federal public transportation funds awarded by the Texas Transportation Commission, an entity must have adopted an internal Ethics and Compliance Program (ICP) that satisfies the requirements of Section 10.51 of this title (relation to Internal Ethics and Compliance Program) and must enforce compliance within that program .

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

GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

56.

A. **Request by Mayor Pete Saenz**

1. Discussion with possible action to consider funding options for the annual Washington Legislative trip.

2. Discussion with possible action creating an ad hoc committee to evaluate a secondary and independent source of potable water for the City of Laredo.

3. Discussion with possible action on retaining a third party to serve as "navigator" and case worker, to individually assist and follow up with crisis victims in identifying and navigating through the various community, social needs and health care agency providers (whether private and/or non-profit) in our city. Primarily to assist the homeless, the hungry, the sick, the poor, when in crisis.

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

1. Discussion with possible action on Status report regarding the Bartlett corridor Improvements and any items incident there to.

2. Discussion with possible action to Re-name the "Discretionary Fund" to District Priority Fund, providing a quarterly on line report and any matters incident there to.

3. Discussion with possible action to purchase and install shaded bus benches in

District V and any matters incident there to.

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

1. Discussion with possible action in regards to the Plantation East road extension to Shiloh Dr. and all matters incident thereto.

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, August 2, 2017 at 6:15 p.m.

Heberto "Beto" L. Ramirez
Acting City Secretary