

# **City of Laredo**

## **AS AMENDED REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**A-2024-R-17**

**Monday, November 4, 2024**

**5:30 PM**

**City Council Chambers**

**City Council**

**Recognition and Communication  
4:30 P.M.**

**The Mayor will be presenting the following:**

1. Recognizing Sheila Serna for her involvement and invaluable contributions to protecting our environment and air quality.
2. Recognizing Dr. Gustavo Villarreal for his lifelong contributions to Laredo and the medical community.
3. Recognition of retiring Executive Director, María Gaona of Laredo Housing Authority and introduction of new Executive Director, Jennifer Barrientos.

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**City of Laredo  
AS AMENDED  
Regular City Council Meeting  
A-2024-R-17  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1110 HOUSTON STREET  
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040  
November 4, 2024  
5:30 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- IV. ROLL CALL**
- V. MINUTES**

Approval of Minutes of:

October 28, 2024

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Citizens can participate through in-person comments. Citizens wishing to provide in-person comments are required to fill out a witness card and submit it to the City Secretary no later than 5:45 p.m. and identify themselves at the microphone. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. Speakers may not pass their minutes to any other speaker. All comments should be relevant to City business and delivered in a professional manner. No derogatory remarks will be permitted.

**VI. COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Announcing Municipal Courts Week from November 4-8, 2024 dedicated to appreciating the contributions that Texas Municipal Courts make to the safety and well-being of our communities. [24-2071](#)
2. Report from Mayor Dr. Treviño on recent Binational Summit with Nuevo León and Washington trip. [24-2108](#)

#### **VII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

1. Appointment by Council Member Melissa Cigarroa of David Kash Vasquez to the Airport Advisory Committee. [APPT. - 110](#)
2. Appointment by Mayor Victor D. Trevino, of Joaquin Rodriguez for the Fire Pension Fund. [APPT. - 111](#)

#### **VIII. PUBLIC HEARING & INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE**

1. Public hearing and presentation by Able City on the amendment of the City of Laredo Land Development Code, Article IV, in order to amend Section 24-62.1(b), entitled Specific Use Zoning Overlay Districts, by adding the Clark Boulevard Overlay District, and adding new Section 24.75, entitled Clark Boulevard Overlay District (CK), to provide performance standards associated with proposed district, and amending the City of Laredo Zoning Ordinance (Map) to identify only those properties located abutting Clark Boulevard, between North Seymour Avenue, and North Ejido Avenue as the Clark Boulevard Overlay District. [24-2008](#)

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the proposed Clark Boulevard Overlay District.

OA-001-2024  
District IV

2. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the City of Laredo Land Development Code, Section 24.77.1, entitled Dimensional Standards, to amend the minimum lot area requirements for "Duplex" and Appendix A, by amending "Duplex" in the list of definitions, and providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative, providing for severability clause, and providing for publication and effective date. [24-2026](#)

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed ordinance amendment.

3. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance designating the City Limits and ETJ (five miles outside city limits) as the Tax Abatement Reinvestment Zone for commercial/industrial tax abatements; establishing the boundaries thereof and other matters relating thereto; declaring findings of fact; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date of December 1, 2024. [24-2010](#)
4. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 3194.7 square feet out of Lot 2, Block 664, Eastern Division, as further described in meets and bounds in attached Exhibit A, located at 1215 Ryan Street, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District). [24-2095](#)

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

ZC-075-2024  
District IV

(Recess)  
(Press Availability)

#### IX. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

5. An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an airline lease agreement between the City of Laredo and Aerotransportes Rafilher S.A. de C.V., d/b/a Aerus, San Luis Potosi, México, for Exclusive Use Space and Joint Use Space located at 5210 Bob Bullock Loop at the Laredo International Airport Terminal Building, to conduct commercial air transportation services. The proposed lease term is for one year commencing on November 1, 2024 and ending on October 31, 2025, with an option to renew for one additional year. As an incentive for new air service, the city agrees to waive 100% of the airline's Rent, Landing Fees, and FIS Fee obligations for the first 12 consecutive months of the airline's flights to the Laredo International Airport. [24-2077](#)
6. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, establishing the salary of the duly elected municipal court judge to include a base salary of \$130,000 for the first term with a 3% cost of living adjustment compounded annually for the remainder of the term and \$146,000 at the commencement of the second term with a 3% cost of living adjustment compounded annually for the remainder of the term. [24-2110](#)

