

# **CITY OF LAREDO**

## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**A-2020-R-10**

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**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**1110 HOUSTON STREET**

**LAREDO, TEXAS 78040**

**June 15, 2020**

**5:00 P.M.**



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#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

#### **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **III. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

#### **IV. ROLL CALL**

#### **V. MINUTES**

**Approval of the minutes of June 1, 2020**

## **Citizen comments**

Citizens are required to fill out an online witness card no later than 5:15 p.m. and can be found at <https://forms.gle/3GcWeTgGvvCeP3X36>. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. 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**

## **VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** authorizing the City Manager to appropriate funds in the amount of \$9,988,345 awarded by FTA FY20 CARES ACT Grant TX-2020-100-00 by increasing revenues and expenditures for the FY 2020 Transit Budget. Funding is provided through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, signed by President Donald J. Trump on March 27, 2020. Funding will be dispensed at a 100 percent federal share, with no local match required, and will be available to support capital, operating, and other expenses generally eligible under those programs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.
2. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximate 5.9558 acres out of Porcion 35, Jose M. Diaz, Abstract 546, located at North of Bianka Lane, and West of Loop 20, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change and staff supports the application.

### **ZC-41-2020 District I**

3. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 21, 22, 23 and 24, Block 1, E.G. Business Park, Phase 2, located at 334, 338, 340 and 344 Veterans Blvd., from B-3 (Community Business District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District); providing for publication and effective date.

The Planning & Zoning recommended approval of the zone change and staff supports the application.

**ZC-42-2020**  
**District II**

4. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 6, Riverside Subdivision, located at 317 Masterson Rd., from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change and staff supports the application.

**ZC-38-2020**  
**District III**

5. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for Signs Manufacturing at Lot 1, Block 6, Riverside Masterson Rd. Subdivision, located at 317 Masterson Rd; providing for publication and effective date.

The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the conditional use permit and staff supports the application.

**ZC-39-2020**  
**District III**

6. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 1, 2, & 3, Block 208 Eastern Division, located at 1602 South Meadow Avenue, from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change and staff supports the application.

**ZC-34-2020**  
**District III**

7. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by repealing Ordinance 2012-O-084 and rezoning Lot 4, Block 666, Eastern Division, located at 1219 East Bustamante St., from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change and staff supports the application.

**ZC-43-2020**  
**District IV**

8. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 20, Block 1, The Loop Subdivision Phase 4, located at 6001 Vero Dr., from B-4 (Highway Commercial District) to R-1 (Single Family Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change and staff supports the application.

**ZC-36-2020**  
**District V**

9. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 1, The Loop Subdivision Phase I, located at 6002 Alek Dr., from B-4 (Highway Commercial District) to R-1A Single Family Reduced Area Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change and staff supports the application.

**ZC-37-2020**  
**District V**

10. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 51, Block 1, North Point Hills Subdivision, located at 249 North Point Dr., from R-O (Residential/Office District) to B-1 (Limited Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change and staff supports the application.

**ZC-35-2020**  
**District V**

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

**VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES**

**IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

11. **2020-O-067** Authorizing the City Manager to accept additional funding from the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) in the amount of \$561,200.00 for grant year 2019 and \$296,668.00 for grant year 2020 and amending the FY 2020 budget by appropriating additional revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$857,868.00 for a total amount of the contract between FY 2017-2021 of \$1,379,168.00 for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Women's Health Preventive Health Services and Family Planning Program.
12. **2020-O-068** Amending the City of Laredo Waterworks Construction Fund FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating revenues and expenses in the amount of \$2,200,000.00. Expenses will be appropriated for repairs to El Pico Water Treatment Plant. Revenues are available from proceeds of a lawsuit settlement for El Pico Water Treatment Plant.
13. **2020-O-069** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, establishing a policy that the name of a candidate for an elected city office shall be printed on the ballot with the given name or initials first, then by a nickname in quotations, if any, to be followed by the surname, in accordance with Texas Election Code Section 52.031; providing a severability clause, and an effective date.
14. **2020-O-070** Establishing the rental rates and tenant policies for the Martha C. Narvaez City Hall Apartments an elderly affordable rental housing project located at 820 Convent Avenue; providing for rents to be in compliance and charged at home rent limits; occupancy to be limited to persons aged 62 years or older with incomes at or below 60% of the area median income as set annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and leasing of the units on a first-come, first-served basis.

