

# **CITY OF LAREDO**

## **SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**A-2018-SC-09**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**1110 HOUSTON STREET**  
**LAREDO, TEXAS 78040**  
**September 25, 2018**  
**12:00 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 12:15 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. Authorizing the City Manager to accept the dedication of Lot 19A, Block 4 Las Flores Subdivision Phase V, from DNL Investments LTD. for the use of a park, as recommended by the Parks and Leisure Advisory Committee. The conveyance of Lot 19, Block 4, Las Flores Subdivision Phase IV (detention pond) has been accepted through plat.

## VI. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

2. 2018-O-138 An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, Amending Chapter 2, Article II, Division 6 (Pay Administration), of the City Code of Ordinances specifically Section 2-87.7(c)(12)(a), by providing for a 2.0% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for pay grades R23 to R30, a 1.5% COLA adjustment for pay grades R31 to R39, and a 1.0% COLA adjustment for pay grades R40 to W45 to the existing wage schedule and to all City employees, with the exception of Interns, Cooperative Education Program employees (CO-OPS), Elected Officials, Temporary Contract Labor employees, and employees subject to any Collective Bargaining Agreement; the adjustment to the existing wage schedule includes an adjustment to the minimum pay to \$11.00 per hour; providing for a repealing clause; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date of October 1, 2018.
3. 2018-O-139 Amending the City of Laredo Leave Ordinance and the Code of Ordinances as follows: Chapter 2, Article II, Division 3 Leave Policy, Sec. 2-58, Sec. 2-59 and Sec. 2-60 by adding one additional Personal Holiday; limiting annual leave accumulation and payout to 176 hours and eliminating sick leave payout for employees hired on or after October 1, 2018, except for employees subject to any Collective Bargaining Agreement; providing for a repealing clause; and providing for a severability clause.
4. 2018-O-140 An ordinance establishing an Employee Retiree Incentive Program for employees who retire between October 1, 2018 through January 31, 2019 with the exception of employees subject to any Collective Bargaining Agreement; providing for a repealing clause, severability clause, and an effective date of October 1, 2018.



## VII. RESOLUTIONS

5. 2018-R-136 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), and the City of Laredo to serve as a guide for future discussions and actions to facilitate the planning and development of the proposed Master Plan for CBP and DHS facilities requirements in Laredo, TX and authorizing the City Manager to submit a conceptual proposal consistent with the MOU to CBP for evaluation.

## VIII. MOTIONS

6. Consideration for approval to award an Engineering Services Contract to Data Transfer Solutions, LLC., San Antonio, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$278,880.00 to create and establish the City of Laredo Pavement Management System. The work shall be completed in one hundred fifty (150) days from notice to proceed, approximately by February 2019. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Funds.
7. Consideration to award two year service contract FY18-084 to the sole bidder, Cantu Electric, Laredo, Texas in an annual amount up to \$500,000.00 for electrical services necessary for the installation and maintenance of street lights & traffic signal lights for the City of Laredo Traffic Safety Department. The term of this contract shall be for a period of two (2) years beginning as of the date of its execution and subject to future appropriations. This contract has three, 1 year extension periods upon mutual agreement of the parties. All services will be purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in respective departmental budget.

## IX. 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.

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

### **A. Request by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez**

1. Discussion with possible action to direct the City Manager to possibly replace the current grass at Uni-Trade with hybrid grass or artificial turf and any other matters incident thereto.

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

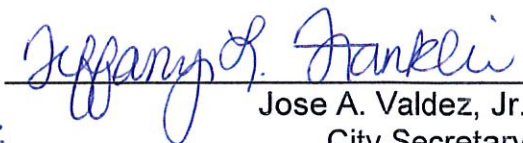
1. Discussion with possible action to implement an election cycle spending freeze on Priority District Funds from Council Members and/or Mayor who are running for election or re-election from beginning of fiscal budget, October 1st until the elected official takes office or is re-elected and any matters incident thereto.  
(Co-Sponsored by Council Member George Altgelt)

### **C. Request by Council Member Roberto Balli**

1. Discussion with possible action to lease buildings adjacent to Old City Hall to artists and any matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to re-purpose the Old Federal Courthouse building on Matamoros and any matters incident thereto.

## **XI. 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 Friday, September 21, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

for:   
Jose A. Valdez, Jr.  
City Secretary