

RESOLUTION 2024 – R- 357

Authorizing the City Manager to sign a water rights sales agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as exhibit a, between the City of Laredo and E & S River Farm, Ltd., a Texas limited partnership, in which the City is agreeing to purchase the right to divert and use 400 acre feet per annum of class "a" irrigation water rights to the Rio Grande, which after conversion from irrigation rights to municipal use rights amounts to 200 acre feet of municipal use rights per annum at \$3,200.00 per municipal use ac./ft., for a purchase price of \$640,000.00; and further authorizing the City Manager to sign and file necessary application(s) with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on behalf of the City requesting that said water rights be severed from certificate of adjudication no. 23-599, of the seller and combined with certificate of adjudication no. 23-3997, as amended, of the City and that the point(s) of diversion, purpose and place of use of said water rights be changed as required by the City. Funding is available in the Water Availability Fund.

WHEREAS, the City is in need of additional water rights to the Rio Grande to meet the City's water requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the purchase and acquisition of these water rights is in the best interest of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Laredo City Council does hereby authorize the City Manager to sign the Water Rights Sales Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit A, between the City of Laredo and E & S River Farm, Ltd., in which the City is agreeing to purchase the right to divert and use 400 acre feet per annum of Class "A" irrigation priority use water rights to the Rio Grande which after conversion from irrigation rights to municipal use rights amounts to 200 acre feet of municipal use rights per annum at \$3200.00 per ac./ft., for a purchase price of \$640,000.00; and further authorizing the City Manager, upon consummation of the said Water Rights Sales Agreement, to sign and file necessary application(s) with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on behalf of the City requesting that said water rights be severed from Certificate of Adjudication No. 23- 599, of the Seller and combined with Certificate of Adjudication No. 23-3997, as amended, of the City and that the points of diversion, purpose and place of use of said water rights be changed as required by the City.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Doanh T. Nguyen, City Attorney

By: _____

Mario I. Maldonado
City Secretary

City Attorney