

CITY OF LAREDO

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A-2018-SC-03
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
April 2, 2018
3:00 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 Jose A. Valdez Jr., 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

Citizen comments

Citizens are required to fill out a witness card and submit it to the City Secretary no later than 3:15 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.

V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

1. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Ordinance 2017-O-110 to authorize the City Manager to waive or reduce the City of Laredo Bridge System toll fees for special events on a case-by-case basis as recommended by the Bridge Department Director when deemed in the best interest of the City; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date.
2. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement renewal with Securitas Security Services USA, Inc., sole source as per Customs and Border Protection approved security contract, 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). Lease term will be for two (2) years commencing April 1, 2018 and ending on March 31, 2020. 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). The lease may be terminated by either party with a thirty (30) day written notice.
3. Authorizing the City Manager to exercise the option to renew the lease between the City of Laredo and the United States Postal Service (USPS) for the rental of office space at the old federal courthouse located at 1300 Matamoros. The term of the extension is to be for an additional two (2) years for the period of June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2020 with the annual rental rate set and agreed by both parties at ninety-six thousand dollars (\$96,000.00).

VI. 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.

VI (a) RESOLUTIONS

4. **2018-R-46** Ratifying the execution of a contract amendment with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) in the amount of \$69,000.00 with a cash match of \$6,900.00 for a total amount of \$649,175.00 for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) program to provide first time mothers and their newborn home nursing visitation to improve health outcomes for women and for the first two years of the newborn's development and wellness for the term from September 1, 2017, through August 31, 2018.
5. **2018-R-48** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a contract amendment from Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) in the amount of \$20,085.00 for a total amount of \$248,555.00 for the *Sí Texas – Juntos For Better Health* Program for the term period from May 1, 2017 through July 31, 2018.
6. **2018-R-49** Declaring support for and requesting Entravision Communications restore the local Noticias Univision 27 and Laredo Fox News newscasts for the purpose of keeping our diverse population informed as active participants in our society.
7. **2018-R-50** Resolution adopting the Annexation Plan for the City of Laredo pursuant to Section 43.052 of the Texas Local Government Code and invoking exceptions to an annexation plan pursuant to Section 43.052(h) of the Local Government Code.

VI (b) MOTIONS

8. Consideration for approval to ratify the award of work order to Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation, of Memphis, Tennessee in the amount of \$67,551.64 to complete comprehensive maintenance and repairs of escalator units at the Laredo International Airport Passenger Terminal. Completion time is approximately 3-4 weeks. Funding is available in Airport Operations Fund.
9. Consideration to ratify award to Wunderlich-Malec Systems, Inc, Eden Prairie, MN with hub in Addison, TX, in the total amount of \$64,164.53 to repair Airport Police equipment hardware, software, and programming of security system at various locations at the Laredo International Airport. Repair time is approximately 2 weeks. Funding is available in the Airport Operations Fund.

10. Consideration to appoint a Mayor Pro Tempore as per Ordinance 2011-O-029 and whose one year term shall start April 2, 2018.
11. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Park Place Recreation Designs, Inc., for the purchase and installation of playground equipment amenities for Farias Recreational Improvements in the amount of \$83,602.00. This purchase is utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program; contract # 512-16. Funding is available in the Community Development Block Grant.
12. Authorizing the City Manager to amend the 2016 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) contracts with Bethany House of Laredo, Inc. and Casa de Misericordia (CASA) by increasing the total amount awarded to each agency by an additional \$7,350.00 in funding and extending the contract deadline to August 10, 2018. The additional awarded funds will be utilized to cover expenses related to maintenance (including minor or routine repairs), rent, security, fuel, equipment, insurance, utilities, food, furnishing and/or supplies necessary for the operations of the emergency shelter. These available ESG funds are administrative savings and must be utilized for eligible ESG activities.
13. Authorizing the City Manager to approve an amendment to BluLynx Solutions, Inc. contract due to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) updated notice regarding the submission of the Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH). The amendment will revise the scope of work to complete a robust Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing Choice. This is a no increase cost to the contract amount.
14. Consideration for approval of the CDBG Sidewalk Project District II (12 City-Blocks) as complete, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$7,498.00 to ALC Construction, Inc., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$74,980.00. Funding is available in the CDBG 42nd Action Year Grant.
15. Consideration for approval to award a professional services contract to RS&H, San Antonio, Texas, for an amount of \$322,778.00 to prepare an overall Land Use Development Plan (LUDP) for airport-owned property that is predominantly "outside-the-fence" for the Laredo International Airport. LUDP is to be done on a fast track basis. Funding is available in the Airport Construction Fund.

16. Consideration for approval to award a construction contract to the lowest qualified bidder AZAR Services, L.L.C., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$93,952.40 (which includes the base bid and additive alternate) for the Bartlett Sports Complex Park Basketball Court Project with a construction contract time of ninety (90) 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 July 2018. Funding is available in the 2016 CO.