#### X. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

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7. An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas finding that a paper street in the City of Laredo, Texas, is no longer useful or convenient to the public, that it is an unnecessary expense to the City of Laredo and closing, vacating and abandoning that paper street, being a 0.32-acre tract of land out of 1600 block of Urbahn Avenue Right-of-Way, situated in District II, The Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas; and providing for a reversion of fee in said paper street to the underlying property owners, but reserving a perpetual utility easement; hereof, closed as a public easement and providing for an effective date. [2024-O-229](#)
  
  8. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 7, Building and Building Regulations, Article I.-In General, Section 7-2, Same - Amendments; Code of Ordinances, Chapter 11, Electricity, Article III.-Permits; Fees; Inspection, Section 11-44, Same Fees (a)(6) - Amendments; Code of Ordinances, Chapter 25, Plumbing, Article I.- In General, Section 25-8, Other Inspections and Fee (1); by establishing a foundation-only permit and permit fee for commercial and residential construction of \$200.00; and establishing a solar panel permit and solar panel permit fee for commercial and residential construction of \$200.00, and establishing a process for Pre-development Meeting and Pre-development Service fee of \$200.00; establishing an After-hour inspection process and an After-hour inspection fee \$150.00; establishing a Partial inspection process and a Partial inspection fee of \$75.00; providing a cumulative and repealing clause; providing a severability clause; providing for publication; providing for a penalty; and declaring an effective date. [2024-O-247](#)
  
  9. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, ratifying the execution of a contract from the U.S. Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service, amending the FY24-25 annual budget for the Environmental Services fund by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, with \$16,194.00 in in-kind match for a total of \$1,016,194.00. Funds will be used for the Zacate Creek Restoration Project. [2024-O-227](#)
  
  10. An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to appropriate revenue and expenditure funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 for the Springfield Phase 4 Extension Project. Funding is available in the Capital Grants. Webb County - City of Laredo Regional Mobile Authority (WC-CL RMA) shall provide the Phase 4 Funding Commitment, on a cost-reimbursement basis, for costs incurred by the City in performing the Phase 4 Construction Services. [2024-O-237](#)
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11. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Capital Improvements Fund by appropriating revenues and expenditures, and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget amendment for the finalization of the original design of the North Central ADA Park in the amount of \$550,000.00 that shall include the extension of the existing parking lot past Sweden Lane and various amenities for the inclusive play area. Funds will be from a donation provided by Robert P. Gutierrez. [2024-O-246](#)
  12. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas authorizing a promissory note in the aggregate principal amount of \$4,115,000.00 together with the contract for loan guarantee assistance under Section 108 of The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C., Section 5308, in connection therewith; providing for findings. [2024-O-228](#)
  13. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, ratifying the City Manager's acceptance and execution of a grant for the Texas A&M Forest Service's Community Forestry Grant in the amount of \$16,000.00, with \$13,000 in matching funds by the City of Laredo. And amending the city of Laredo's FY 2025 annual budget for the Environmental Services fund by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$16,000.00. The matching funds are available through the Environmental Department Fund, The Parks and Recreation Department Fund and Keep Laredo Beautiful. All funds will be utilized for purchasing and planting trees at Independence Hills Park. [2024-O-226](#)
  14. An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the FY24-25 Solid Waste budget by drawing down from fund balance and appropriating expenditures in the amount of \$5,414,700.00 for rent and equipment purchases. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Fund. [2024-O-222](#)
  15. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the City of Laredo Land Development Code, Section 24.77.1, entitled Dimensional Standards, to remove the minimum lot depth requirement of 85 feet in R-1B (Single-Family High-Density District) zoning districts, and providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative, providing for severability clause, and providing for publication and effective date. [2024-O-230](#)

16. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a conditional use permit for a trucking company on Lot 3, Block 1, Canseco Subdivision, Unit 3, Lot 1, Block 1, Gambit Plat, and approximately 11.2 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit A, located at 5412 Santa Maria Avenue, 4925 Tesoro Plaza Drive, and 1318 West Calton Road (as amended). [2024-O-231](#)
- ZC-057-2024  
District VII
17. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 12 and the west 1/2 of Lot 11, Block 1000, Eastern Division, located at 1802 Mercer Street, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District). [2024-O-232](#)
- ZC-071-2024  
District II
18. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 2.50 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit A, located at 23311 FM 1472, from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District). [2024-O-233](#)
- ZC-072-2024  
District VII
19. An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a contract from Texas Health and Human Services Commission for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD) Grant, amending the FY2024-2025 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$150,000.00, with no match for the City of Laredo Public Health Department, and amend the City of Laredo Public Health Department FY2024-2025 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Position Listing by creating one (1) Health Educator Supervisor, 210 position, for the term upon full execution of the contract through August 31, 2025. Funds will be accounted for in the Laredo Public Health Department Fund - ADRD Grant. [2024-O-234](#)

- 20.** An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a contract from Texas Health and Human Services Commission for the HIV Clinical HIV/STI Prevention in Community Health Centers Grant, amending the FY2024-2025 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$345,283.00, with no match for the City of Laredo Public Health Department for the term from January 01, 2025 through December 31, 2025. Funds will be accounted for in the Laredo Public Health Department Fund - HIV Clinical HIV/STI Prevention in Community Health Centers Grant. [2024-O-235](#)
- 21.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 15, "Health and Sanitation," Article I "In General" of the Code of Ordinances Section 15-5 "Fees for Immunization Services" to update section 15-5 (c) "Non-State Private Stock Vaccines" to include Insurance Payment subsection (1) and Cash and Card Payment subsection (2); and remove Vaccine Price Schedule; providing a severability clause; providing a savings clause; and providing for an effective date. [2024-O-236](#)
- 22.** An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute a grant as a subrecipient awarded by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on behalf of the Texas Energy Poverty Research Institute (TEPRI) in the amount of \$5,143,991.00, with no match, and amending the Community Development Housing Rehabilitation Fund FY 2025 annual budget for the Solar For All Fund by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$5,143,991.00. This grant will provide two Full Time Equivalent (FTE) - Senior Office Assistant positions. Funding for the City of Laredo's Solar For All Program will deliver direct energy bill savings by providing financial assistance for the installation of solar panels on homes for low-income households. [2024-O-238](#)
- 23.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 5, Block 1069, Eastern Division, located at 1204 South Urbahn Avenue, from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-3 (Community Business District). [2024-O-244](#)

ZC-074-2024  
District II



24. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 2, Block 1, Palm Lake Subdivision, Phase 1, located at 819 Rancho Viejo Drive, from R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District). [2024-O-245](#)

ZC-077-2024  
District VII

25. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas amending Chapter 23, Section 23-6 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo to amend the field rental fees to \$150.00 per field, \$35.00 for lights, \$40.00 for marking, \$150.00 for concession, deposit of 40% of total rental fees and \$750.00 for Complex Rental Rate. Revenues are from funds generated by the field rental fees and will be used for supplies, and maintenance of the facilities; containing a savings clause; containing a severability clause and, providing an effective date. New fees will be deposited into General Fund and Recreation Fund. [2024-O-250](#)

#### **XI. CONSENT AGENDA**

All of the following items may be acted upon by one motion. No separate discussion or action on any of the items is necessary unless desired by a Council Member.

#### **AIRPORT: GILBERTO SANCHEZ, DIRECTOR**

26. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, ratifying the acceptance of a grant by the City Manager in the amount of \$111,111.11 from the Texas Department of Transportation's Routine Airport Maintenance Program. Funds will be used for airport maintenance at the Laredo International Airport. Local match of \$11,111.11 is available in the Airport Construction Fund. [2024-R-324](#)
27. Consideration to purchase two 2024 Chevrolet 2500 Express Vans for a total amount of \$104,789.00 from Lake Country Chevrolet, Jasper, TX, through TIPS USA Contract No. 210907. Funding is available in the Laredo International Airport Operations Fund. [24-2033](#)

28. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to execute a Ground Handling Service Agreement with Aerotransportes Rafilher S.A. de C.V., San Luis Potosí, México (“Aerus”), to conduct ground handling services consisting of the arrival and subsequent departure of aircrafts owned and operated by the Airline. The term of the agreement is for two years, commencing on November 1, 2024, and ending on October 31, 2026. The City will collect from the Carrier, a flat fee of \$6,500.00 monthly for one flight that will be serviced Monday through Friday. [24-2088](#)

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: MIRIAM CASTILLO, DIRECTOR**

29. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas ratifying the authorization of the City Manager to accept amendments to professional services contract FY23-088 with LiftFund by allocating additional funding in the amount of \$300,000.00 and amending scope of work and services necessary and required to administer the Small Business Financial Assistance Grant Program. This program is part of an emergency response to the October 2024 Boil Water Notice to provide emergency relief to businesses from the negative economic impact of this event designated as a disaster at the local and state level. Funding is available in the American Rescue Plan Act Fund. [2024-R-337](#)
30. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to submit a formal request to the Laredo Webb County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to fund a San Bernardo Avenue renovation and restoration corridor study for the purpose of identifying the transportation and place-making improvements that will address the needs for mobility, land use and growth patterns, commercial activity, economic development, and quality of life necessary for revitalization as a destination corridor. [24-0820](#)

**ENGINEERING: RAMON E. CHAVEZ P.E., CITY ENGINEER**

31. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to accept setting a temporary construction speed zone limit at FM 1472, to 60 MPH from FM 3338 (Mile Point 10.070) to Pinnacle Rd. (Mile Point 11.058/ 0.988 Miles). [2024-R-235](#)

32. Consideration for approval of change order No.3, a total decrease of \$65,277.43 to balance quantities, for Fasken Community Center Pool & Amenities Project, to Celso Gonzalez Construction, Inc., Mission, Texas. Ratification of final payment in the amount of \$44,240.36. The construction contract amount including this change order is \$512,231.17. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund and 2019 CO Bond. [24-2100](#)
33. Consideration for approval of the Fasken Community Center Tree House Project as complete by Studio Cortes, LLC. The final completion date was May 31, 2024 in accordance with the terms and conditions under contract. However, the contract time was increased by 15 days due to rain days and City Holidays, and actual work was completed on August 2, 2024 for an overall of 48 calendar days of liquidated damages at \$200.00 per day for a total amount of \$9,600.00. Original contract amount is \$54,016.00, and final payment to Studio Cortes, LLC is \$44,416.00. Funding is available in the District VII priority fund and Capital Improvement Fund. Contingent on the approval of File 24-1564. [24-1570](#)

**FIRE: GUILLERMO HEARD, FIRE CHIEF**

34. Consideration to approve a contract with Galls LLC, Lexington, KY, in an amount not to exceed \$283,500.00 for the purchase of fire department uniforms utilizing Buyboard Cooperative Contract 670-22. The term of this contract is for one (1) year. Funding is available in the Fire Department General Funds. [24-2078](#)

**FLEET MANAGEMENT: RONALD MILLER, DIRECTOR**

35. Consideration to award annual service contract FY24-103 to provide safety inspection services for all Non-DOT and DOT medium size fleet vehicles with the following bidders: [24-1768](#)
- A. Section I: R&S Inspection Center, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$30,000.00 (Primary Vendor);
- B. Section I: Rotex Truck Center, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$20,000.00 (Secondary Vendor);
- C. Section I: Rotex Truck Center, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$20,000.00 (Primary Vendor);
- D. Section I: R&S Inspection Center , Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$20,000.00 (Secondary Vendor).

Funding is available in the Fleet Management Fund.

- 36.** Consideration to award annual supply contract FY24-108 to the following bidders: [24-1948](#)

1). Velco Inc., Laredo, Texas in an annual amount up to \$70,000.00 (Primary Vendor);

2). Gonzalez Auto Parts, Laredo, Texas in an annual amount up to \$40,000.00 (Secondary Vendor).

for the fabrication of hydraulic hoses with fittings for the City's heavy equipment. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one year beginning as of the date of its execution. The contract may be extended for three additional one year periods, each upon mutual agreement of the parties and contingent upon future funding appropriations. All hoses will be purchased on as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Management Fund.

- 37.** Consideration to award annual contracts FY24-114 for the purchase of police and passenger car tires to the following low responsive/responsible bidders: [24-2038](#)

1. Section I: The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio, in an amount up to \$100,000.00 (Primary Vendor); and

2. Section I: Southern Tire Mart, Columbia, Missouri in an amount up to \$90,000.00 (Secondary Vendor); and

3. Section II: Southern Tire Mart, Columbia, Missouri in an amount up to \$70,000.00 (Primary Vendor); and

4. Section II: Toro Automotive Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$70,000.00 (Secondary Vendor).

All tires will be secured on an as needed basis. 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 may be extended three additional one year periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Fleet Management Fund.

38. Consideration to award two-year supply contract FY24-118 for the purchase of automotive parts for the Fleet Department to the following vendors:

[24-2056](#)

- 1) Gonzalez Auto Parts, Laredo, Texas in a two-year amount of \$700,000.00;  
Section I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII, XIV, XV, XVI, and XVII,  
(Primary Vendor);
- 2) O'Reilly Auto Parts, Springfield, Missouri in a two-year amount of \$300,000.00;  
Section I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII, XIV, XV, XVI, and XVII,  
(Secondary Vendor);
- 3) Toro Automotive, Laredo, Texas in a two-year amount of \$300,000.00;  
Section I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII, XIV, XV, XVI, and XVII,  
(Secondary Vendor);
- 4) Advance Auto Parts, Raleigh, North Carolina in a two-year amount of \$300,000.00;  
Section I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII, XIV, XV, XVI, and XVII,  
(Secondary Vendor).

This contract establishes annual purchase prices and a percentage discount on parts utilized during city vehicle repairs. All parts will be purchased on an as-needed 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. This contract can be renewed for three additional one year extension periods, upon the mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Fleet Management Fund.

**HUMAN RESOURCES: LINDA TENIENTE, DIRECTOR**

39. A Resolution Of The City Of Laredo, Texas, Authoring The City Manager To Implement The City Of Laredo Classification And Compensation Policy; Providing For A Severability Clause And Effective Date Upon Passage.

[2024-R-338](#)

**INFORMATION SERVICES & TELECOMMUNICATION: JOE C. RIVERA, DIRECTOR**

40. Authorizing the City Manager to ratify an existing contract between Pictometry International, an Eagleview Technologies company, and the City of Laredo to provide digital aerial imagery for the South Texas Region to increase the total amount from \$477,687.00 to \$543,442.00. The vendor has higher resolution now available, and the increase of \$65,755.00 will allow the last flight of the contract to have the enhanced imagery. The aerial imagery will be used by 9-1-1 Regional Administration GIS and Database personnel, as well as by 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) or call centers to update the existing level of service. Pictometry International is a Sole Source vendor. Funding is available in the Regional 9-1-1 Fund. [24-1977](#)

**PARKS & RECREATION: JUAN J. GOMEZ, JR., DIRECTOR**

41. Ratifying the execution of a contract with John Deere, through United Ag & Turf, Sourcewell Contract # 031121-DAC, for the lease purchase contract of mowing equipment in the amount of \$953,602.80 as well as equipment and attachments under Buyboard Contract # 7016-23 in the amount of \$203,060.40, for the Max Mandel Golf Course for a total amount of \$1,156,663.20. The lease purchase shall be for 60 months, and estimated monthly payments shall be \$19,277.72. Funding is available in the Max Mandel Golf Course Fund. [24-1943](#)

**PUBLIC WORKS: JOHN ORFILA, DIRECTOR**

42. Consideration to award contract FY25-007 to the following vendor: [24-2063](#)
- GO-CRETE, Laredo, Texas, as a secondary vendor (Supplier)
- for the purchase of ready-mix cement (job site delivered) for Public Works and various city departments for an amount of \$500,000.00 annually. The term of the contract shall be for a period of one (2) years, beginning as of the date of its execution and may be extended for one (1) additional one (2) year periods, upon mutual agreement. All materials are purchased on an as needed basis. Funding for this contract is available in the respective City departments' operational budget.

