

City of Laredo

Meeting Minutes - Approved

A-2025-R-15

Monday, September 15, 2025

5:30 PM

City Council Chambers

City Council

City of Laredo
Regular City Council Meeting
A-2025-R-15
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
September 15, 2025
5:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño called for a moment of silence for any particular intention.

IV. ROLL CALL

Also in attendance:

City Manager Joseph W. Neeb
Assistant City Manager Steve E. Landin
City Secretary Mario Maldonado, Jr.
City Attorney Zone Nguyen
Fist Assistant City Attorney Joaquin Rodriguez

Present: District I Gilbert Gonzalez
District II Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.
Mayor Dr. Dr. Victor D. Trevino
District III Melissa R. Cigarroa
District IV Ricardo "Rick" Garza
District V Ruben Gutierrez Jr.
District VI David Tyler King
Mayor Pro Tempore & District VII Vanessa Perez
District VIII Alyssa Cigarroa

V. MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of September 2, 2025.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., and Cm. Dr. David Tyler King

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and
Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

VI. RECOGNITION

1. Presentation of a Key to the City of Laredo to Amado M. Peña, Jr., renowned artist and Laredo native, for his contributions to the Chicano art movement and depiction of indigenous life. Mr. Peña's work has been displayed as seen in the United States Department of States Art in Embassies Collection and Smithsonian American Art Museum. [REC-23](#)

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Presentation by Mayor Dr. Victor Trevino, providing general comments on city matters, upcoming initiatives, and other relevant updates for the Council and the public. [25-1739](#)

VIII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Motion to approve appointments 1-5.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Vanessa Perez

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: 0

Motion carries.

1. Re-appointment of Raul P. Garcia, Jr. to the Fire Fighters' & Police Officers' Civil Service Commission of the City of Laredo to serve a three (3) year term effective September 15, 2025 to September 15, 2028 [APPT - 65](#)
Re-appointment by the City Manager, Joseph W. Neeb, of Raul P. Garcia, Jr. to the Fire Fighters' & Police Officers' Civil Service Commission
2. Appointment by Mayor Pro-Tempore Vanessa Perez of Sergio Moreno to the Suicide Prevention Committee. [APPT - 68](#)
3. Appointment by Council Member Ricardo "Rick" Garza of Ana Villarreal to the Historic District Landmark Board. [APPT - 69](#)
4. Appointment by Council Member Ricardo "Rick" Garza of Mary Provence to the Fine Arts and Culture Commission. [APPT - 70](#)

5. Appointment by Council Member Ricardo "Rick" Garza of Jaime Montes [APPT - 71](#) to the Municipal Civil Service Commission.

IX. PLANNING & ZONING - PUBLIC HEARING & INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE

1. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 1, EMTZ Plat, located at 20847 FM 1472, from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District). [25-1551](#)

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

ZC-058-2025

District VII

Motion to close and introduce and bring back on the following City Council meeting.

Moved: Vanessa Perez

Second: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Dr. David Tyler King

Motion carries.

2. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, West 1/2 of Lot 2, and North 8.85 feet of the alley of Block 889, Eastern Division, located at 1601 Garfield Street, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District). [25-1552](#)

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

ZC-064-2025

District III

Motion to close and introduce and bring back on the following City Council meeting.

Moved: Melissa R. Cigarroa

Second: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Dr. David Tyler King

Motion carries.

3. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 34.821 acres, as further described by metes and bounds on attached Exhibit A, located west of Beltway Parkway and west of Expansion Drive, from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District). [25-1553](#)

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

ZC-066-2025

District VII

Motion to close and introduce and bring back on the following City Council meeting.

Moved: Vanessa Perez

Second: Gilbert Gonzalez

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Dr. David Tyler King

Motion carries.

4. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 2.044 Acre Tract, as further described by metes and bounds on attached Exhibit A, located south of Shiloh Drive and east of Snow Falls Drive, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District). [25-1554](#)

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

ZC-067-2025

District VI

Motion to close and introduce and bring back on the following City Council

meeting.**Moved:** Vanessa Perez**Second:** Ruben Gutierrez Jr.**For:** Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa**Against:** 0**Abstain:** 0**Np:** Cm. Dr. David Tyler King**Motion carries.**

5. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a special use permit for oil and/or gas extractions (well site A) on approximately 4.39 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in "Exhibit 1", located north of State Highway 255 and east of FM 1472. [25-1583](#)

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed special use permit and staff supports the application.

ZC-059-2025

District VII

Motion to close and introduce and bring back on the following City Council meeting.**Moved:** David Tyler King**Second:** Ruben Gutierrez Jr.**For:** Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa**Against:** 0**Abstain:** 0**Np:** Cm. Dr. David Tyler King**Motion carries.**

6. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a special use permit for oil and/or gas extractions (well site B) on approximately 4.39 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in "Exhibit 1", located north of State Highway 255 and east of FM 1472. [25-1584](#)

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed special use permit and staff supports the application.

ZC-060-2025

District VII

Motion to close and introduce and bring back on the following City Council meeting.**Moved:** Vanessa Perez**Second:** Ruben Gutierrez Jr.**For:** Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa**Against:** 0**Abstain:** 0**Np:** Cm. Dr. David Tyler King**Motion carries.**

7. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a special use permit for a restaurant serving alcohol on Lot 5, Block 1, Trautmann M & I Subdivision located at 8601 McPherson Road. [25-1585](#)

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended support of the proposed special use permit and staff supports the application.

