

City of Laredo

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

A-2026-R-03

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

5:30 PM

City Council Chambers

City Council

City of Laredo
Regular City Council Meeting
A-2025-R-03
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
February 17, 2026
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

TEXAS PLEDGE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of:

February 2, 2026

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.

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. [26-335](#)
- 2. Activating Veterans Affairs Reports and "Veteran of the Month" in collaboration with Veterans Affairs Committee. [26-373](#)
- 3. Discussion on progress of secondary water source agreements. [26-378](#)

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- 4. Appointment of Nick Benavides to the Mayoral Rio Grande Riverfront Coordination & Advisory Ad-Hoc Committee. Recommended by Council Member Ricardo Rangel Jr. [APPT26 - 22](#)

5. Appointment by Council Member Vanessa Perez of Juan "Andy" Arambula to the Laredo/Webb County Drug and Alcohol Committee. [APPT26 - 23](#)
6. Appointment of Yvette Ortiz to the Suicide Prevention Committee by Councilman Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr. [APPT26 - 24](#)
7. Appointment by Council Member Ruben Gutierrez of Abraham "AB" Treviño to the Fine Arts & Culture Commission. [APPT26 - 25](#)

PLANNING & ZONING - PUBLIC HEARING & INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE

8. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance concerning a voluntary annexation request by Jose Julio Gutierrez and wife, Judith Elena Gutierrez, altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo to annex approximately 0.25 acres of land, more or less, located south of FM 1472 and east of Iron Mine Road; providing for the effective date of the ordinance; authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract adopting a service plan for the annexed territory; and establishing the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) for approximately 0.25 acres of land, more or less, as described by metes and bounds in the attached Exhibit "A." [26-283](#)

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the annexation and initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

Staff supports the annexation and initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

AN-002-2025
District VII - Cm. Vanessa Perez

9. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance concerning a voluntary annexation request by Russell Palmer, on behalf of Las Islitas Ranch, LLC, altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo to annex approximately 59.89 acres of land, more or less, of land located northeast of FM 1472 and Max A. Mandel Municipal Golf Course; providing for the effective date of the ordinance; authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract adopting a service plan for the annexed territory; and establishing the initial zoning of B-3 (Community Business District) for approximately 14.40 acres of land and approximately 1.039 acres of land, more or less, and R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) for approximately 44.452 acres of land, more or less, as described by metes and bounds in the attached Exhibit "A." [26-285](#)

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the annexation and initial zoning of B-3 (Community Business

District) and R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District).

Staff supports the annexation and initial zoning of B-3 (Community Business District) and R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District).

AN-003-2025

District VII - Cm. Vanessa Perez

- 10.** Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance concerning a voluntary annexation request by Baltazar Hinojosa, on behalf of Ben-Bal, LLC, altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo to annex approximately 13.735 acres of land, more or less, located north of FM 1472 and Ben-Hur Ranch Road; providing for the effective date of the ordinance; authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract adopting a service plan for the annexed territory; and establishing the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) for an approximately 13.735 acres of land, more or less, as described by metes and bounds in the attached Exhibit "A." [26-288](#)

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the annexation and denial of the proposed initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District), recommending a B-1 (Limited Business District) zoning designation instead.

Staff supports the annexation and does not support the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District). However, Staff supports the recommended B-1 (Limited Business District) initial zoning designation.

AN-004-2025

District VII - Cm. Vanessa Perez

- 11.** Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance concerning a voluntary annexation request by Alejandro Ramos, on behalf of North Laredo Industrial Park, Ltd., altering and extending the boundary limits of City of Laredo to annex approximately 275.67 acres of land, more or less, located west of IH-35, north of Beltway Parkway, and south of Reuthinger Parkway; providing for the effective date of the ordinance; authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract adopting a service plan for the annexed territory; and establishing the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) for approximately 275.67 acres of land, more or less, as described by metes and bounds in the attached Exhibit "A." [26-291](#)

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the annexation and initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District). Staff supports the annexation and initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