**SOLID WASTE: JOHN PORTER, DIRECTOR**

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43. Consideration to approve a cooperative contract for the rental of seven automated trucks from Big Truck Rental, LLP. Tampa, FL. in the total amount of \$1,211,200.00 utilizing the OMNIA Partners National Cooperative contract #2019000319 for the Solid Waste Services Department, trucks will be rented for daily garbage and recycle pick up for a period of one year. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Fund. [24-1871](#)
44. Consideration to authorize the purchase contract of ten Peterbilt 520 ASL automated side loaders from Rush Truck Center, Laredo, Texas in the total amount of \$4,203,500.00 for the Solid Waste Department. This purchase is utilizing Cooperative Purchasing Program Buy Board contract 723-23 offered by vendor. These trucks are to replace units which have already reached their useful life. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Fund. [24-1909](#)
45. Consideration to renew contract FY 24-013 Dirt Hauling Services to Double D Trucking Laredo, Texas in the annual amount of \$784,000.00, for the purchase and hauling of approximately 175,000 tons of earthen soils to the City's Solid Waste Facility. The term for this renewal will be for one year, this is the first of three extension periods. There was no price increase for this extension period. All earthen soils will be purchased on an as needed basis. These soils are used to cover the landfill cells on a weekly basis in accordance with TCEQ requirements. Renewal will commence on November 20, 2024. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Department Fund. [24-1983](#)
46. Consideration to renew contract FY22-009 with Gutierrez Machine and Welding Shop Laredo, Texas in the annual amount of \$100,000.00, for providing welding repair and fabrication services for the Solid Waste Services Department. Services include, but are not limited to repairs to equipment or items brought to the shop that require welding or fabrication. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one year, this is third and last extension period. All services will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Department Fund. [24-1996](#)
47. Consideration to authorize the renewal of the purchase contract for waste and recyclable carts to Toter Inc. Statesville, North Carolina in the amount of \$568,461.50. This purchase is utilizing the Omnia Cooperative Purchasing contract 226024-2. Term of this contract is for one year, this is the first of four renewal options. These waste containers are designed for household garbage and can be used with both semi-automated and automated systems. Solid Waste Department will make a purchase of 9,408 (96 gallon) garbage/refuse carts. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Fund. [24-1998](#)
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**UTILITIES**

48. Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas petitioning the State of Texas through Governor Greg Abbott for funding from the Texas Water Fund to address water infrastructure issues in the City of Laredo. [2024-R-343](#)

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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**XII. STAFF REPORTS**

49. Annual update and report by the Laredo Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) and any other matters incident thereto. [24-1411](#)
50. Presentation by the Laredo Commission for Women of their 2024-2025 Action Plan with possible action and any matters incident thereto. [24-1806](#)
51. Presentation with possible action on status of all the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funded projects and any other matters incident thereto. [24-1889](#)
52. Discussion with possible action to accept and approve the Fasken Community Center Treehouse review by Internal Audit. [24-2059](#)
53. Discussion with action on compensation and recognition for exempt employees who worked extraordinary hours during October 2024 Water Boil Emergency. [24-2109](#)

**XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any posted agenda item when authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and/or 551.087 (Economic Development). Following closed session, the open meeting will reconvene at which time action, if any, may be taken.

**XIV. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS****54) A. Request by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño**



1. Discussion with possible action on a progress report from 24-C-223 management regarding the Mayor's five measures requested at the Boil Water Notice press conference on October 23, 2024.

[24-C-223](#)

The five measures include addressing:

- 1) Status of illegal connections;
- 2) Status of amnesty program;
- 3) Status on rebates to the community;
- 4) Status of assistance to local businesses; and
- 5) Status of proper staffing and public engagement with the community.

#### **54) B. Request by Council Member Dr. David Tyler King**

1. Discussion with possible action to explore an ordinance updating the land development code in regards to limitations on the building of new gas stations within 500-1000 feet from public schools, residences, hospitals, and childcare facilities to protect public safety from benzene and other harmful emissions, in accordance with EPA recommendations, and any other matters incident thereto.

[24-C-219](#)

#### **54) C. Request by Council Member Vanessa J. Perez**

1. Status update on the Fasken Treehouse Project with possible action; and any other matters incident thereto.

[24-C-145](#)

2. Discussion with possible action with regard to the potential removal of the bike lanes on Santa Maria. Santa Maria is designated as a truck route and the underutilized bike lanes have raised safety concerns due to the potential hazards posed by the heavy truck traffic. The lanes were originally implemented using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. As such, any potential removal or modification of the bike lanes should include a discussion of the implications on the CDBG funding and compliance with related regulations, and any other matters incident thereto.

[24-C-214](#)

#### **54) D. Request by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa**

1. Discussion with possible action for a status update on strengthening the City of Laredo's Code of Ethics by reviewing best practices of other Texas Cities, motion passed 1/17/23 and any matters incident thereto.

[24-C-215](#)

**Sponsors:** Cm. Melissa Cigarroa and Cm. Dr. David Tyler King

2. Discussion with possible action regarding the financial impact of elected officials' participation in the TMRS pension plan, and rescinding Ordinance 2019-0-179, which approves such participation, and any other matters incident thereto. [24-C-216](#)

**Sponsors:** Cm. Melissa Cigarroa and Cm. Dr. David Tyler King

3. Discussion with possible action to rescind the classification of Elected Officials as a designated department of the City and remove them from employment as city employees in recognition of their status as simply elected officials who are not entitled to regular employee benefits and any other matters incident thereto. [24-C-231](#)

**54) E. Request by Council Member Gilbert Gonzalez**

1. Discussion and possible action to reevaluate the current status on stage 3 and surcharges of the utilities bill and any matters incident thereto. [24-C-220](#)

**Sponsors:** Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

**54) F. Request by Council Member Ricardo "Richie" Rangel, Jr.**

1. Discussion with possible action on compensation of city council members and what constitutes part time and full-time classification, and any matters related thereto. [24-C-226](#)

**Sponsors:** Mayor Victor D. Trevino

2. Discussion with possible action to suspend or cancel the funding of non-essential projects, funds, etc., and place funding into general fund and/or for economic rebates for the community residential water accounts and/or water infrastructure projects, and any matters related thereto. [24-C-228](#)

**Sponsors:** Mayor Victor D. Trevino

**54) G. Request by Council Member Melissa R. Cigarroa**

1. Discussion with Possible Action requesting the Honorable Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino exercise his authority under section 2.14 of the City Charter for the City of Laredo and veto Ordinance No. 2024-O-200, and any other matter incident thereto. [24-C-229](#)

2. Discussion with possible action to have Finance report detailing the components of Council Member salaries, additional funds that support Council Members such as Travel and Promotional funds, the benefits received (including health and pension), and any other compensation Council Members may be eligible for, and any other matters incident thereto. [24-1834](#)

**Sponsors:** Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa and Cm. Dr. David Tyler King

3. Discussion with possible action to change Council's total compensation, to include salary, and any other matters incident thereto. [24-C-218](#)

**Sponsors:** Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa and Cm. Dr. David Tyler King

**54) H. Request by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.**

1. Discussion with possible action on drug testing of the City Council to enhance accountability and integrity in public office and petitioning members of the City Council to opt-in to such testing with an effort to promote accountability, integrity, public safety, and deterrence with the ultimate goal of demonstrating transparency in municipal government; and any other matters incident thereto. [24-C-227](#)

**Sponsors:** Cm. Vanessa Perez, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez and Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez

**XV. ADJOURN**

This notice was posted at the Municipal Government Offices, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas, at a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times. Said notice was posted on Friday, November 1, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.