ZC-063-2025

District VI

Motion to close and introduce and bring back on the following City Council meeting.**Moved:** Ruben Gutierrez Jr.**Second:** Vanessa Perez**For:** Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa**Against:** 0**Abstain:** 0**Np:** Cm. Dr. David Tyler King**Motion carries.**

8. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 20.29 acres, as further described by metes and bounds on attached Exhibit A, located north of River Bank Drive and west of Kickapoo Drive, from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) to R-1B (Single Family High Density [25-1616](#)

District).

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed zone change. Staff supports the application.

ZC-061-2025

District VII

Motion to close and introduce and bring back on the following City Council meeting.

Moved: Vanessa Perez

Second: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Dr. David Tyler King

Motion carries.

9. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by amending Ordinance 2024-O-263, which authorized a special use permit for a restaurant serving alcohol on Lot 3, Block 1, Del Mar North Filing No. 1 Subdivision, located at 7718 McPherson Road, Suite 106 in order to amend the hours of operation.

[25-1617](#)

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed special use permit amendment. Staff supports the application.

ZC-069-2025

District V

Motion to close and introduce and bring back on the following City Council meeting.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Vanessa Perez

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Dr. David Tyler King

Motion carries.

10. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1 and the west 1/3 varas of Lot 2, Block 1086, Eastern Division, located at 1901 Chihuahua Street, from R-O (Residential/Office District) to B-1 (Limited Business District). [25-1620](#)

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the proposed zone change and staff does not support.

ZC-065-2025

District III

Motion to table and bring back on the following City Council meeting.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Melissa R. Cigarroa

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: 0

Motion carries.**X. PUBLIC HEARING & INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE****Motion to open Public Hearings.**

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: 0

Motion carries.

1. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY2025 General Fund Library Department by appropriating \$10,000.00 in revenues and expenses for the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) Texas Reads Grant for an eight-week Toy Photography Workshop for youth during the 2026 Summer Reading Program. Grant will be allocated in the General Fund. [25-1501](#)

Staff recommends the appropriation and acceptance of funds.

Motion to close and introduce and bring back on the following City Council meeting.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Melissa R. Cigarroa

For: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez

Motion carries.

2. An Ordinance of the The City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 18, [2025-O-192](#) Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo, Texas, by adding Article XI, titled "Filming Regulations"; establishing rules and regulations for the permitting of film, television, and digital media productions; creating a permitting process and fee structure; designating the Laredo Convention and Visitors Bureau as the administering agency; establishing insurance and indemnity requirements; providing for enforcement and penalties; and providing for an effective date. The proposed ordinance seeks to encourage filming activity in Laredo while protecting public health, safety, and welfare, and ensuring an efficient and consistent permitting process.

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance amending Chapter 18 of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances by adding Article XI, titled "Filming Regulations." The proposed ordinance establishes a standardized permitting process for film, television, and digital media productions, outlines applicable fees, and sets forth insurance and indemnification requirements to protect the City's interests.

This regulatory framework has been developed in collaboration with the Laredo Film Society and the Texas Film Commission as part of the City's strategic goal to achieve Film Friendly Texas certification. Adoption of this ordinance will enhance Laredo's competitiveness in attracting productions, promote local economic development, and further position the City as a premier filming destination in Texas.

Motion to close and introduce and bring back on the following City Council meeting.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Melissa R. Cigarroa

For: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez

Motion carries.

3. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY2025 Auto Theft Task Force Fund budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$716,142.00 to fund the Laredo Auto Theft Task Force, as awarded by the Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority. This adjustment will fund the local match requirement of \$212,923.00 from the General Fund. The grant award is in the amount of \$1,904,825.00 with a cash match of \$731,251.00 for a total grant amount of \$2,636,076.00. The performance period is September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025. [25-1556](#)

Recommends the approval of this Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance.

Motion to close and introduce and bring back on the following City Council meeting.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Melissa R. Cigarroa

For: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez

Motion carries.

4. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 2021-O-152 and amending Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances by deleting Article III, Sections 7-32 to 7-47, entitled "Vacant Building Registration", which established a registration program for vacant commercial buildings located in the Downtown area. [25-1703](#)

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Motion to close and introduce and bring back on the following City Council meeting.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Melissa R. Cigarroa

For: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez

Motion carries.

(Recess)

(Press Availability)

XI. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

5. An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement between the City of Laredo, as lessor, and the Laredo Economic Development Corporation, as lessee, for the use of premises located at 616 Leal Street, Building No. 1007, at the Laredo International Airport, constituting 4,849 SQFT of building space on approximately 21,217 SQFT of land. Lease term shall be for a total of five years, with three options to extend this lease with each option being an additional five years, commencing on October 1, 2025. Monthly rent shall be \$4,200.00 and will be adjusted annually according to the terms of the lease. [25-1547](#)

Staff recommends the approval of this introductory ordinance.