AN-005-2025
District VII - Cm. Vanessa Perez

- 12.** Public hearing and Introductory Ordinance concerning a voluntary annexation request by David Reuthinger, on behalf of Reuthinger Living Trust, altering and extending the boundary limits of City of Laredo to annex approximately 562.7735 acres of land, more or less, located northwest of FM 1472 and FM 3338 intersection; providing for effective date of the ordinance; authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract adopting a service plan for the annexed territory; and establishing the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) for approximately 562.7735 acres of land, more or less, as described by metes and bounds in the attached Exhibit "A." [26-301](#)

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the annexation and initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

Staff supports the annexation and does not support the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) for the entire tract. Instead, staff recommends the initial zoning for M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) for an area approximately 2,200 feet in width along and adjacent to the existing M-1 zoning to the west and B-3 (Community Business District) for the remainder of the tract, as shown in the attached Staff Recommendation Exhibit.

AN-006-2025
District VII - Cm. Vanessa Perez

- 13.** Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 796, Eastern Division, located at 1401 Guatemozin Street, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District). [26-289](#)

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

ZC-014-2026
District II

- 14.** Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 13.74 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached "Exhibit A", located south of Avenida Los Presidentes and east of Brownwood Street, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) and R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) to R-1B (Single Family High Density District). [26-297](#)

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

ZC-013-2026
District III

- 15.** Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 2.15 acre tract, as further described by metes and bounds in attached "Exhibit A", located south of North Bartlett Avenue and west of Harper Lee Drive, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District). [26-304](#)

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

ZC-016-2026
District V

- 16.** Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by amending Ordinance 2023-O-094 which authorized a special use permit for mini storages on Lot 4B, Block 3, Amending Plat of D & J Alexander Commercial Subdivision Phase 15, Lots 4A, 4B, 4C, Block 3, located at 7121 Bartlett Avenue, in order to amend the site plan to include additional storage units and parking on approximately 2.15 acre tract, as further described by metes and bounds in attached "Exhibit A" located south of North Bartlett Avenue and west of Harper Lee Drive. [26-305](#)

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed special use permit amendment with following recommendations:

- Amend Condition No. 3 to add the option of: And/or xeriscape landscaping

- Amend Condition No. 5 by adding: A dumpster area shall be allowed no less than 200 feet within a residential property line.

Staff supports the application.

ZC-017-2026
District V

- 17.** Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 6 and 7, Block 851, Eastern Division, located at 1504 and 1518 East Bustamante Street, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 [26-306](#)

(Limited Business District).

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

ZC-018-2026

District IV

PUBLIC HEARING & INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE

- 18.** An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the FY 2025-2026 Noise Abatement Fund budget by drawing down fund balance and appropriating expenditures in the amount of \$61,162.89, representing funds awarded by the Texas Municipal League (TML) related to a residential fire. Funds were received in FY2025 and deposited into the operating revenue account and will be utilized for Noise Abatement Building Improvements in FY2026. [26-128](#)
- 19.** An Ordinance of the city of Laredo, Texas, amending chapter 23 - Parks and Recreation Department, of the code of ordinances of the city of Laredo to amend Chapter 23-6, Section 2, fee schedule for the Buena Vista Sports Complex to allow for gate fees, retail vendor space rental fees and also amend the definition of hours of usage from all day to mean the period of time from 8am to 10pm; providing for publication and effective date; and providing for severability. [26-180](#)
- 20.** Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance adopting and implementing the Laredo International Airport's revised Noise Compatibility Program (NCP) in concurrence with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) record of approval. The NCP was prepared pursuant to 14 CFR Part 150. The revised Noise Compatibility Program establishes a standardized process for assessing aircraft noise exposure and identifying measures to promote compatible land use in areas surrounding airports; providing for severability; and effective date. **26-181**
- 21.** Authorizing the City Manager to grant a non-exclusive franchise to DebriCo 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. [26-207](#)
- 22.** Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the City of Laredo's FY 2026 annual budget by appropriating revenues and expenses in the amount of [26-264](#)

\$2,024,582.00 in the Sewer System Fund - 2015B and 2020A Revenue Bond and Waterworks Fund - 2020A Revenue Bond. The interest earnings being appropriated are for the arbitrage liability payment due to the US Treasury.

23. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 2, "Administration," Article I "In General" of the Code of Ordinances Section 2-3 "Fees for City Services" to update Section 2-3 "Fees for City Services" to amend the schedule of fees; and providing for an effective date. [26-338](#)

24. Public Hearing providing community residents an opportunity to comment on their housing and community needs and the projects they wish to see funded. Comments received will be made part of the City's 2026-2027 One Year Action Plan that will outline how funding for the programs listed below, will be utilized grants are made available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City's Community Development Department is planning its 2026 projects/activities based on the current allocation amounts released by HUD, as estimated below: [26-277](#)

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) \$2,859,543.00
HOME Investment Partnership Grant (HOME) \$946,902.88
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) \$266,495.00

Any changes to the activities/projects due to changes in allocation will be reflected in the City's 2026 One Year Action Plan.

The public may provide comments via this public hearing, by visiting the offices of the Community Development Department, via email to cdcomments@ci.laredo.tx.us or by filling out a survey online in English <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/comments26> or in Spanish <https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/comentarios26>

(Recess)
(Press Availability)

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

25. Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute a grant awarded by the Laredo Area Community Foundation for the amount of \$5,000.00 to fund Keep Laredo Beautiful for the Keep Laredo Beautiful garden club and to amend the FY 2026 Keep Laredo Beautiful Fund by appropriating revenues and expenses in the same amount. [26-203](#)
26. An Introductory Ordinance Amending The City Of Laredo's Code Of Ordinance Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, Departments, Officers And Employees, Division 2, Return To Work Policy Of The Code Of Ordinances; Providing For Updates To Ensure [26-280](#)

Consistency, Enforceability, And Compliance With Applicable Federal And State Laws And Regulations; Providing For A Cumulative Clause; Providing For Severability; Providing For Publication; And Declaring An Effective Date.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

27. An ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 1.3 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached "Exhibit A", located south of Avenida Los Presidentes and west of Lone Star Loop, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District). [2026-O-27](#)

ZC-006-2026
District III

28. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Food Service Agreement between the Laredo International Airport and Chick-Fil-A Marketplace Bob Bullock located at 5210 Bob Bullock Loop at the Laredo International Passenger Terminal in a space consisting of 200 sq ft, described as Suite No. 101 on the first floor of the terminal building, as depicted in Exhibit B, for the purposes of providing prepared lunch food items and non-branded drinks, further described in Exhibit A, from 9:00 AM to 7:30 PM, Monday thru Saturday. The lease term shall be for one year with one option to renew and base rent shall consist of three percent (3%) of the concessionaire's monthly gross sales; and providing for an effective date. [2026-O-28](#)

29. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo amending Chapter 5 of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinance. Senate Bill 1008, enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas, under Section 437.01235, and which became effective September 1, 2025, changes and / or effects the City of Laredo ability to charge certain food service establishments with liquor licensing fees. The City of Laredo currently charges liquor licensing fees to businesses selling liquor and who also is a food establishment. [2026-O-29](#)

The City of Laredo will no longer charge any alcohol permitting fees to the following establishments under the following conditions:

- 1) Food Service Establishments with a valid health permit obtained from the City of Laredo Public Health Department.
- 2) Establishments that have already paid a fee to operate as a food service establishment to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) or any other local jurisdiction.

This Ordinance is also amended to update the list of permits and licenses and provide causes for denial and cancellation.

30. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo re-adopting Guidelines & Criteria Governing Tax Abatements by the City of Laredo in accordance with the requirements in Section 312.002 of the Texas Property Tax Code; providing for severability; providing for an effective date of February 22, 2026 through February 21, 2028; and providing for publication. [2026-O-30](#)

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

31. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to execute an Air Service Agreement with Aerotransportes Rafilher S.A. de C.V., San Luis Potosí, México ("Aerus"), to conduct commercial air transportation services. The term of the agreement is for eight months, commencing on February 1, 2026, and ending on September 30, 2026. **26-220**

BRIDGE: ELSA HINOJOSA, DIRECTOR

32. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Embarcadero Water Supply Company, LLC, for FY 2025-2026 in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,586.13. This money will be to reimburse Embarcadero Water Supply Company, LLC, for the work performed. The contract provides for the relocation of Embarcadero's irrigation system necessitated by construction of the World Trade Bridge Expansion Project, including related water intake infrastructure improvements, and supports a proposed 4.6625-acre land donation from Fasken Management, LLC, required to facilitate the project. Funding is available in the Bridge Construction Fund. **26-345**