## **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.**

### **AIRPORT: STAFF SOURCE JEFFREY J. MILLER, AIRPORT DIRECTOR**

15. Consideration to award contract FY20-020 Parking Management and Parking Equipment for Laredo International Airport to top ranking company SP Plus Corporation, Cleveland, OH for a total amount of \$355,710.50; of which \$44,805.00 is for annual management services, a new Parking Access, and Revenue Control System (PARCS) for approximately \$221,295.50 that will feature automated payment processing and new contact-less technology to replace out of warranty equipment. The term of this contract shall be for a three (3) year term, and may be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year terms upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding of this contract is available in the Airport Operations Funds; expenses are eligible for reimbursement from from FAA CARES Act Grant No. 91.

### **CITY ATTORNEY: STAFF SOURCE KRISTINA L. HALE, ACTING CITY ATTORNEY**

16. Consideration to authorize and approve payment in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 to the Laredo Outlet Shoppes for the first quarterly installment payment pursuant to the Economic Development Performance and Program Grant Agreement between the City of Laredo and El Portal Center, LLC.

### **ENGINEERING: STAFF SOURCE RAMON E. CHAVEZ, CITY ENGINEER**

17. Consideration for approval of the CDBG Fernando A. Salinas Elderly Rental Apartments Located at 1803 Juarez Avenue as complete, approval of change order no. 1 a decrease of \$6,370.00 for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$43,080.00 to Romo Contractors, LLC, Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$353,130.00. Funding is available in the 2018 Home Grant, 2018 Program Income Elderly Rental and Municipal Housing Fund.

18. Consideration for approval of change order no. 1 an increase of \$9,400.00 to the construction contract time with Mage 4 Group, Ltd., Laredo, Texas, for the CDBG De Llano Park Improvements. This change order no. 1 is to provide power and new light poles for area lights and to add fourteen (14) calendar days to the construction contract time. Current construction contract amount with this change order is \$378,400.00. Current completion date with this change order is for June 28, 2020. Funding is available in the 2019 CO Bond District 5 Priority Funds– Project Number D51812.
19. Consideration for approval of award for a professional services contract to RS&H, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$567,739.00 for the Laredo International Airport Terminal Improvements Program. The Terminal Improvements Program generally includes an addition to the north of the existing building to include new security checkpoint, consolidated secure exit, and the associated infrastructure impacts incurred by expanding the building. At the existing building, the program includes upgraded public address system, renovated restrooms, and an evaluation of programmatic adjacencies. Funding for this contract is available in the Airport Operations Funds; expenses are eligible for reimbursement from FAA CARES Act Grant.
20. Consideration for approval of the selection of the top ranked consultant for the City of Laredo Sports Complex Venue RFQ FY20-ENG-001; and authorization to negotiate a professional services contract. A total of five (5) firms responded to the request for qualifications and the top three (3) firms made presentations via teleconference before the evaluation committee on Monday, June 8, 2020. The committee recommends the selection of JHS Architect, Inc. Laredo, Texas. There is no financial impact at this time.
21. Consideration for approval of change order no. 1 an increase of \$26,370.00 to the construction contract with ALC Construction Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas, for the CDBG Sidewalks Project District IV (14 City-Blocks). This change order no. 1 is to add reinforced concrete header curb not included in the original contract and to add thirty (30) working days to the construction contract time. Current construction contract with this change order is \$134,604.00. Estimated completion date for the project is scheduled for September 2020. Funding is available in the CDBG 2019 Grant Year – Project No. D41813.

22. Consideration for approval to rescind the construction contract with ABBA Construction, LLC., Laredo, Texas, for the Fasken Community Center Pool & Amenities and approval to award a construction contract to the lowest responsible responsive bidder Celso Gonzalez Construction, Mission, Texas, in the amount of \$463,108.60 (base bid minus alternate no. 2) with a construction contract time of two hundred seventy (270) calendar days; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related contract documents contingent upon receipt and approval of insurance and bond documents. After a notice to proceed is issued, estimated completion date for the project is scheduled for March 2021. Funding is available in the 2017 CO Bond and the 2019 CO Bond – District 7 Priority Fund.

**ENVIRONMENTAL:** STAFF SOURCE JOHN PORTER, ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTOR

23. Authorizing the City Manager to sign and submit a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) application to the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) to sign-up for the Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS). IPAWS is a free system developed by FEMA that allows local governments to send "Amber Alert" style cell phone messages to the public for police, fire, flooding, traffic, health, and weather related emergencies. Alerts may be city-wide or may be targeted to cellular phones present in a specific area. This program is free to the City of Laredo; compatible with the City's existing WebEOC software.

**FINANCE:** STAFF SOURCE JOSE F. CASTILLO, ACTING FINANCE DIRECTOR

24. Consideration to award contract FY20-064 - Citywide Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) Supplies, by sections, to the following vendors:

Section II – Masks	Section III – Gloves
1. Aliron International Inc., South PlainField, NJ	1.Executive Office Supply, Laredo, Texas
2.Hamilton Trophies, Laredo, Texas	2.Patria Office Supply, Laredo, Texas
3.VIX Medical Equipment, Laredo, Texas;	3.VIX Medical Equipment, Laredo, Texas
4.San Antonio Extended Medical Care, Inc.	4.Catalyst PR INC, , Conroe, Texas
(MED MART), San Antonio, Texas	5.Ecoimprint LLC, Aledo, Texas
5.World Of Promotions, Evanston, IL	6.Gulf Coast Paper, Corpus Christi, Texas
6.Promo Solutions, Frisco, Texas	7.World Of Promotions, Evanston, IL
7.Catalyst PR INC, Conroe, Texas	8.Performance Safety Group I, LP, St. Louis, MO
8.Ecoimprint LL, Aledo, Texas	



<p>9.Executive Office Supply, Laredo, Texas</p> <p>10.Gulf Coast Paper, Corpus Christi, Texas</p>	<p>9.Airon International, Inc, South PlainField, NJ</p> <p>10.San Antonio Extended Medical Care, Inc. (MED MART), San Antonio, Texas</p>
<p>Section IV – Gowns and Coveralls</p> <p>1.Catalyst PR INC, Conroe, Texas</p> <p>2.Promo Solutions, Frisco, Texas</p> <p>3.San Antonio Extended Medical Care, Inc. (MED MART), San Antonio, Texas</p> <p>4.Performance Safety Group LP, St. Louis, MO</p> <p>5.World Of Promotions, Evanston, IL</p> <p>6.Airon International, Inc, South PlainField, NJ</p> <p>7.VIX Medical Equipment, Laredo, Texas</p> <p>8.Ecoimprint LLC, Aledo, Texas</p>	<p>Section V – Safety Eye Wear</p> <p>1.Gulf Coast Paper Corpus Christi, Texas;</p> <p>2.Catalyst PR INC, Conroe, Texas</p> <p>3.World Of Promotions, Evanston, IL</p> <p>4.Hamilton Trophies, Laredo, Texas</p> <p>5.Promo Solutions, Frisco, Texas</p> <p>6.Ecoimprint LLC, Aledo, Texas</p> <p>7.Airon International, Inc, South PlainField, NJ</p> <p>8.San Antonio Extended Medical Care, Inc. (MED MART), San Antonio, Texas</p>
<p>Section VI – Shoe Cover and Hair Protection</p> <p>1.San Antonio Extended Medical Care, Inc. (MED MART) , San Antonio, Texas</p> <p>2.World Of Promotions, Evanston, IL</p> <p>3.Catalyst PR INC, Conroe, Texas</p> <p>4.Promo Solutions, Frisco, Texas</p> <p>5.Airon International, Inc, South PlainField, NJ</p> <p>6.Hamilton Trophies, Laredo, Texas</p> <p>7.Gulf Coast Paper Corpus Christi, Texas</p> <p>8.VIX Medical Equipment, Laredo, Texas</p>	<p>Section VII- Thermometers</p> <p>1.Ecoimprint LLC, Aledo, Texas</p> <p>2.Promo Solutions, Frisco, Texas</p> <p>3.World Of Promotions, Evanston, IL</p> <p>4.Executive Office Supply, Laredo, Texas</p> <p>5.VIX Medical Equipment, Laredo, Texas</p> <p>6.Catalyst PR INC, Conroe, Texas</p> <p>7.Gulf Coast Paper Corpus Christi, Texas</p> <p>8.Airon International, Inc, South PlainField, NJ</p> <p>9.San Antonio Extended Medical Care, Inc. (MED MART) , San Antonio, Texas</p>
<p>Section VIII – Disinfectant and Sanitizers</p> <p>1.Patria Office Supplies, Laredo, Texas</p> <p>2.Catalyst PR INC, Conroe, Texas</p>	<p>Section IX – Miscellaneous</p> <p>1.Patria Office Supplies, Laredo, Texas</p> <p>2.Gulf Coast Paper Corpus Christi, Texas</p>

3.Pyramid School Products, Tampa, Florida	3.Pyramid School Products, Tampa, Florida
4.Executive Office Supply, Laredo, Texas	4.World Of Promotions, Evanston, IL
5.World Of Promotions, Evanston, IL	5.San Antonio Extended Medical Care, Inc.
6.Hamilton Trophies, Laredo, Texas	(MED MART), San Antonio, Texas
7.Gulf Coast Paper Corpus Christi, Texas	6.Promo Solutions, Frisco, Texas
8.VIX Medical Equipment, Laredo, Texas	7.Bio-Medical International, Irvine, CA
9.Airon International, Inc., South PlainField, NJ	
10.AA Product Inc., Laredo, Texas	

This contract is for the purchases of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) supplies and expenditures related to the COVID-19 pandemic period. This contract is for an amount up to \$750,000.00 and contract establishes pricing for those PPE safety supplies urgently needed and most commonly utilized by our city's first responders as well as all city departments.

The term of this contract shall be for a period of six (6) months, beginning as of the date of execution and can be extended for 3 additional six (6) month periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. This contract is subject to future appropriations and all items will be purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in General Fund COVID-19 Emergency Fund and in the user departments' budgets.

**FIRE:** STAFF SOURCE RAMIRO R. ELIZONDO, JR., INTERIM FIRE CHIEF

25. Consideration to ratify the issuance of an emergency purchase order by City Manager in the amount not to exceed \$242,029.00 to Siddons Martin Emergency Group, Denton, TX for the purchase of a Type I Ambulance for the City of Laredo Fire Department. This purchase was done utilizing Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative contract HGAC AM10-18. This unit is being used solely for immediate response to Covid-19 related calls. Funding of this contract is available through General Fund; expenses are eligible for reimbursement from FAA CARES Act.

**FLEET MANAGEMENT:** STAFF SOURCE RONALD MILLER, FLEET DIRECTOR

26. Consideration to award annual contract FY20-058 to the low bidders:

1. Andy's Auto Air & Supplies, Inc. (DBA: Andy's Auto & Bus Air, Inc.), Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$70,000.00;and

2. Rotex Truck Center, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$70,000.00;

for air conditioning system repairs for the medium and heavy duty trucks, and construction equipment for the Fleet Division. The term of the contract shall be for period of one (1) year with an opportunity to renew for three (3) additional one (1) year periods and is subject to future appropriations. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.

**HEALTH:** STAFF SOURCE RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, INTERIM HEALTH DIRECTOR

27. **2020-R-088** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$590,159.00 with a 10% match of \$59,016.00 to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services to continue the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) Program for the term period of September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant.
28. **2020-R-089** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) in the estimated amount of \$22,047.00 for Title V Prenatal Services and in the estimated amount of \$168,036.00 for Title V Child Health for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) prenatal and dental patient care and prevention services for the term period of September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant.
29. **2020-R-090** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to continue the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Healthy Texas Women program for the term period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant. The amount of the award will be determined by HHSC.