XII. FIRST AND FINAL READINGS

Motion to open First and Final Reading of Ordinances 6-9.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Melissa R. Cigarroa

For: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez

Motion carries.

6. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of \$30,845,000.00 in aggregate principal amount of "Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025" for paying all or a portion of the city's contractual obligations incurred for the purpose of (1) acquiring, constructing, improving and equipping facilities to improve city telecommunications, wireless communications, information technology systems, applications, hardware, software, and cybersecurity; (2) renovating, improving, and equipping existing municipal buildings and facilities housing the governmental functions of the city, including administrative office facilities and library facilities; (3) acquiring, constructing, improving and equipping parks and recreational facilities; (4) purchasing real property, materials, supplies, equipment, machinery, landscaping, and rights of way for authorized needs and purposes related to the aforementioned capital improvements; and (5) paying legal, fiscal and engineering fees in connection with such projects; securing the payment thereof by authorizing the levy of an annual ad valorem tax and a pledge of certain surplus revenues of the city's international toll bridge [2025-O-167](#)

system; approving and authorizing the execution of all instruments and procedures related thereto including a paying agent/registrar agreement and a purchase contract; approving the form of an official statement; authorizing amendment to the city's budget to appropriate such proceeds for purposes authorized herein; and declaring an effective date.

Approve and adopt the First and Final Reading of this Ordinance.

Motion to approve and to amend amount to \$30,845,000.00

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Rick" Garza

For: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez

Motion carries.

7. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of "Public Property Finance Contractual Obligations, Series 2025" in the aggregate principal amount of \$22,095,000.00 for the purchase of personal property; securing the payment thereof by authorizing the levy of an annual ad valorem tax; approving and authorizing the execution of all instruments and procedures related thereto including a paying agent/registrar agreement and a purchase contract; approving the form of an official statement; authorizing amendment to the city's budget to appropriate such proceeds for purposes authorized herein; and declaring an effective date...body [2025-O-168](#)

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

N/A

BACKGROUND

The City of Laredo is proposing the issuance of several debt instruments to support municipal initiatives. These include Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025; Public Property Finance Contractual Obligations, Series 2025; and Tax Notes, Series 2025, which will fund various capital improvement projects. Additionally, the City plans to issue General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2025, to refinance existing debt obligations to achieve savings.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve and adopt the First and Final Reading of this Ordinance.

Motion to approve and to amend amount to \$ 22,095,000.00**Moved:** Ruben Gutierrez Jr.**Second:** Melissa R. Cigarroa**For:** Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa**Against:** 0**Abstain:** 0**Np:** Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez**Motion carries.**

8. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the issuance, sale [2025-O-169](#) and delivery of \$23,125,000.00 in aggregate principal amount of "Tax Notes, Series 2025"; securing the payment thereof by authorizing the levy of an annual ad valorem tax; and approving and authorizing the execution of a paying agent/registrar agreement, a purchase contract, an official statement and all other instruments and procedures related thereto; authorizing amendment to the City's Budget to appropriate such proceeds for purposes authorized herein; and declaring an effective date. S..body

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

N/A

BACKGROUND

The City of Laredo is proposing the issuance of several debt instruments to support municipal initiatives. These include Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025; Public Property Finance Contractual Obligations, Series 2025; and Tax Notes, Series 2025, which will fund various capital improvement projects. Additionally, the City plans to issue General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2025, to refinance existing debt obligations to achieve debt service savings.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve and adopt the First and Final Reading of this Ordinance.

Motion to approve and to amend amount to \$23,125,000.00**Moved:** Ruben Gutierrez Jr.**Second:** Ricardo "Rick" Garza**For:** Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa**Against:** 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez

Motion carries.

9. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the issuance of [2025-O-170](#) "General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2025 (Forward Delivery)" in the aggregate principal amount of \$47,140,000.00, levying a continuing direct annual ad valorem tax, within the limitations prescribed by law, for the payment of the bonds; prescribing the form, terms, conditions, and resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale, and delivery of the bonds, including the approval and distribution of an official statement pertaining thereto; authorizing the execution of a paying agent/registrar agreement, an escrow and trust agreement, and a forward delivery purchase contract; complying with the letter of representations on file with the depository trust company; and providing an effective date. S..body

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

N/A

BACKGROUND

The City of Laredo is proposing the issuance of several debt instruments to support municipal initiatives. These include Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025; Public Property Finance Contractual Obligations, Series 2025; and Tax Notes, Series 2025, which will fund various capital improvement projects. Additionally, the City plans to issue these General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2025, to refinance existing debt obligations to achieve debt service savings.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve and adopt the First and Final Reading of this Ordinance.

Motion to approve and amend amount to \$ 47,140,000.00

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: David Tyler King

For: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez

Motion carries.

XIII. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Melissa R. Cigarroa

10. An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing [2025-O-174](#) the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY2025 Capital Grant Fund to appropriate revenues and expenses in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 for the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) grant for the Downtown Laredo Rail Corridor Safety Planning Project. The project is a highway-rail grade crossing improvement project to support planning activities for 31 at-grade crossings. The project includes development of construction documents to include installation, repair or improvement of grade separations, railroad crossing signals, gates and related technologies, highway traffic signalization, highway lighting and crossing approach signage, roadway improvements such as medians or other barriers, railroad crossing panels and surfaces and safety engineering improvements to reduce risk. The project includes two grade separations, five crossing closures, nine crossing signal installations and roadway improvements including medians, and fifteen roadway-only improvements. Funding is available in the Capital Grants Fund.

Approval of this motion.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Rick" Garza

For: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez

Motion carries.

11. An Ordinance of The City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 2, Article [2025-O-175](#) II, Division 6 (Pay Administration), of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, specifically Section 2-87.7-Policy (C.)(12)(A.) by providing for a two and a half percent (2.5%) Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA); a one and a half percent adjustment (1.5%) to the wage schedule and a tenure achievement adjustment pay for all City of Laredo full-time Employees who have completed one consecutive year of employment with the City of Laredo; except Contract Employees, Interns, Cooperative Education Program Employees (Co-Ops), Elected Officials, Temporary Contract Labor Employees, and Firefighters and Police Officers Governed by the Terms of Collective Bargaining Agreement; providing that this Ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; and declaring an

effective date (As Amended).

Staff recommends that City Council approve this item.

Motion to approve Final Reading of Ordinances 11-14.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Rick" Garza

For: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez

Motion carries.

12. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas amending Chapter 2, Article III, [2025-O-176](#) Division 3 (Leave Policy), of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, specifically Section 2-58. Holidays (a.) providing a total of three (3) personal holidays for fiscal year 2025-2026 (b.) to include earned wellness incentive days; and providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date of October 1, 2025 (as amended).

Staff recommends that City Council approve this item

13. Final reading of ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas adopting the [2025-O-166](#) proposed annual budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, by appropriating the revenues, expenditures and balances reported therein for the year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026, consistent with the financial plan described in said annual budget (see exhibit "A"), motions approved by city council at public workshop (see exhibit "B") and holiday schedule for FY2025-2026 (see exhibit "C") authorizing the city manager to implement said annual budget (as amended)

The taxpayer impact statement as required by House Bill No. 1522 is as follows:

DESCRIPTION	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
	CURRENT YEAR	PROPOSED

Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.507623	\$0.506090
Median Homestead Taxable Value	\$182,335	\$194,727
Tax on Median Homestead	\$925.57	\$985.49

Staff recommends approval of the proposed FY 2025-26 budget.

14. Final Reading of Ordinance 2025-O-173, creation of Article VI, entitled [2025-O-173](#) "Mitigation Rates for Emergency and Non-Emergency Services" of Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo entitled "Fire Protection and Prevention" to authorize mitigation rates for Fire Department services. Fees will be deposited into the General Fund.

Staff recommends approval of this final reading.

XIV. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 15-46. Also to select a candidate on #43, and to table #25. Also to exclude items 21, 25, 43, 44.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Vanessa Perez

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

Motion carries.

AIRPORT: GILBERTO SANCHEZ, DIRECTOR

15. Authorizing the City Manager to purchase Excess Aviation Insurance for the Laredo International Airport, including coverage for General Liability, Terrorism, Risk Insurance Act and War, with Victor O. Shinnerer & Co, Inc, through Chubb Insurer in and amount not to exceed \$50,142.66 for coverage from October 1, 2025, through October 1, 2026. Funding is available in the Airport Operations Fund. [25-1492](#)

Staff recommends the approval of this motion.

16. Consideration to approve the renewal of contract FY24-105 with Hubpoint Strategic Advisors, LLC, Charlotte, NC in an annual amount not to exceed \$65,000.00 for a total contract value of \$130,000.00 for professional consulting services for Air Cargo Service Development. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of the appropriated funds. This contract can be renewed one additional one-year extension period, upon mutual agreement of parties. Funding is available in the Laredo International Airport Fund. [25-1512](#)

Staff recommends the approval of this motion.

17. Consideration to approve the renewal of contract FY24-106 with GRA Incorporated, Alexandria VA, and Merchant Aviation LLC, A Groupe ADP (Aeropuertos De Paris) company, Summit NJ, each contract shall not exceed \$75,000.00 for a total contract value of \$300,000.00 for air service development and consulting services. The term of this contract [25-1520](#)

shall be for a period of one year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of the appropriated funds. This contract can be renewed one additional one-year extension period, upon mutual agreement of parties. Funding is available in the Laredo International Airport Fund.

Staff recommends the approval of this motion.

18. Consideration to approve the selection of top ranking company, Republic Parking System, LLC, New York, NY, for contract FY25-052 Parking Management for the Laredo International Airport, for a total contract amount of \$110,174.00, and authorization to enter into negotiations for a Parking Management Agreement. The term of this contract shall be for a three year term, and may be extended for two additional one year period upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding of this contract is available in the International Airport Operations Fund.

[25-1546](#)

Staff recommends the approval of this contract.

19. A resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the acceptance of a reimbursable grant agreement with a project id of M2622LRED from the Texas Department Oo Transportation in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) for Fiscal Year 2026. Local match is \$11,111.11 for a total project cost of \$111,111.11, and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents. Funding was appropriated and available in the Laredo International Airport Construction Fund.

[2025-R-232](#)

Staff recommends the approval of this introductory ordinance.

BRIDGE: ELSA HINOJOSA, DIRECTOR

20. Consideration to award contract FY25-066 to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder J&P Mobil Mechanics, LLC FY25-066 in an annual amount of \$18,412.50 for a total contract value of \$92,062.50 to J&P Mobile Mechanics, LLC, Laredo, TX for generator maintenance for the Bridge Department. The term of this contract is for two years beginning the date of its execution with three additional one year renewal periods upon mutual agreement of both parties. Funding is available in the Bridge System's Operational Fund.

[25-1531](#)

A complete bid tabulation is attached.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that this contract be awarded.

CITY ATTORNEY: DOANH "ZONE" T. NGUYEN, CITY ATTORNEY

21. Discussion with possible action to consider evidence pursuant to 212.904 of the Texas Local Government Code requested by agents of Laredo

[25-1534](#)

Vapor Land, LLC as it relates to the development of the property located at 4302 E. Saunders.

N/A

Motion for the Attorney's to come back with a recommendation at the next meeting.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: JOSEPH W. NEEB

- 22.** Consideration to renew contract FY23-062 with Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld LLP, Washington, D.C. to provide federal legislative and lobbying consulting services for the City of Laredo. The contract amount should not exceed \$240,000.00 annually. This contract shall be for one year, this is the second of three extension periods, to commence September 1, 2025. All legislative and lobbying consulting services will be on a continuous basis. Funding is available in the General Fund. [25-1639](#)

It is recommended to approve this renewal. This is a annual renewal so if this does not get approved, we may have to pause services and go out for new RFP. Due to new state law, lobbying services cannot be considered professional services and have to go through the RFP process.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: TINA RODRIGUEZ, DIRECTOR

- 23.** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas authorizing the City Manager to ratify the submittal of a grant application in the amount of \$2,900,000.00 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program to maximize the number of children under the age of six protected from lead poisoning by undertaking comprehensive programs to identify and control lead-based paint hazards in eligible housing populations. Grant match in the amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 and is available through Community Development CDBG Funds. [2025-R-216](#)

Staff recommends the approval of this resolution.

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU: AILEEN RAMOS, DIRECTOR

- 24.** Authorizing the City Manager to donate a 2010 Freightliner ambulance from the Fire Department to the Municipality of Santa Catarina, Nuevo León, Mexico, pursuant to the agreement between the City of Laredo and [25-1529](#)

the State of Nuevo León, Mexico. The vehicle will be donated "as is," and the City of Laredo shall assume no liability for its use following transfer. The ambulance, formerly designated as Unit #267, has been fully depreciated and holds minimal or no monetary value.

Staff recommends approval of this item. This action supports international goodwill, strengthens our regional partnerships, and allows the City to repurpose surplus equipment for the benefit of a neighboring community's public safety efforts. Approval of this item will provide Santa Catarina with a valuable resource at no cost to the City, while furthering Laredo's role as a leader in fostering binational cooperation.

DETOXIFICATION CENTER: DR. SAN JUANA VIVIANA MARTINEZ, DIRECTOR

- 25.** Authorizing the City Manager to amend contract FY24-100 for Beverage Services to Coca Cola Southwest Beverages LLC, Dallas, Tx. for the Detoxification Department. This amendment reflects a 41% contract increase, with annual cost of \$125,419.00 including a 5% increase in product cost for subsequent year. The term of this contract shall remain for a period of two years. This amendment applies to the second year of the contract year commencing on October 1, 2025, and ending on October 31, 2026. This contract may be extended for one (1) additional two (2) year periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding for this contract is available in the Detoxification budget. [25-04](#)

Staff recommends award to sole bidder as vendor has accommodated the needs of the center during FY 24 with no issues encountered. Vendor has been very accommodating to the day to day needs of the center.

Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Year: FY 25, FY26, & FY 27
 Budgeted Y/N?: Y
 Source of Funds: Detox Center
 Account #: 274 7410 542 3620
 Change Order: Exceeds 25% Y/N: Y

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Beverage services will not exceed a total of cost \$125,419.00 including a 5% increase in product cost for subsequent year to provide all necessary beverages for the detoxification department. Breakdown of beverages can be found in the supplier response attachment.

Motion to table and bring back on the following City Council meeting.

Moved: Melissa R. Cigarroa

Second: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

FIRE: GUILLERMO HEARD, FIRE CHIEF

- 26.** Consideration to approve the purchase order with Jones & Bartlett Learning, LLC, for the purchase of books for the Fire/EMS Academy for new fire department cadets in the amount of \$72,105.08. Jones & Bartlett Learning is the sole source, publisher, and copyright holder of the training materials. Funding is available in the General Fund - Fire Department. [25-1454](#)

Staff recommends approval of this item.

- 27.** Consideration to approve a contract FY24-087 with EmergiFire, LLC, Dallas, TX, to perform third-party billing and accounts receivable management for the City of Laredo Fire Department for fire/emergency response billing services. Emergifire shall collect 18% of all revenues collected. Term of the contract is for an initial term of one year, and will automatically renew for successive one-year terms unless terminated. Fees will be deposited into the General Fund. [25-1587](#)

Staff recommends approval of this item.

PUBLIC HEALTH: DR. RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, DIRECTOR

- 28.** Consideration to authorize the City Manager to ratify a supply contract with Sourcewell Cooperative vendor, Mckesson, Richmond, VA. For a cumulative amount of \$143,037.03 and to further authorize future related expenditures for an additional amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 for the purchase of medical equipment and medical supplies for the Health Department and Employee Wellness Division. This annual contract shall utilize the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program's contract #022422-MML. The term for the contract shall be for a period of one year with the option to renew for one additional year period. Funding is available in the respective Department Budgets. [25-1550](#)

Staff recommends that Council approve the Motion.

- 29.** Consideration to authorize the City Manager to amend the policy for the City of Laredo Health Department Public Health Provider - Charity Care Program to comply with Rule §355.8215 of the Texas Administrative Code and adhere to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission for the Public Health Providers - Charity Care Program Protocol from the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services. Policy amendment to become effective October 01, 2025. [25-1559](#)

Staff recommends that Council approve the Motion.

- 30.** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to ratify and enter into a contract from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHS) for the Healthy Texas Women (HTW) Project Grant in the amount of \$302,880.00 per grant year for a total award amount of \$1,514,400.00, with no match for the City of Laredo Public Health Department for a five year term for the period from [2025-R-220](#)

September 01, 2025 through August 31, 2030. Funds will be accounted for in the Laredo Public Health Department Fund - Healthy Texas Women (HTW) Project Grant.

Staff recommends that Council approve the Resolution.

31. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas authorizing the City Manager to ratify and enter into a contract from the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Title V Child Health and Dental Services Grant Program for an award amount of \$54,536.00 per grant year for a total award amount of \$136,340.00, with no match for The City of Laredo Public Health Department for a two year term for the period from September 01, 2025 through August 31, 2027. Funds will be accounted for in the Laredo Public Health Department Fund - Title V Child Health and Dental Services Grant. [2025-R-221](#)

Staff recommends that Council approve the Resolution.

32. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to ratify and enter into a continuation contract with Valley AIDS Council for the HIV Ryan White Part D Women, Infants, Children, and Youth (WICY) Program grant, in the amount of \$26,880.00, with no match for the City of Laredo Public Health Department for the term from August 01, 2025 through July 31, 2026. Funds will be accounted for in the Laredo Public Health Department fund - HIV Ryan White Part D Grant. [2025-R-222](#)

Staff recommends that Council approves the Resolution.

INFORMATION SERVICES & TELECOMMUNICATION: JOE C. RIVERA, DIRECTOR

33. Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$5,068,104.00 from the Commission on State Emergency Communications to fund the 9-1-1 Program and Equipment for the South Texas Region, including Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb, and Zapata Counties, for the period beginning September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2027. [2025-R-223](#)

Staff recommends approval of Resolution.

34. Authorizing the City Manager to approve and execute a contract with Sole Source Vendor Western States Communications, Inc. (WSCSI) for 9-1-1 Customer Premise Equipment (CPE) Maintenance and Router Maintenance for the South Texas Region, including Webb, Jim Hogg, Starr and Zapata Counties, in the amount of \$353,472.45 for a two-year period. Services will commence from September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2027. Funding is available in the 9-1-1 Regional Fund for FY26 and FY27 to cover each year. [25-1612](#)

It is recommended that this motion be approved.

35. Consideration to enter into a contract with Granicus through Carahsoft for Service Cloud program. Service Cloud bundles most of the current Granicus solutions that the City of Laredo is currently subscribed to and adds two additional products, Experience Agent (website chatbot) and OneView (311 solution). Bundling of the software licensing results in [25-1626](#)

overall cost reductions and co-termination of contract dates. This is a three-year contract for the total amount of \$320,730.64. FY 24-25 payment, credits have been applied to year one of the restructured Service Cloud agreement. The remaining one-time payment of \$44,548.56 is due for implementation services for both Experience Agent and the OneView software. The agreement is through Carahsoft under DIR Contract #DIR-CPO-5687. Funding is available in the Information Services and Telecommunication Fund and General Fund.

LIBRARY: ANALIZA PEREZ-GOMEZ, INTERIM DIRECTOR

36. Consideration to award contract FY25-064 to Security Management Group, LLC, Laredo, TX, up to the annual amount of \$203,580.00 and for the total contract value of \$1,017,900.00 for security guard services for the Laredo Public Libraries. Totals of this contract, annually and overall, will be contingent upon funding. Term of the contract is two (2) years with three (3) one-year renewals. The term of this contract will begin at the start of the next upcoming fiscal year (October 1, 2025). Partial funding is currently available in the General Fund-Library Operational Fund. [25-1694](#)

Staff recommends the approval of this contract.

POLICE: MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ, CHIEF OF POLICE

37. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract amendment with Tyler Technologies, Inc. of Plano, Texas utilizing Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract # 2025-55305. This amendment is to implement a report writing software system. The service implementation fee is in the amount of \$62,770.00. Funding is available in Police Trust Fund. [25-1339](#)

Recommends that the contract amendment be approved.

38. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to ratify the acceptance of a grant award in the amount of \$1,829,609.00 from the Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) for the FY26 SB224 Catalytic Converter Grant for the period of September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026. The purpose of this grant program is to provide additional funding to the Laredo Police Department Laredo-Auto Theft Task Force for the detection and prevention of catalytic converter theft. This grant will pay for the salary of a full-time Assistant District Attorney, technology, training, and overtime. The City's match will be \$366,548.00 for a total grant amount of \$2,196,157.00. Funding will be available in the Auto Theft Task Force Fund. [2025-R-210](#)

Recommends the approval of this Resolution

39. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to ratify the acceptance of a grant award in the amount of \$1,904,825.00 from the Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) to fund the Laredo Auto Theft Task Force for the period of September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026. This grant pays [2025-R-211](#)

for salaries, supplies, and equipment for the LPD Auto Theft Task Force. The city's local match is \$731,251.00 for a total grant amount of \$2,636,076.00. Funding is available in the Auto Theft Fund.

Recommends the approval of this Resolution.

40. Consideration to authorize the purchase contract with Insight Public Sector, Inc. Chandler, AZ, for the procurement of hardware, software, support services, licenses for network switches, and installation in the amount of \$180,683.54. This purchase shall be made through the Cisco DIR Contract # DIR-CPO-5347. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund. [25-1576](#)

It is recommended that this purchase contract be approved.

41. Consideration to authorize payment to sole source provider, Utility Associates, Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$631,215.00 for renewal of support service fees for one hundred sixty-three body worn camera and one hundred fifty-two in-car-video systems. These three hundred fifteen systems have exceeded the five year threshold for device support services included in the initial purchase. Service is needed to continue providing video cloud storage for these systems. The coverage period is January 01, 2025 through August 01, 2025. Funding is available in the General Fund - Police Department Budget and the Police Trust Fund. [25-1621](#)

Recommends that Council approves this payment.

42. Consideration to authorize the purchase contract with GT Distributors, Inc., Pflugerville, Texas, in the amount not to exceed \$105,000.00 to purchase tactical equipment for the Police Department SWAT members. This purchase shall be made utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Contract No. 698-23. Funding is available in the Police Trust Fund. [25-1622](#)

It is recommended that this purchase be authorized.

TAX: DORA MALDONADO, TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

43. Motion to nominate a Council Member/Person as the City of Laredo's candidate to serve for the Webb County Appraisal District Board of Directors 2026-2029 Year Term commencing on January 1, 2026 as per the passage of Senate Bill 2 of the 88th Legislature in 2023 and Section 6.03 of the Texas Property Tax Code. City Council will cast its 1,039 votes in any manner it wishes for those individuals listed on the ballot provided by the Chief Appraiser. [25-1706](#)

Approve motion to nominate the City's candidate for the Webb County Appraisal District Board of Directors for the 2025-2029 Year Term.

Motion for Cm. Gonzalez to get re-appointed.

Moved: Vanessa Perez

Second: Melissa R. Cigarroa

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

UTILITIES: DR. TAREQ AL-ZABET, DIRECTOR

44. Consideration to award annual service contract FY25-068 with the most responsive/responsible bidder SPL, Inc. Broussard, LA in an annual amount up to \$211,000.00 for a total contract value of \$1,055,000.00 to provide laboratory analytical services for water and wastewater samples in accordance to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved standard methods. Sample testing is done on a daily, monthly, quarterly, and annual basis. The term of this contract shall be for a period of two years beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. Term of the contract is for two years with three additional one year periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Waterworks and Sewer System Funds. [25-1488](#)

Approval of motion

Motion to approve.

Moved: Melissa R. Cigarroa

Second: David Tyler King

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

45. Authorizing the City Manager to approve a sole source maintenance contract with Core & Main, LP, from San Antonio, Texas for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)/Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) equipment and hosting software services in the amount of \$141,396.87 for FY 25-26. Funding will be available in the Waterworks Fund on October 1, 2025. [25-1614](#)

Approve this motion.

46. Consideration to select and negotiate a professional consulting services contract with Natural Systems Utilities for a feasibility study for the Community Water and Energy Resource Center (CWERC). The CWERC is an innovative, neighborhood-scale wastewater treatment facility designed to transform locally generated waste into renewable energy, reclaimed water, and compost for the Utilities Department. The feasibility [25-1619](#)

study will include financial, technical, and operational assessments of establishing the CWERC facility.

It is recommended that the contract be awarded

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XV. STAFF REPORTS

- 47.** Staff report on current status of plan to improve city services related to online registration and payment systems, as directed through Council Item 25-C-113. [25-1742](#)

Motion to table and bring back on the following City Council meeting.

Moved: Vanessa Perez

Second: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Motion carries.

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into executive session for items 21, 48, 49.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Gilbert Gonzalez

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Motion carries.

- 48.** Request for Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 (1)(A) to consult with City Attorney in reference to becoming a party to the Target Master Settlement Agreement, and any other matters incident thereto. [25-1712](#)

Motion for staff to proceed as directed, and come back with a recommendation during the next meeting.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.
For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

49. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.072 related to the acquisition of the Hamilton Apartments from the Laredo Housing Finance Corporation, and any other matter incident thereto. [25-1713](#)

Motion for staff to proceed as directed, and come back with a recommendation during the next meeting.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.
Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.
For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

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

Motion to recess as the Laredo City Council and convene as the Laredo Mass Transit Board.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.
Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.
For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

50. Authorizing the City Manager to purchase three paratransit vans in the amount of \$415,638.78 utilizing the Statewide Georgia DOAS Contract # 99999-SPD-SPD0000212-0010 from vendor ABC Companies. Funding is available in the Transit Capital Grants, FTA Section 5310 grant number TX-2022-005, FTA share \$300,000.00 and Local Match of \$75,000.00. [2025-RT-39](#)

The remaining balance of \$40,638.78 is available in the 2017 CO Bond.