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

33. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Licensing Agreement with U.S. Customs and Border Protection to allow officer, employees, agents, and contractors to enter City property to operate, maintain, repair and/or remove temporary and re-locatable surveillance and communication system in or around the Max Mandel Golf Course, and any other matter incident thereto. [26-367](#)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: JOSEPH W. NEEB

34. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, establishing an Ad Hoc State Legislative Advisory Committee to [2026-R-47](#)

provide community input and recommendations for the city's State Legislative Agenda for the 90th Legislative Session in the State of Texas.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: TINA RODRIGUEZ, DIRECTOR

35. Authorizing the City Manager to support a resolution for the proposed development of affordable rental housing known as The Enclave at Riverbank, located near the northwest corner of Riverbank Dr. and Elk Dr., Laredo, Webb County, Texas. COL Housing Riverbank, LP has advised the City that it intends to submit an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for the 2026 Competitive 9% Housing Tax Credits, and other matters incident thereto. [2026-R-33](#)
36. Authorizing the City Manager to award a contract to South Texas AirCoil Solutions in the amount of \$225,836.00 for IFB 2026-018 Cooling Tower Replacement at the Hamilton Apartment, located at 815 Salinas. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund. [26-329](#)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: TINA RODRIGUEZ, ACTING DIRECTOR

37. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$300,000.00 from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) under the Recreational Trails Grant Program 2024 to provide bike and hike trail in Santa Fe Park located in District 2; further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents necessary to implement the award of this grant. The grant will be accounted for in the Parks Capital Grant Fund and requires a match in the amount of \$75,000.00, which is available in the Parkland Improvement Fund for District 2. [2026-R-44](#)

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

38. Consideration for approval of the Laredo International Airport Construction of Taxiways J1 and J2 as complete, including all warranty certificates, release of retainage, and final payment in the amount of \$294,123.27 to REIM Construction, Inc., Mission, Texas, and approval of change order no. 2, a decrease in the amount of \$217,360.17. The final construction contract amount is \$8,538,201.85. Funding is available in the Laredo International Airport Fund. [26-279](#)
39. A Resolution of the City Council of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to amend the application for the Small-Scale Donation Acceptance Program (DAP) Project for the Laredo World Trade Bridge. [2026-R-45](#)

FIRE: GUILLERMO HEARD, FIRE CHIEF

40. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount not to exceed \$250,000.00, to the State of Texas, Office of the Governor for the FY 2027 Border Zone Fire Departments Grant Program to fund the acquisition of new hazardous materials and rescue equipment in order to improve the department's response time to distress calls. The BZFD grant has a no-match requirement at the time of application. Funding is available in the Special Fire Grants Fund. [2026-R-30](#)
41. Consideration to approve the purchase of two Road Rescue Ram 5550 4x2 Ambulance Remounts from Southwest Ambulance Sales, Kennedale, TX, in the amount of \$506,108.28 through the HGAC Cooperative Purchasing Program #AM10-23. Funding is available in the 2025 Certificate of Obligation Bond. [26-270](#)
42. Consideration to approve the purchase of fifteen smart combination hydraulic power rescue tool packages (SC 358 E3 Connect Combi 9Ah) and horizontal brackets for Hurst eDraulics from MES Life Safety, in the amount of \$250,000.00, utilizing the Sourcewell Contract #020124. The rescue tools are used during vehicle accidents, collapsed buildings or other incidents. Funding is available in the Special Fire Grants Fund - Border Zone Fire Department Grant Account. [26-281](#)
43. Consideration to approve a Mutual Aid Agreement between the Department of Public Safety (DPS), the Webb County Sheriff's Office, and the Laredo Fire Department for Complex Emergency Response and Investigation Planning related to active attack incidents at primary and secondary school facilities in Webb County. This agreement will be reviewed each year from the date of execution to determine if amendments need to be made. There is no financial impact. [26-333](#)

FLEET MANAGEMENT: RONALD MILLER, DIRECTOR

44. Consideration to renew six-month supply contract FY25-026 with Safety-Kleen Systems Inc., Norwell, MA in an amount up to \$175,000.00 and \$700,000.00 for the remainder of the contract term for the purchase of lubricants for the Fleet Department. All lubricants will be secured on an as-needed basis. The term of this contract shall be for a period of six months beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriate funds. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This contract can be renewed for four additional six-month extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Fleet Management Fund. [26-182](#)
45. Consideration to renew annual supply contract FY25-027 for the [26-311](#)

purchase of tractor and heavy equipment tires Sections I and II with Southern Tire Mart, Columbia, MS, in an annual amount up to \$85,000.00 and \$170,000.00 for the remainder of the contract term. All tires will be secured on an as-needed basis. There was no price increase during the last extension period. 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 can be renewed two additional one year extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Fleet Management Fund.