17. Motion adopting the following schedule of hearings and proceedings for voluntary annexations for calendar year 2018:

April 3, 2018	Begin annexation petition/application submissions.
May 8, 2018	Annexation petition/application deadline at 5:00 p.m.
July 16, 2018	Council meeting authorizing by motion the drafting of annexation agreements and service plans for submitted annexation requests and refer to Planning and Zoning Commission.
August 16, 2018	Planning and Zoning Commission meeting and review of proposed annexation and proposed zoning designations.
September 4, 2018	City Council holds first public hearing on proposed annexation/s. Loc. Gov't Code §43.063.
September 17, 2018	City Council holds Second public hearing on proposed annexation/s. Loc. Gov't Code §43.063.
October 1, 2018	City Council meeting: Introduction of an ordinance instituting annexation proceedings and adopting a service plan for the areas to be annexed and establishing zoning. (Not more than forty (40) nor less than twenty (20) days from the date of public hearings. (Institution of Proceedings).
October 15, 2018	City Council Meeting: Second reading and adoption of annexation ordinance of an ordinance instituting annexation proceedings and adopting a service plan for the areas to be annexed and establishing zoning. (Completion of Proceedings). Loc. Gov't Code §43.064.

18. Consideration to award annual service contract FY18-040 to the sole bidder Austin Wood Recycling, Cedar Park, Texas in an amount up to \$100,000.00 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. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. This contract allows for two additional, one year extensions upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Services Department Fund.

19. Consideration to authorize a professional services contract with Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc., in the estimated amount of \$599,999.30 to develop traffic signal coordination timing plans for 6 high traffic volume time periods on FM 1472 /Mines Road (am, noon, pm & off-peak, Monday peak and Friday peak). Also, develop traffic signal coordination timing plans for 4 typical weekday high traffic volume time periods (am, noon, pm & offpeak) along US Highway 83 (Zapata Highway), Bob Bullock Loop (Loop 20), McPherson Road, State Highway 359, Business IH35 and IH 35 Frontage Roads for a total of 80 traffic signal controlled intersections. This project is being funded by Coordinated Border Infrastructure (CBI) Funds. Funding is available in the Capital Grants Fund.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

VII. STAFF REPORTS

20. 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.
21. Discussion with possible action regarding the implementation of an election candidate filing fee or signature petition in lieu of filing fee, through a Charter amendment and any other matters incident thereto.
22. Discussion with possible action to consider a first request for an extension of Injury Leave with pay in accordance with 143.073 (b) of the Texas Local Government Code for Patrol Officer Alfredo Rodriguez.
23. Discussion with possible action to consider a first request for an extension of Injury Leave with pay in accordance with 143.073 (b) of the Texas Local Government Code for Police Captain Guadalupe A. Ortiz.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any posted agenda item when 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/or 551.086 (Economic Development). Following

closed session, the open meeting will reconvene at which time action, if any, may be taken.

IX. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Request by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez

1. Presentation on the "Big Event" a community engagement endeavor in collaboration with TAMU, City staff and other community volunteers that was held on Saturday, March 24th in the Santo Nino Neighborhood in District II, and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Presentation regarding the Tecolotes de los Dos Laredos baseball events held on Saturday and Sunday, March 24th and 25th and any other matters incident thereto.

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

1. Discussion with possible action to initiate negotiations with Hachar Investments on 30 acres donation/acquisition of vega land.
2. Discussion with possible action to create a 501(c)(3) organization to be housed at the Canseco House for the implementation of the goals, services, and tasks for urban agriculture and sustainability programs as well as facilitation of the Laredo Food Policy Council, and any other matters incident thereto.

C. Request by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action to implement a Community Market Program; and any other matters incident thereto.

D. Request by Council Member Charlie San Miguel

1. Discussion with possible action on creating a committee to ensure that any and all laws related to the purchase and possession of firearms within city and county limits, including the reporting requirements of sections 411.052 and 411.0521 of the Texas Government Code, are being followed and enforced, in an effort to make our schools and

communities safer, and any other matters incident thereto. The purpose of this committee is not to create new regulations or restrictions, but to ensure that the existing laws and regulations are being enforced by the corresponding government entities.

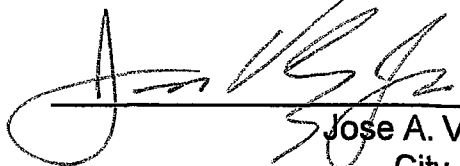
2. Discussion with possible action on a Resolution supporting the continued development of Port Laredo through the construction of a fifth bridge in South Laredo owned and operated by the City of Laredo Bridge System, while emphasizing the City of Laredo's commitment to the expansion and improvement of the World Trade Bridge as a priority, through projects such as the FAST Lanes relocation project. (Co-Sponsored by Council Member Rudy Gonzalez, Jr. and Council Member Vidal Rodriguez)

E. Request by Council Member George Altgelt

1. Discussion and possible action to make all necessary changes to the zoning and subdivision ordinances to posture TxDOT as best as possible to secure right of way along state maintained roadways within the City of Laredo.
2. Discussion and possible action to reintroduce and or modify Ordinance 2018-O-032 amending the Subdivision Ordinance Handbook of the City of Laredo by revising Chapter III, Subdivision Design Standards, Section 3-2 Streets and Alleys (R) Pavement Standards, Pavement Specifications for Public and Private Streets; providing for publication, severability and effective date (AS AMENDED); and to take public testimony regarding the same.
3. Discussion and possible action to require super markets and large department stores to maintain free of any debris and plastic bags from drainage and floodway easements traversing or adjacent to their property.

X. ADJOURNMENT

This notice was posted at the Municipal Government Offices, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas, at a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times. Said notice was posted on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.



Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary