

Meeting Minutes - Preliminary A-2025-R-17

Monday, October 20, 2025 5:30 PM City Council Chambers

City Council

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City Council A-2025-R-17 October 20, 2025

City of Laredo
Regular City Council Meeting
A-2025-R-17
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
October 20, 2025
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

TEXAS PLEDGE

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

ROLL CALL

Also in attendance:

City Manager Joseph W. Neeb Assistant City Manager Steve E. Landin Assistant City Manager Jose A. Valdez, Jr. Assistant City Manager Ramon Chavez City Secretary Mario Maldonado, Jr. City Attorney Zone Nguyen

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

MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of October 6,2025.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr.

Victor D. Trevino, Cm. 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.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

RECOGNITION

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.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Motion to approve appointments to Commissions, Boards, and Committees.

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.

2. Appointment by Council Member Melissa Cigarroa of Nadia Perez to the <u>APPT - 72</u> Laredo Commission for Women.

PLANNING & ZONING - PUBLIC HEARING & INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE

Motion to open up Planning & Zoning Public Hearings 3-8, Public Hearings 9-11, & to include number 2 on the Supplemental Agenda.

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., and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa

Perez

Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

3. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 12, Block 446, Eastern Division, located at 202 West San Carlos Street, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District).

25-1850

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

ZC-070-2025 District VIII

Motion to close and deny.

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., and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa

Perez

Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

4. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by amending Ordinance Number 2000-O-026, which authorized a conditional use permit for a Police Substation Lot 20, Block 5, Sierra Vista Police Station Plat, located at 140 Ceniso Loop in order to change the use of the property to an Animal Care Substation (Office).

25-1851

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

ZV-077-2025 District I

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

meeting.

Moved: Gilbert Gonzalez

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., and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa

Perez

Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

5. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 10.8 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit A, located south of Tesis Drive and west of Colegio Lane, from AG (Agricultural District) to R-1B (Single-Family High Density District).

25-1859

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

ZC-072-2025 District II

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

Moved: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

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., and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa

Perez

Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

6. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 3.8 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit A, located west of Bernadette Lane and southwest of Aquero Boulevard, from AG (Agricultural District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District).

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

ZC-073-2025

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., and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa

Perez

Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

7. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 4.61 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached "Exhibit A", located south of Bartlett Avenue and east of Arthur Miller Court, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) and B-3 (Community Business District) to R-1B (Single Family High Density District).

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

ZC-074-2025 District V

Motion to close and introduce 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., and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa

Perez

Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

8. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 11.91 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached "Exhibit A",

25-1905

located east of FM 1472 and north of Rancho Viejo Drive, from R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District).

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

ZC-075-2025 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., and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa

25-1834

Perez

Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

PUBLIC HEARING & INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE

9. Authorizing the renewal amendment to grant a non-exclusive franchise to Pedro Pete Services, LLC to use the present and future streets, avenues, alleys, roads, highways, sidewalks, easements and other public rights-of-way of the City of Laredo, Texas for purposes of constructing, maintaining and operating a commercial container refuse gathering and disposing service, setting forth terms and conditions to govern the franchise; providing a severability clause, a savings clause and an effective date. Franchise fees will be deposited in the General Fund.

Staff recommends the second reading.

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

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., and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa

Perez

Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

10. Authorizing the City Manager to grant a non-exclusive franchise to I Need Dumpster LLC to use the present and future streets, avenues, alleys, roads, highways, sidewalks, easements and other public rights-of-way of the City of Laredo, Texas for purposes of constructing, maintaining and operating a commercial container refuse gathering and disposing service, setting forth terms and conditions to govern the franchise; providing a severability clause, a savings clause and an effective date. Franchise Fees will be deposited in the General Fund.

25-1848

Staff recommends the second reading.

Motion to close and introduce 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., Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez,

and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Dr. David Tyler King

Motion carries.

11. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant, approve a program, and appropriate funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program and amend the FY 2025-2026 General Fund Budget by increasing revenues and expenses in the amount of \$327,560.00. The funds will be used to provide National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) approved physicals, laboratory comprehensive cancer screenings, and cardiovascular and fitness exams for all firefighters. The grant performance period is September 30, 2025 to September 29, 2027. Funding will be available in the Special Fire Grants Fund.

25-1950

Staff recommends approval of this item.

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

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Rick" Garza

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.

(Recess)

(Press Availability)

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

Council to introduce #12,13 on the regular agenda, and #3,4 on the supplemental agenda.

12. An Ordinance amending the City of Laredo's Code of Ordinance Chapter 2, Article II, Division 3, "Leave Policy" providing for updates to definitions, Holiday Pay, Annual Leave, Sick Leave, and other leave provisions to align with the Compressed Workweek Policy and the Classification and Compensation Plan Policy; Providing for a Cumulative Clause; Providing for severability; Providing for Publication; and Declaring an Effective Date.

Staff recommends approval of this item

13. An Ordinance Of The City Of Laredo, Texas authorizing to amend Ordinance 2018-O-175, Article X, Local Preference Program, Of Chapter 2, Administration, Of The Code Of Ordinances To Set Forth The Guidelines For Granting A Local Preference In City Procurements; Providing That This Ordinance Shall Be Cumulative; Providing A Severability Clause; Providing For Publication; And Declaring An Effective Date (As Amended).

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

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to approve final reading of Ordinances 15-17.

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.

14. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Second Amendment to Tower 2025-O-152 Site Lease by and between Pinnacle Towers LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (Pinnacle Towers Inc. a Delaware corporation, was converted pursuant to Delaware law to Pinnacle Towers LLC, effective

April 7, 2004) ("Crown") and City of Laredo, a government entity of the State of Texas ("Customer") to amend the term of the agreement effective December 31, 2025 for a term of five years with one five year renewal option. This lease is for space on the tower to collocate any and all antennas/equipment related to the operation of the city's 800Mhz Public Safety Radio System. All other terms and conditions remain in full force and effect.

Staff recommends approval.

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing 2025-O-197 **15**. the City Manager to set the maximum speed limits on that portion of Mcpherson Road between Shiloh Drive and Bob Bullock Loop, within the city limits of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, as 40 MPH, based on an in-house speed zone study conducted by the Traffic Safety Division, **Engineering Department.**

Staff recommends introduction of this ordinance

16. An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo 2025-O-179 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.

Staff recommends the appropriation and acceptance of funds.

17. An ordinance expanding the board of directors of Tax Increment 2025-O-206 Reinvestment Zone Number One, City of Laredo, Texas; amending ordinance 2016-O-192 to provide for appointment of two additional directors; containing findings and provisions related to the foregoing subject; and providing a severability clause.

Staff recommends the approval of this resolution.

18. An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo 2025-O-196 Municipal Housing Fund FY 2025-2026 Annual Budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$62,100.00, establishing the rental rates and tenant policies for the Lafayette Tiny Homes Rental Housing Project located at 3602 Eagle Pass, and amending the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) position listing by adding one Administrative Assistant, grade 205 and one Building Maintenance Mechanic, grade 204. These rental units must serve individuals who are low-income, experiencing homelessness, or at risk of becoming homeless, and must offer affordable rents in accordance with HOME-ARP and HOME program regulations.

For Ordinance to be approved.

Motion to approve.

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.

19. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, 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.

Staff recommends the appropriation and acceptance of funds.

Do not approve, item was duplicated.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 20-41, with the exception of 29,36.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

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.

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: JOSEPH W. NEEB

20. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, establishing 2025-R-287 a standardized confirmation and ratification process for all positions requiring City Council approval pursuant to the City Charter or State Law.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: TINA RODRIGUEZ, DIRECTOR

21. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, approving 2025-R-249 the Bylaws of the Board of Directors for the Reinvestment Zone No. 1 (A Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone)

Staff recommends the approval of this resolution.

22. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Participation Agreement with Webb County for participation in Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) No. 1, pursuant to Chapter 311 of the Texas Tax Code.

Staff recommends the approval of this motion.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: ARNOLDO LOZANO, INTERIM DIRECTOR

and approving a fee waiver and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and Gonzalo Prida Medellin for a proposed project located at 520 Lincoln, LOT 1 BLK 90 WD that consists of Rehabilitation, in accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the neighborhood empowerment zone (NEZ) 8. This agreement will be for a Ten (10) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$674,000, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$3,406 and estimated total fee waivers of \$3,704. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information. This project is located within City Council district 8.

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ENGINEERING: ELIUD DE LOS SANTOS P.E., CITY ENGINEER

24. Consideration to award a design/build contract to Nature Trails NC, LLC, Brevard, North Carolina for the Shiloh Bike Trails Improvements Project in response to RFQ FY25-ENG-19 for the amount not to exceed \$770,000.00, which includes design plans, specifications, and construction. Funding is available in the District Priority Funds.

25-1856

Approval of this motion.

25-1910

- 25. Consideration for approval of the selection of the top ranked consultant for the RFQ FY25-ENG-57 Project Administration and Management Downtown Rail Corridor Safety Planning Project; and authorization to negotiate and award a professional services contract not to exceed \$5,000,000.00. A total of (5) firms responded to the request for qualifications Tuesday, September 18, 2025, and the top (2) firms presented on September 30, 2025 to the evaluation committee. The committee recommends the selection of top ranked consultant HDR Engineering, Inc., San Antonio, Texas. There is no financial impact at this time.
 - 1. HDR Engineering, Inc., San Antonio, Texas
 - 2. RailPros, Inc., Irving, Texas
 - 3. Patrick Engineering Inc, Chicago, Illinois
 - 4. LJA Engineering, Inc., Laredo, Texas
 - 5. Ardurra Group, Inc., Laredo, Texas

Approval of this motion.

26. A resolution of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending resolution No. 2024-R-256 to revise the third paragraph in order to update the description of the authorized use of funds related to the State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) Loan; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

Approval of this resolution.

27. Consideration for approval of Amendment No. 2, an increase in the amount of \$48,500.00 to the professional services contract with Cavazos Architects, Laredo, Texas, for the City of Laredo Fire Station No. 10 Fleet Annex Building to be located at 11015 McPherson Road, which will include additional architectural/engineering services, and other supplemental services. Current contract amount with this amendment is \$377,695.00. Funding is available in the 2021A Certificate of Obligation Bonds.

25-1959

Approval of this motion.

28. Consideration to award a construction contract to the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder DSG Solutions, LLC, Laredo, Texas in the amount not to exceed \$105,940.00 for FY25-ENG-54 Los Martinez Park Light Poles Project for the total base bid including a \$10,000.00 contingency allowance. Construction contract time is 90 working days. Funding is available in Community Development Fund- 2021/2022 Grant, Parks Recreation Fund, and 2021-A Certificate of Obligation Bond - District 7 Priority Funds.

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- 1. DSG Solutions, LLC, Laredo, Texas Total Base Bid: \$105.940.00
- 2. Royal Contractors, Inc., Laredo, Texas Total Base Bid: \$164,900.00
- 3. Zertuche Construction Texas LLC, Laredo, Texas Total Base Bid: \$137,333.00
- 4. CID Group, Inc., Laredo, Texas Total Base Bid: \$275,224.00
- 5. Midas Contractors, LLC, Laredo, Texas Total Base Bid: \$313,500.00
- 6. ABBA Construction, LLC, Laredo, Texas Total Base Bid: \$333.500.00
- 7. HDL Construction, LLC, Laredo, Texas Total Base Bid: \$5,858,000.00

Refer to attached letter of recommendation.

Approval of this motion.

FINANCE: FRANCISCO J. MATA, DIRECTOR

29. Discuss and take action on a resolution authorizing defeasance and 2025-R-280 redemption of a portion of the City's outstanding Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2015 and other related matters.

Staff recommends the approval of this resolution.

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-R-80, authorizing defeasance and redemption of approximately \$2,060,000.00 of the City's outstanding Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2015 and other related matters.

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.

FIRE: GUILLERMO HEARD, FIRE CHIEF

30. Consideration to approve the purchase of two Road Rescue Ram 550 4x2

Ambulance Remounts from Medic Built, Kennedale, TX, in the amount of \$508,942.48 through the HGAC Cooperative Purchasing Program #AM10-23. Funding is available in the 2024 Certificate of Obligation Bond.

Staff recommends approval of this purchase.

31. Consideration to approve the purchase of two Stretchers, High-Configured Power Pro 2, and two Power Load systems from Stryker, LLC, Chicago, IL, in the amount of \$121,439.18, through the Sourcewell contract #041823. Funding is available in the 2022 and 2024 Certificate of Obligation Bond.

Staff recommends approval of this purchase.

FLEET MANAGEMENT: RONALD MILLER, DIRECTOR

- **32.** Consideration to renew annual service contracts FY24-103 with the following vendors:
 - 1). R&S Inspection Center, Laredo, TX in an annual amount up to \$30,000.00 and \$60,000.00 for the remainder of the contract term;
 - 2). Rotex Truck Center, Laredo, TX in an annual amount up to \$20,000.00 and \$40,000.00 for the remainder of the contract term;

to provide safety inspection services for all Non-DOT and DOT medium size fleet vehicles. 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 appropriated funds. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This contract can be extended for two additional one-year periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. All services will be purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Management Fund.