PUBLIC HEALTH: DR. RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, DIRECTOR

46. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a continuation contract from the Department of Health and Human Services for the Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities, Surveillance, Research, and Prevention (ADDM) Grant in the total amount of \$450,000.00, with no match for the City of Laredo Public Health Department, for the term period from January 01, 2026 through December 31, 2026. Funds will be accounted for in the Laredo Public Health Department fund - Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities, Surveillance, Research, and Prevention Grant. [2026-R-28](#)
47. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a continuation contract from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for the Healthy Texas Babies Grant in the amount of \$85,000.00, with no match for the City of Laredo Public Health Department for the term period from September 01, 2026 through August 31, 2027. Funds will be accounted for in the Laredo Public Health Department Fund - Healthy Texas Babies Grant. [2026-R-29](#)
48. Authorizing the City Manager to terminate Professional Services Agreement with VitalMed Urgent Care for the FY25-067 After-Hours Physician and Medical Services for City of Laredo employees, employee's dependents and City of Laredo Retirees enrolled in the City Employee Health Basic Plan Medical Services. The agreement is funded through the Human Resources - Risk Management Fund. [26-278](#)
49. Consideration to renew contract FY24-032 to Laredo Ranch Heights, LLC., Laredo, TX, in an amount not to exceed \$225,000.00 for a total contract value of \$1,125,000.00 for the purchase of Dry/Wet Dog/Cat Food & Cat Litter for the City of Laredo Public Health Department - Animal Care Services. The term of this contract is for one year and it is Extension 1 of 3. Funding is [26-282](#)

available in the Laredo Public Health Department Fund - Animal Care Services.

INFORMATION SERVICES & TELECOMMUNICATION: JOE C. RIVERA, DIRECTOR

50. Consideration to approve the renewal of licenses from Microsoft Inc. for the Microsoft Office 365 productivity, collaboration, and communications suite, a cloud-based solution, through SHI Government Solutions, a Microsoft partner, in the amount of \$668,652.00 for year two, with an option to renew for year three, under DIR contract #DIR-CPO-5237. Funding is available in the IST Administration Division line-item 595-5505-512-0700. [26-229](#)

POLICE: MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ, CHIEF OF POLICE

51. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to ratify the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$49,999.85 from the Texas Department of Transportation to fund the FY 2026 STEP Impaired Driving Mobilization (IDM) program. The performance period is during enforcement waves scheduled on holidays between October 01, 2025 through September 30, 2026. This grant funding is to pay overtime salaries for officers to increase enforcement to arrest individuals driving while intoxicated (DWI) and driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol by minor. The city will be responsible for a required match of \$15,499.85, from General Fund. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund. [2025-R-336](#)
52. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$40,000.00 to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the FY2027 First Responder Mental Health Grant, Peer Support Program. The grant performance period will be October 01, 2026 through September 30, 2027. The Laredo Police Department will utilize this funding to obtain a professional service contract for clinical advisory for trauma and work-related counseling, training, and outreach supplies for the sustainment of the LPD Peer Support Program. The 20% required match for the City of Laredo is approximately \$8,000.00 from General Fund. Funding will be available in the Special Police Fund. [2026-R-34](#)
53. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$60,000.00 to the Office of Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the funding of FY 2027 Criminal Justice Grant Program- Laredo Police Department (LPD) Mental Health/Crisis Intervention Unit for the period of October 01, 2026 through September 30, 2027. This funding will be utilized for overtime and training for the LPD Mental Health/Crisis Intervention [2026-R-35](#)

- Unit. No local match is required is required. Grant will be available in the Special Police Fund.
- 54.** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$80,000.00 to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the FY2027 General Victim Assistance Program Grant under the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) for the period of October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027. This grant will fund training, supplies, and contractual services affiliated with the grant program. The 20% required match for the City of Laredo is approximately \$16,000.00, from General Fund. Funding will be available in the Special Police Fund. [2026-R-36](#)
- 55.** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$40,000.00 to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the FY2027 Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program Grant for the period of October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027. This grant will provide funding for Crimes Against Women training intended for Laredo Police Department personnel. The 30% required match for the City of Laredo is approximately \$12,000.00 from General Fund. Funding will be available in the Special Police Fund. [2026-R-37](#)
- 56.** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, authorizing the City Manager to apply for a grant in the amount of \$872,271.00 to fund the Laredo Police Department HSI HIDTA Task Force, the Laredo DEA HIDTA Task Force, and the Rio Grande Valley HIDTA Task Force. These initiatives are funded by the Executive Office of the President, Office of the National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA). Funding for HSI HIDTA Task Force and DEA HIDTA Task Force will be used for personnel salaries, fringe benefits, overtime, travel, and operating expenses; funding for the Rio Grande Valley Task Force will be used for overtime, fringe benefits, and operating expenses. Grant performance period is from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027. Funding is available in the Financial Task Force Fund. [2026-R-38](#)
- 57.** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$90,000.00 to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the funding of FY2027 Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program for the period of September 01, 2026 through August 31, 2027. The purpose of this grant program is to provide law enforcement agencies with [2026-R-39](#)

- funding to equip peace officers with rifle-resistant vests. No local match is required. Grant will be accounted for the Special Police Fund.
58. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$50,000.00 to the Office of The Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division, to fund the FY2027 Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Program for the period of October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027. This funding will provide overtime funds for details which will utilize target enforcement techniques against criminal and transnational organizations responsible for violent criminal activity. No local match is required. Grant will be available in the Special Police Fund. [2026-R-41](#)
59. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$80,000.00 to the Office of The Governor, Criminal Justice Division, to fund the FY2027 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program. The grant performance period is from October 01, 2026 through September 30, 2027. The purpose of this grant program is to aid municipal police departments in establishing or enhancing body-worn camera (BWC) programs. The 25% required match for the City of Laredo is approximately \$20,000.00 from General Fund. Funding will be available in the Special Police Fund. [2026-R-42](#)
60. Consideration to authorize the purchase contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc., Scottsdale, Arizona for a five-year term with an annual cost of \$606,877.40 for the purchase of in-car video systems, accessories, software, and operational services. This purchase shall be made using the BuyBoard Contract No. 743-24. Funding is available for this purchase in the 2025 Public Property Finance Contractual Obligation (PPFCO) and General Fund-Police. [26-309](#)

UTILITIES: DR. TAREQ AL-ZABET, DIRECTOR

61. Consideration to reject the nine proposals submitted for FY25-074 through Cit-E-Bid from the following vendors: [26-68](#)
- 1). Atlas Design Services, LLC, Austin, TX;
 - 2). BerryDunn, Portland, ME;
 - 3). Brio Consulting LLC, Houston, TX;
 - 4). E Source Companies LLC, Boulder, CO;
 - 5). GHD., Auburn, CA;
 - 6). LER Advanced Utility Solutions, Columbus, IN;
 - 7). Schmidt Utility Advisors, LLC, Verona, WI;
 - 8). SLserco, Minneapolis, MN;
 - 9). Utility Solution Partners, Washington, DC.

The proposals were submitted in response to a solicitation to award a contract for consulting services for the evaluation of a Utility Advanced Metering Infrastructure/Advanced Meter Reading (AMI/AMR) System and Customer Information System (CIS) solution for the Utilities Department. Upon further review of the evaluation and negotiation process, procurement staff recommends canceling the current negotiations and re-issuing the solicitation in order to ensure compliance with Chapter 2254.004 of the Texas Government Code.