Staff recommends approval of this resolution.

Motion to approve items 50-52.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Rick" Garza

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

51. Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute the Texas [2025-RT-40](#) Department of Transportation State Urban Grant No. STATE-U-2025-LAREDO-00069 for fiscal year 2026 in the amount of \$603,669.00. This grant provides financial assistance with the operating expenses for El Metro fixed-route and El Lift prevention maintenance. The grant period will be from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026. There is no local match required for this grant. Funding is available in the Transit State Operating Grant Fund.

Staff recommends approval of this resolution in order to continue El Lift Operations.

52. Authorizing the City Manager to purchase a Stertil-Koni Mobile Column [2025-RT-41](#) Lift in the amount of \$56,690.98. This purchase will be utilizing the Reeder Distributors, Inc. Buy Board National CO-OP No. 715-23. This mobile column lift is used at the El Metro Maintenance shop by the mechanics when making vehicle repairs. Funding is available in the Transit Center Fund.

Staff recommends the approval of this resolution.

XVIII. ADJOURN AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL

Motion to adjourn as the Laredo Mass Transit Board and reconvene as the Laredo City Council.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

XIX. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Request by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño

- 53.** Discussion with possible action to have a permanent Texas Flag and the Republic of the Rio Grande Flag at City Council Chambers and incorporation of the Texas Pledge into the opening of City Council meetings, and any matters related thereto. [25-C-157](#)

Motion to have a flag at Council Chambers, and to add the Texas pledge in every City Council meeting.

Moved: Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Second: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa

Abstain: 0

Np: 0

Motion carries.

Request by Council Member Gilbert Gonzalez

- 54.** Recognition of United South High School administration and Ms. Martha Alvarez, Principal for earning an A-rating from the Texas Education Agency and ranking No. 1 in the state among comparable high schools, with a score of 93. United South High School stands as a model of excellence and achievement for Texas schools. [25-C-153](#)

Request by Council Member Melissa R. Cigarroa

- 55.** Discussion with possible action to create an ordinance regarding signage in the Historic District of Laredo to prevent illuminated signs in and adjacent to St. Agustin Plaza in order to preserve its authenticity. [25-C-151](#)

Motion to table and bring back on the following City Council meeting.

Moved: Melissa R. Cigarroa

Second: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Motion carries.

56. Discussion with possible action to submit a Resolution urging the Environmental Protection Agency to continue enforcing the Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding and Motor Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Standards; and any other matters incident thereto. [25-C-152](#)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Melissa R. Cigarroa

Second: Ricardo "Rick" Garza

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Motion carries.**Request by Council Member Dr. David Tyler King**

57. Discussion with possible action to pursue a request for proposal (RFP) for artwork to be done on the City's water tower at McPherson & International Blvd., and also refer to the Fine Arts and Culture Commission for guidance and approval, and any other matters incident thereto. [25-C-139](#)

Motion to include all other water tanks.

Moved: David Tyler King

Second: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Motion carries.

58. Discussion with possible action regarding improving the flow of traffic at the intersection of Del Mal Blvd and Loop-20, specifically as it relates to east bound traffic on Del Mar attempting to turn north onto Loop-20, and any other matters incident thereto. [25-C-148](#)
59. Recognizing Aaron Garza, an 8-year-old third grader at San Isidro Elementary School, for his acceptance into the National Math Stars program. Out of 6,000 applicants nationwide, Aaron was one of only 80 students selected, placing him in the top 0.2% of I-Ready math [25-C-149](#)

performers. He is the only student from UISD and Laredo to advance to the final stage.

Aaron's dedication and hard work serve as an inspiration to his peers and the community. City Council congratulates him on this outstanding achievement and wishes him continued success.

Request by Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa J. Perez

Motion to table items 60, 61, 62.

Moved: Vanessa Perez

Second: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Motion carries.

- 60.** Discussion with possible action to have a directive report generated and updated after each council meeting, apart from the meeting minutes, with status to include pending directives, and any other matters incident thereto. [25-C-154](#)
- 61.** Discussion with possible action on the Los Martinez lighting project, and any other matters incident thereto. [25-C-155](#)
- 62.** Discussion with possible action on opportunities for centralization of city services within the organization, and any other matters incident thereto. [25-C-156](#)

Request by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa

- 63.** Discussion and possible action to solicit Requests for Qualifications (RFQs) for an engineer to update the most recent quiet zone diagnostic study for the CPKC Railroad quiet zone (as necessary) and to prepare plans, specifications and estimates and represent the City of Laredo in Federal Rail Administration (FRA) implementation of a quiet zone and any other matters incident thereto. [25-C-150](#)

Motion for Management to come up with Rail Projects and a timeline as directed.

Moved: Vanessa Perez

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: 0

Motion carries.

XX. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 10:50 p.m.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Motion carries.