It is recommended that these contracts be renewed.

33. Consideration to award annual contract FY25-089 for the general diesel engine repairs and parts/service for the City's Fleet Department to the following lowest responsive/responsible vendors:

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- 1. Cervantes Truck Center, Laredo, Texas in an annual amount up to \$600,000.00 and \$1,800,000.00 for the remainder of the contract term;
- 2. Rotex Truck Center, Laredo, Texas in an annual amount up to \$250,000.00 and \$750,000.00 for the remainder of the contract term;
- 3. South Texas Auto Rebuilders, Laredo, Texas in an annual amount up to \$250,000.00 and \$750,000.00 for the remainder of the contract term;
- 4. Rush Truck Center, Laredo, Texas in an annual amount up to \$250,000.00 and \$750,000.00 for the remainder of the contract term;
- 5. J&P Mobile Mechanics, Laredo, Texas in an annual amount up to \$50,000.00 and \$150,000.00 for the remainder of the contract term;
- 6. Andy's Auto Air & Supplies, Laredo, Texas in an annual amount up to \$50,000.00 and \$150,000.00 for the remainder of the contract term.

This contract establishes multiple vendors for general diesel engine repairs and provides the ability to outsource and expedite needed diesel engine repairs. 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 appropriated funds and compliance city code of ordinances. This contract can be renewed three additional one-year extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Fleet Management Fund.

It is recommended that these contracts be awarded.

34. Consideration to renew supplies contract FY23-040 for the purchase of OEM parts for small and medium vehicles for the City's Fleet Department with the following vendors:

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Section I: Rush Truck Center, Laredo, TX in an annual amount up to \$450.000.00;

Doggett Freightliner, Laredo, TX in an annual amount up to \$250,000.00;

Section II: Doggett Freightliner, Laredo, TX in an annual amount up to \$300,000.00;

Rush Truck Center, Laredo TX in an annual amount up to \$150,000.00;

Section III: Rotex Truck Center, Laredo, TX in an annual amount up to \$500,000.00;

Andy's Auto & Bus Air, Laredo, TX in an annual amount up to \$75,000.00 (A/C Parts Only);

Rush Truck Center, Laredo, TX in an annual amount up to \$200,000.00 (Parts Only);

Section IV: Rush Truck Center, Laredo, TX in an annual amount up to \$85,000.00:

Doggett Freightliner, Laredo, TX in an annual amount up to \$70,000.00;

Section V: Rush Truck Center, Laredo, TX in an annual amount up to \$150,000.00:

Doggett Freightliner, Laredo, TX in annual amount up to \$100,000.00.

This contract provides the Fleet Department with the ability to purchase OEM parts for small and medium vehicle repairs. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one year beginning as of the date of its execution. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the last extension period for this contract. All parts and services will be secured on an as-needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Management Fund.

It is recommended that these contracts be renewed.

PUBLIC HEALTH: DR. RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, DIRECTOR

35. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing 2025-R-267 the City Manager to accept and enter into a continuation contract from the Health Resources & Services Administration 340B Drug Pricing Reimbursement Program, in the total amount of \$350,000.00, with no match for the City of Laredo Public Health Department for the term period from October 01, 2025 through September 30, 2026. Funds will be accounted for in the Laredo Public Health Department Fund - STD 340B Program.

Staff recommends that Council approve the Resolution.

Authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services 36. agreement with Dr. David H. Cruz, M.D., for continued physician oversight of the City's Employee Health & Wellness Clinic. This agreement consolidates medical direction, workers' compensation review, and prescriptive authority. The initial term of the agreement is two years, with up to two additional one-year extensions upon satisfactory performance. Annual base compensation shall be \$75,000 per year, with a 3% annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), not to exceed a total contract value amount of \$315,000.00. Funding is available in the Risk Management Fund - Employee Health and Wellness.

VIVA LAREDO PLAN ALIGNMENT

Alignment Rating: Strong

Supporting goal(s)/policy(ies):

- Goal 7.1: Improve access to health services for all residents.
- Policy 7.1.3: Promote preventive care and occupational health programs to improve overall community well-being.

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- Goal 7.5: Strengthen public health systems and operations.
- Policy 7.5.1: Ensure public health programs are financially sustainable and responsive to community and workforce needs.
- · Policy 7.5.3: Enhance coordination between public health, clinical providers, and employers to promote workplace wellness and safety.

Summary of alignment: This resolution aligns with the Viva Laredo Comprehensive Plan by supporting the City's commitment to preventive and occupational health for employees and their families. The physician services agreement ensures continued medical oversight, wellness care, and occupational health management-key components of a healthy and productive workforce. By investing in preventive medicine, safety oversight, and medical consultation, this initiative directly advances the Plan's goals to strengthen public health systems, protect worker well-being, and promote sustainable, responsive health programs within the municipal workforce.

Staff recommends that Council approves the motion.

Motion to approve.

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. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez

Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

UTILITIES: DR. TAREQ AL-ZABET, DIRECTOR

37. Consideration to award annual supply/service contract FY25-071 with the lowest responsive/responsible bidder Rain for Rent, Bakersfield, CA in an annual amount up to \$500,000.00 for a total contract value of \$2,000,000.00 to provide emergency diesel by-pass pump rentals. The vendor shall provide all required equipment, materials. transportation, fuel, and supervision necessary to support temporary by-pass pumping operations at wastewater lift stations or gravity main segments during emergency conditions or scheduled repairs. 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 appropriated funds. This contract has three additional one (1) year extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Sewer System Fund - 2022 Sewer Revenue Bond.

Approval of motion.

38. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement with Patterson Equipment Company, The Woodlands, Texas,

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the sole authorized distributor in Texas for Super Products vacuum equipment in the amount of \$65,885.20. This authorization is for the repairs of Vacuum Truck Unit #14664, which requires replacement of the debris tank. Funding for this purchase is available in the Sewer System Fund - 2024 Sewer Revenue Bond.

Approve this motion.

39. Consideration to renew supply/services contract number FY24-098 with Midas Contractors of Laredo, Texas in an annual amount of up to \$270,000.00 and \$540,000.00 for the remainder of the contract term. These services shall be purchased on an as needed basis by the Utilities Department for repairs and new projects. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one year beginning as of the date of its execution. This contract can be renewed for two additional one-year extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Waterworks & Sewer System Funds.

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Approval of motion.

40. Consideration to award service contract FY25-073 to HST Utility Inc, Saint Petersburg, Florida in an amount of \$158,600.00 for Phase V to replace existing large water meters with Neptune Mach 10 ultrasonic water meters at various locations throughout the city. The Utilities Department reserves the right to award Phases I to IV which encompasses the entire city at later date and as it determines fit. Each phase will include the replacement of a specified number of meters. This contract shall be for an initial period of six (6) months from the commencement date. Funding is available in the Waterworks and Sewer System Funds.

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It is recommended that this contract be awarded.

41. Authorizing the City Manager to ratify a purchase order in the amount of \$249,000.00 to SAL Construction Management for an emergency contract. This contract was necessary to repair a 36-inch water line break that occurred on September 19, 2025. The emergency work ensured continuous water service to the Laredo South area. Funding for this contract is available in the Waterworks Fund - 2024 Water Revenue Bond.

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Approval of Motion

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into Executive Session.

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.

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: Vanessa Perez

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr.

Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez

Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

42. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a three year software service 2025-RT-45 contract with sole-source vendor Remix Technologies, LLC, a subsidiary of VIA Transportation, Inc. in the total amount of \$151,200.00. This is a purchase of a cloud-based platform for planning, simultaneous cost estimation, geospatial data analysis, and equity analysis that enable time tables, blocking, run-cutting, and rostering for bus operations. Funding is available in the El Metro Operations Fund.

Staff recommends renewal of services to avoid operating services.

Motion to approve items 42,44.

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. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez

Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

43. Authorizing the City Manager to amend the CNG Facilities Maintenance 2025-RT-46

Agreement by increasing the year amount from \$150,000.00 to \$243,000.00, henceforward, due to that all of the fixed route buses are now operated by compressed natural gas (CNG) fuel and the fuel stations are needing frequent maintenance. Service facilities are located at 401 Scott St and 5710 Daugherty Ave. No other amendment to the agreement. Funding is available in El Metro Operations Fund.

Staff recommends the approval of this amendment amount increase in order to continue operating public transportation.

Motion to approve.

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. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez

Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

44. Consideration to award contract FY25-086 to the lowest responsive, 2025-RT-47 responsible bidder Arguindegui Oil Co. LTD, FY25-086 in an annual amount of \$97,523.50 for a total contract value of \$487,617.50 to Arguindegui Oil Co. LTD, Laredo, TX for the purchase of motor oil and lubricants for the Laredo Transit Management. The term of this contract is for two (2) years beginning the date of its execution with three (3) additional one (1) year renewal periods upon mutual agreement of both parties. Funding is available in the El Metro Operations Fund.