30. **2020-R-091** Authorizing the City Manager to accept additional funds in the amount of \$55,323.00 from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) through the South Texas Development Council (STDC) for the City of Laredo Health Department's Ryan White Program for COVID-19 under Part B COVID for the term period of April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.
31. **2020-R-092** Authorizing the City Manager to accept additional funds in the amount of \$20,000.00 from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) through the South Texas Development Council (STDC) for the City of Laredo Health Department's Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Project (HOPWA) for COVID-19 under HOPWACARES for the term period of March 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020.
32. **2020-R-093** Ratifying the submission of a continuation grant application in the estimated amount of \$132,743.00 to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) through the South Texas Development Council (STDC) to continue the City of Laredo Health Department's Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Project (HOPWA) for the term period from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant.
33. **2020-R-094** Authorizing the City Manager to accept funds in the amount of \$128,854.32 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) through the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund provided for in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. This funding will be used to support healthcare-related expenses or lost revenue attributable to COVID-19 and to ensure uninsured Americans can get testing and treatment for COVID-19.
34. **2020-R-097** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a continuation grant application to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in the estimated amount of \$112,533.00 with a 20% match of \$22,506.60 to continue the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Tuberculosis Prevention & Control/Federal Program, and in the estimated amount of \$66,188.00 with a 20% match of \$13,237.60 to continue the CLHD Tuberculosis Prevention & Control/Federal Program - Binational Project for the term period from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant.

35. Authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a continuation contract with Dental Odyssey for dental services for the City of Laredo Health Department HIV Ryan White Program in the amount of \$35,000.00 per year for a total cumulative amount of \$70,000.00 for the term of April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2022, and may be renewed for another two (2) years, contingent on funding availability. Funding is available through the Health Department budget.
36. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a continuation lease agreement between the City of Laredo and GARCO to allow the City of Laredo to continue to operate on the property located on 125 East Miller Street in Falfurrias, Texas 78355 for the City of Laredo Health Department Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition, supplemental and health promotion programs. The term of the agreement shall be for \$2,160.00 per month for four (4) years for a total of \$103,680.00 beginning June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2024, and may be renewed for an additional two (2) years, contingent on funding availability. Funding is available through the Health Department WIC Budget.

**HUMAN RESOURCES:** STAFF SOURCE MELINA BERMUDEZ, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

37. Discussion with possible action to amend the service agreement between Urgent Care on Del Mar, LLC. and the City of Laredo by increasing the total sum paid to the amount of \$99,999.00; an increase of \$50,000.00. Services provided include occupational health, COVID-19 testing, and medical assessments of City of Laredo employees. The \$50,000.00 is available from a Wellness Program funded by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX) and is restricted for the continued operation of the City's Wellness Program.

**POLICE:** STAFF SOURCE CLAUDIO TREVINO, CHIEF OF POLICE

38. **2020-R-077** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$53,130.00 to the U.S. Department of Justice Programs for the purpose of funding the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant for FY2021. The funds will be utilized to replace 70 vests that have exceeded the recommended life expectancy. The Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program will require a 50% match. Funding will be accounted for in the Special Police Fund.

39. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one (1) unmarked police unit from Lake Country Chevrolet, Jasper, TX in the amount of \$32,317.00. The purchase of this vehicle shall be made utilizing the Goodbuy Contract Pricing Program. Funding is available in the HIDTA Task Force budget.
40. Consideration to authorize the purchase of two (2) unmarked police units from Silsbee Ford, Silsbee, TX in the amount of \$60,750.25 The purchase of these vehicles shall be made utilizing the Goodbuy Contract Pricing Program. Funding is available in the HIDTA Task Force budget.
41. Consideration to authorize the purchase of two (2) patrol units from Silsbee Ford, Silsbee, Texas in the amount of \$84,796.00. The purchase of these vehicles shall be made utilizing the Goodbuy Contract Pricing Program. Funding is available in the 2019 Operation Stonegarden Grant-Special Police Fund.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** STAFF SOURCE JOHN ORFILA, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

