

City of Laredo

Meeting Minutes - Preliminary

A-2025-S-08

Monday, September 15, 2025

5:30 PM

City Council Chambers

City Council - Supplemental Agenda

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They are considered unofficial until approved at the next City Council meeting.

**City of Laredo
Supplemental City Council Meeting
A-2025-S-08
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
September 15, 2025
5:30 P.M.**

Present Dr. Victor D. Trevino
 District I Gilbert Gonzalez
 District II Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.
 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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

I. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

- 1. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, providing for the adoption of a tax [2025-O-178](#) rate of \$0.506090 per \$100 of value for Tax Year 2025. This tax rate will have a Maintenance and Operation Rate of \$0.377599 per \$100.00 of value and an Interest and Sinking Fund Rate of \$0.128491 per \$100.00 of value for the levy and the collection of General and Special Ad Valorem taxes for the City of Laredo in the amount of \$134,248,550 for Tax Year 2025 and Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

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

DESCRIPTION	FISCAL YEAR	FISCAL YEAR
	2024-2025	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

To adopt a tax rate of \$0.506090 per \$100 of value for Tax Year 2025 with a Maintenance and Operation Rate of \$0.377599 per \$100 of value and an Interest and Sinking Fund Rate of the Debt Service of \$0.128491 per \$100 of value.

Motion to approve final reading.

Roll Call Vote:

Cm. Gonzalez - In Favor
Cm. Rangel - In Favor
Cm. M. Cigarroa - In Favor
Cm. Garza - In Favor
Cm. Gutierrez- In Favor
Cm. King - In Favor
Cm. Perez - In Favor

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.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: JOSEPH W. NEEB

Motion to approve.

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.

1. 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.

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

Motion to approve.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Melissa R. Cigarroa

For: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, 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: 0

Motion carries.

- 2. A resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas authorizing [2025-R-235](#) the City Manager to ratify acceptance of a grant agreement in the amount of \$4,000,000.00 from the US Department of Transportation Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) , under the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement (CRISI) grant for the purpose of funding the preliminary planning, engineering and other work required for the subsequent applications for the grade crossing and grade separation improvements. Local match of \$1,000,000.00 from Texas Mexican Railway Company and The Kansas City Southern Railway Company accepted via Resolution 2025-R-142. Grant Funding is on a reimbursement basis. Funding is available in the Capital Grants Fund.

Approval of this motion.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IV. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Request by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño

- 3. Discussion with possible action to create a cooperation agreement with Mexico City to further facilitate our binational collaboration and international commerce with our largest trade partner, (Mexico) and any other matters related thereto. [25-C-159](#)

Motion for management to bring back a sample document to Council to incorporate bi-national relationships.

Moved: Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Second: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

For: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, 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: 0

Motion carries.

Request by Council Member Melissa R. Cigarroa

4. Presentation by the Laredo Climate Cohort and invitation to the September 17th Town Hall "Protect Our Climate Protect Our Future" at the Laredo Public Library, and any other matters related thereto. [25-C-158](#)

V. ADJOURN