Staff recommends the approval of this contract in order to continue El Metro bus operations.

ADJOURN AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO PUBLIC FACILITY CORPORATION

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

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. Ruben Gutierrez Jr.,

and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez

Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Cm. Alyssa

Cigarroa

Motion carries.

GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Request by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño

45. Discussion with possible action on sending a resolution in line with the Southern Alliance of Cities to request Mexico pay the water amounts to South Texas that were recently agreed to by the October 25 deadline, and any matters related to thereto.

Motion to place item on Priority policy items on the list for the Washington DC trip, and as of #1 Port of Entry to the US, to recommend to President Trump and administration to modernize the 1944 water treatment with realistic metrics instead of incorporation these metrics into the upcoming USMCA.

Moved: Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Second: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

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.

46. Discussion with possible action on update of previously approved 25-C-182 feasibility study on convention center/multi-use center, or any matters related thereto.

Motion for staff to proceed as directed.

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., and Cm. Dr. David Tyler King

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion carries.

Request by Council Member Ricardo "Richie" Rangel, Jr.

47. Discussion with possible action on a status update on the vehicles for hire ordinance and any others matters incident thereto.

Request by Council Member Melissa R. Cigarroa

48. Discussion with possible action regarding the feasibility, planning, and 25-C-179

potential development of a City of Laredo Civic Center, including evaluation of potential locations, funding mechanisms, public-private partnership opportunities, and any other matters incident thereto.

Motion to direct management to come back with a Laredo Civic Center Plan, along with any restrictions.

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., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro

Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: 0

Motion carries.

Request by Council Member Ruben Gutierrez, Jr.

49. Discussion and possible action to support federal employees affected by a government shutdown by allowing the deferral of utility payments during the shutdown period, without disconnection penalties or late fees; and any matter incident thereto.

Motion to not disconnect water utilities for Federal employees that have not been compensated for their jobs. Also to review the previous Ordinance from 2019 as amended.

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.

50. Discussion with possible action to install speed humps on Martens Street, Josefina Drive, Crownwood Drive, and Bulldog Blvd. as needed; and any matter incident thereto.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

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., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro

Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: 0

Motion carries.

Request by Council Member Dr. David Tyler King

51. Discussion with possible action regarding an update on how the City will be implementing the indoor recreation feasibility study which was funded in the FY 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Plan, and any other matters incident thereto.

52. Discussion with possible action regarding the possible purchase of property that connects Divine Mercy Park and Shiloh Bike Trails, and any other matters incident thereto.

Motion to have Parks Management, Community Development to bring back the two different properties to discuss at the next Council meeting.

Moved: David Tyler King

Second: Melissa R. Cigarroa

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr.

Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Dr. David Tyler King,

Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, and Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Motion carries.

53. Discussion with possible action regarding the enforcement and applicability of City ordinances pertaining to the operation of businesses from residential properties without the required permits, including the legality of using residential lawns or premises to advertise items for sale—such as motor vehicles—not owned by the property occupant, and any other matters incident thereto.

Motion for Legal to draft an Ordinance recommendation.

Moved: David Tyler King

Second: Alyssa Cigarroa

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, 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., and Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Motion carries.

Request by Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa J. Perez

54. Discussion with possible action on opportunities for centralization of city services within the organization, and any other matters incident thereto.

Motion for management to bring back a plan to revitalize this processes internally and revamping some of the departments.

Moved: Vanessa Perez

Second: Ricardo "Rick" Garza

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, 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., and Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Motion carries.

55. Discussion with possible action regarding Riverbank drive, and any other matters incident thereto.

Motion to allow management to proceed as discussed.

Moved: Vanessa Perez

Second: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R.

Cigarroa, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor

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Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., and Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza

Motion carries.

Request by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa

56. Discussion with possible action to consider the Mercadito Azteca feasibility study, including potential designation of 14 Iturbide as the project site, comparison of renovation needs identified in the feasibility study with the assessment prepared by the Engineering Department, identification of which organization would be engaged to work with this property, and identification of funding partnerships to offset costs of building renovations, startup, and ongoing operations, and any other matters incident thereto.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Alyssa Cigarroa

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. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez,

and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain:

Np: Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Motion carries.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 10:45 p.m.

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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. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez,

and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Motion carries.