42. Consideration to award contract to Musco Sports Lighting, LLC. Muscatine, I.A. in the total amount of \$192,000.00 for the United Day Tennis Complex, sports lighting improvements. Contract improvements include: electrical system upgrades, guaranteed lighting performance, control systems and services as well as operation and warranties; guaranteed light levels. The purchase of these improvements /services shall be made utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program, Buy Board Contract No 592-19. Funding is available in the 2018 CO Bond and the 2019 CO Bond District 6 Priority Funds.

**SOLID WASTE:** STAFF SOURCE STEPHEN GEISS, SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR

43. Consideration to renew annual service contract FY18-040 with 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. This is the last renewal for this contract. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. There was no price increase during the last extension period. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Services Department Fund.

**TAX:** STAFF SOURCE DORA MALDONADO, TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

44. Requesting authorization to waive penalty and interest in the amount of \$257.11 on tax account # 970-14005-130 in accordance with Section 33.011(k) of the Property Tax Code. An act or omission of the mortgage resulted in the taxpayer's failure to pay the tax before delinquency. Property owner, Oscar Fernandez is requesting the waiver.
45. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts adjusted for the month of May 2020 represent an increase of \$33,586.21. These adjustments are determined by the Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

**UTILITIES:** STAFF SOURCE MICHAEL F. RODGERS, INTERIM UTILITIES DIRECTOR

46. Authorizing the City Manager to award to the lowest responsive bidder Precision Pump Systems in the amount of \$122,678.75 for the Sierra Vista Pump Improvements pre-purchase procurement of a third horizontal split case pump/motor package. The project engineer Garver Engineering submitted a recommendation of award letter recommending Precision Pump Systems after bid proposal was checked for accuracy and for compliance with contract documents. Three bids were received for this project at the City Secretary's Office at 10:00 AM on February 20, 2020. Funding available in the Utilities Department 2019 Water Revenue Bond.
47. Consideration to approve the issuance of a purchase order by the City Manager in the amount of \$138,000.00 to Graybar Electric Company, San Antonio, Texas utilizing Buy Board US Communities Contract #EV2370 for the Sierra Vista Pump Improvements pre-purchase procurement of a third horizontal split case pump/motor combo and (2) two variable frequency controllers (VFC). The project engineer Garver Engineering submitted a recommendation of award letter recommending Graybar Electric Company after proposal was checked for accuracy and for compliance with contract documents. Funding available in the Utilities Department 2019 Water Revenue Bond.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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**XI. STAFF REPORTS**

48. 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.
49. Discussion with possible action to create an Ad-Hoc Committee for Health and Benefits comprised of four (4) Council members, and city staff in order to review Health Insurance options on the current plan for City employees.
50. Discussion with possible action of city finances and operations due to COVID-19; and any other matters incident thereto.
51. Discussion with possible action on prioritizing how the CARES Act funds will be utilized; and any other matters incident thereto.
52. Status report by Judge Jesus "Chuy" Dominguez regarding ongoing virtual Municipal Court proceedings.
53. Discussion with possible action to obtain City Council direction on an amount for a master plan and an amount per district, on the 2% arts fund; and any other matters incident thereto. Total funding is \$336,000.00 from the 2019 Certificates of Obligation Bond.
54. Discussion with possible action to change the regular scheduled City Council meeting of July 20, 2020 to July 27, 2020 and submit the Budget and Capital Improvement Plan on said date.
55. Discussion with possible action to schedule Budget Workshop dates in August of 2020; and any other matter incident thereto.

## **XII. 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.



### **XIII. RECESS AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD**

56. **2020-RT-08** Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute the United States Department (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant application No. TX-2020-100-00 in the amount of \$9,988,345.00 FY2020 Section 5307 Urbanized Area Authorized under the new Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES ACT) published L. 116-136 March 27, 2020. Funding will be provided at a 100% federal share. No local match is required.
57. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract for the purchase two (2) Paratransit Vans for the El Lift Department in the amount of \$207,291.62 utilizing the Georgia DOAS Purchase State Contract # 99999 - 001 - SPD0000138 with Alliance Bus Group, Incorporated from Lewisville, Texas. Funding is available in the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Grant #TX-2020-027. The required 15% local match for the grant will be funded by Transit Sales Tax.

### **XIV. ADJOURN AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD AND RECONVENE AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL**

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

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

1. Discussion with possible action regarding review of local law enforcement policies, whether in conformity with human rights protections and against racism, if any; and, whether more emphasis should be given to community based programs or activities, to promote a more positive and law abiding lifestyle; and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action on the status of Port Laredo Master Plan and World Trade Bridge fast lane and other ongoing plans for bridge mobility efficiencies; and any other matters incident thereto.
3. Discussion with possible action on the status of the Detox Center,

participation by various community partners, and to clarify its purpose to the community; and any other matters incident thereto.

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

1. Discussion with possible action to renovate and/or redesign a plan for Bruni Plaza and Bruni Library; and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to utilize the funding from the Civic Center sale for Bruni Plaza and Plaza Theatre; and any other matters incident thereto.

**C. Request by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez**

1. Discussion with possible action authorizing the City Manager to negotiate a contract with the developer of Oil Patch road to resolve flooding issues; and any other matters incident thereto.

**D. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Alberto Torres, Jr.**

1. Discussion with possible action to assist the South Texas Food Bank with the COVID-19 Emergency Food Distribution at the Sames Auto Arena tentatively on Thursday, July 2nd, 2020; and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to adopt a resolution addressing the construction of medians by TxDot requesting that the State agency accommodate and take into account affected businesses with adequate accessibility to not affect business activity; and any other matters incident thereto.
3. Discussion with possible action to instruct City Manager to authorize staff to install speed humps at the following locations under the Special Provision of the Speed Hump Installation Policy and to authorize the use of asphalt type speed humps instead of speed cushions which is currently required under the policy and any other matters incident thereto. City Council District IV Priority Funds will be used for this project. Total Estimated Project Cost

~\$2,500.00.

- **2400 E. Tilden Ave between E. Reynolds St. and E. O’Kane St.**

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

1. Discussion with possible action requesting the City Manager to direct the removal of the confederate flag insignia from all city buildings and logos henceforth; and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action on entering into a partnership with Workforce Solutions of South Texas and Laredo College in regards to leveraging CARES Act Funds for work retraining in conjunction with their respective Skills Development Fund grant applications; and any other matters incident thereto.
3. Discussion with possible action regarding relief for property taxpayers including, but not limited to; homestead, over 65, and disability exemptions on or before July 1st, 2020 and; and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pete Saenz)**

**F. Request by Council Member Dr. Marte A. Martinez**

1. Discussion with possible action regarding the recent increase in new cases of COVID-19 and proper preparations; and any other matters incident thereto.

**G. Request by Council Member George Altgelt**

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the Laredo Police Department's continued evolution to protect and serve the public, specifically, what policies and producers have been modernized regarding minor offenses, officer involved shootings, crisis intervention for the mentally ill, and pursuits, etc. Additionally, the procurement of body cameras to protect both the public and the officers and the facilitating of both the First Amendment to peacefully protest and the Second Amendment to protect one's self and others, the Departments position on deescalating and intervening regarding any violent protest/looting/rioting and the

Department's obligation to protect the people and businesses that make Laredo's economy work; and any other matters incident thereto.

2. Discussion and possible action to amend/modify/rescind any and all city ordinances that compel entities and citizens to pay for wastewater and trash collection services that they are not using, especially those properties that are grandfathered in; and any matters incident thereto.
3. Discussion with possible action to define what is considered a local company verses a non local company in relation to a contract being awarded; and any other matters incident thereto.

## **XV. ADJOURN**

This notice was posted at the Municipal Government Offices, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas, at a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times. Said notice was posted on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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Jose A. Valdez, Jr.  
City Secretary