- 62.** Authorizing the City Manager to approve final change order #3 in the amount of \$17,000.00 to Southern Trenchless Solutions of Weslaco, Texas for 24-inch Water Transmission Main from Loop 20 Airport to Bustamante project. The updated contract is \$6,738,801.50. Funding is available in the Waterworks Fund - 2022 Water Revenue Bond [26-269](#)
- 63.** Consideration to renew annual supply/service contract FY23-048 with Gutierrez Machine Shop, Laredo, Texas in an annual amount of \$1,030,000.00 and \$1,030,000.00 for the remainder of the contract term for professional welding services for the Utilities Department. The services requested include site repairs to various water and wastewater treatment plants, lift stations, and other municipal utility facilities. 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 renewed one additional one-year extension period, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Waterworks System and Sewer System Funds. [26-271](#)
- 64.** Consideration for approval of the construction of the City of Laredo Cuartos Vientos Lomas del Sur Utility Extension & Lift Station, including all warranty certificates, release of retainage, and final payment in the amount of \$152,729.70 to Southern Trenchless Solutions. The final construction contract amount of \$3,054,594.01 and final contract time of 515 working days. Funding is available in the Sewer System Fund-2022 Sewer Revenue Bond. [26-273](#)
- 65.** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas authorizing the City Manager to acquire 20' utility and 30" temporary construction easements for the installation of a 24-inch transmission waterline in the amount of \$105,675.00. 20' utility easement, 1.3944 acre tract & 30" temporary construction easement, 2.0799 acre tract, out of out of 9G Investments, LTD., as recorded in Volume 5088, Pages 780-785 of Laredo & Webb County, Texas **2026-R-48**

- 66.** Consideration to award a two-year material/labor contract RFB 2026-029 to the following low responsive/responsible vendors: [26-275](#)
- 1).Chavarria's Plumbing, Laredo, Texas in an annual amount up to \$3,000,000.00 and \$12,000,000.00 for the remainder of the contract term;
- 2).Sal Construction Management LLC, Weslaco, Texas in an annual amount up to \$1,000,000.00 and \$4,000,000.00 for the remainder of the contract term;
- for asphalt repairs for waterline replacement projects and general maintenance repairs for the Utilities Department. 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. All work will be performed on an as needed basis required due to utility repairs. This contract can be renewed three additional one-year extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Waterworks and Sewer System Funds.
- 67.** Authorizing the City Manager for the award of laboratory renovations contract for the Regulatory Compliance & Environmental Services Laboratory to Noble Texas Builders in the amount of \$143,893.00. The purchase will be made utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Pricing Program, Contract No. 728-24. Funding is available in the Waterworks Fud - Water Construction Fund. [26-276](#)
- 68.** Authorizing City Manager to approve a one-time purchase from Core & Main, from San Antonio, Texas not to exceed the amount of \$1,125,128.16 for the purchase of Automated Meter Reading (AMR) water meters for the Utilities Department. These meters will be used to replace meters that have reached the end of battery life, are broken, etc. All meters meet NSF Standard 61 Certification and NSF 61 Annex F and G (leak requirements). This purchase shall be made utilizing the HGAC Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract # WM-09-020. Funding is available in the Waterworks Fund - 2024 Water Revenue bond and Sewer System Fund - 2024 Sewer Revenue Bond. [26-292](#)

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

STAFF REPORTS

- 69.** Presentation by the Laredo Commission for Women regarding the selected nominees for the 2026 Hall of Fame with possible action and any matters incident thereto. [26-178](#)
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70. Environmental & Solid Waste Department staff report with possible action related to residential services, public education efforts, and related issues, with commercial services in accordance with city ordinances. [26-248](#)
71. Discussion with possible action to approve the temporary closure of International Bridge I (“Gateway to the Americas”) at the request of the Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores, submitted by Consul General Juan Carlos Mendoza Sánchez, in order to hold the 9th annual Día Internacional de la Mujer event on Friday, March 6, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. [26-331](#)
72. Discussion with possible action to approve the temporary closure of International Bridge II (“Juarez - Lincoln”) at the request of the Washington’s Birthday Celebration Association, submitted by Ms. Mirthala Barragan, Bridge Ceremony Chair, in order to hold the WBCA/IGNC International Bridge Ceremony event sponsored by Fasken Oil & Ranch on Saturday, February 21, 2026, at 7:30 a.m. [26-334](#)
73. Presentation by the City Manager related to general updates of City operations and ongoing directives. [26-372](#)

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.

74. Request for Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code Section 551.087 related to negotiations between the Laredo International Airport and Aerotransportes Rafilher S.A. de C.V., doing business as Aerus, and return to open session for possible action as necessary. [26-219](#)
75. Request for Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071 (1) (A) to consult with legal counsel concerning upcoming collective bargaining negotiations with the City of Laredo Police and Fire Departments, and any other matters incident thereto. [26-348](#)
76. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to continue discussions as to the City Manager’s annual review pursuant to the terms of the City Manager’s employment agreement, and any other matters incident thereto. [26-353](#)

GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Request by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño

77. Discussion and possible action on the creation of a citywide campaign to empower neighborhoods, engage our youth and families, and curb the recent rise in youth gun violence, and any matters related thereto. [26-C-28](#)

Sponsors: Cm. Vanessa Perez

78. Discussion and possible action on the addition of a tiny home within the Lafayette Tiny Homes Development specifically allocated for veterans experiencing homelessness or transitional housing needs to be built with the Mayor's Priority Funds, and any matters related thereto. [26-C-29](#)

Sponsors: Cm. Vanessa Perez

Request by Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez

79. Discussion and possible action to designate the walking trail located at Independence Park as the Moises Jaime Walking Trail, in honor of Moises Jaime, a District 1 resident whose life was tragically lost as a result of a stray bullet on New Year's Day, and any other matters incident thereto. [26-C-23](#)

80. Status update regarding the voting system installed in council chambers and any other matters incident thereto. [26-C-25](#)

81. Discussion and possible action to have the City Secretary look into the possible implementation of online accessibility to serve on boards, committees, and commissions for easier participation, and any other matters incident thereto. [26-C-26](#)

Sponsors: Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

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

82. Discussion with possible action to request a report on the economic growth of the City of Laredo by districts and any other matters incident thereto. [26-C-20](#)

Request by Council Member Melissa R. Cigarroa

83. Update on the status of the environmental impact studies regarding the effects of border wall and buoy construction and reporting on any results, and any other matters incident thereto. [26-C-5](#)

Request by Council Member Ruben Gutierrez, Jr.

84. Status update and possible action regarding companies with which the City of Laredo has executed Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs), including, but not limited to, the status of funding received [26-C-27](#)

from the State of Texas.

Sponsors: Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez

Request by Council Member Tyler King

85. Discussion with possible action regarding a request for an update from the Utilities Department's as it relates to the Utilities Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for FYs 27-28, the hiring of new Utilities Department engineers and Assistant Directors, current and future water line and valve replacements, and any matters incident thereto. [26-C-2](#)
86. Discussion with possible action regarding an update on the Animal Care Services pilot program as it relates to preventing the damage being done to private property by javelinas and feral hogs, any matters incident thereto. [26-C-4](#)
87. Discussion with possible action regarding the possibility of widening Carriers Drive to relieve traffic congestion at Unitec Industrial Park, with possibly adding this project to the City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and continuing collaboration with the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA) for consideration, and any other matters incident thereto. [26-C-24](#)

Request by Council Member Vanessa J. Perez

88. Executive Session: Discussion with possible action pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) regarding collection, enforcement, and related legal strategies concerning the \$69.9 million, \$69,876,000, judgment obtained by the City of Laredo against Laredo Las Lomas Properties in District III, LTD., involving the property located at 1500 Logan Street ("Old Mercy Hospital"), signed June 25, 2018, in Cause No. 2017CVK002349-D2, arising from twenty-seven (27) uncured violations, and any matters incident thereto. [26-C-13](#)
- Sponsors:** Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino
89. Discussion with possible action on opportunities for centralization of city services within the organization, and any other matters incident thereto. [25-C-156](#)
90. Discussion with possible action to create a project management policy, with standardized reporting, and any other matters incident thereto. [25-C-204](#)
- Sponsors:** Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino and Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

Request by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa

91. Discussion with possible action on establishing a Pre-Council [26-C-11](#)

Review and Briefing Process for agenda Items and any other matters incident thereto.

Sponsors: Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

- 92.** Discussion with possible action to request a status update on ongoing repairs at the Plaza Theatre, including timelines for the next phase of planned improvements and any other matters incident thereto. [26-C-14](#)
- 93.** Discussion with possible action to direct the City Manager's Office to develop revised development codes such as form-based code or similar alternative for Downtown Laredo as contemplated in the Viva Laredo Plan and any other matters incident thereto. [26-C-15](#)

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, February 6, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.