

# **City of Laredo**

## **Meeting Minutes - Approved**

**A-2026-R-02**

**Monday, February 2, 2026**

**5:30 PM**

**City Council Chambers**

**City Council**

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**City of Laredo  
Regular City Council Meeting  
A-2026-R-02  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1110 HOUSTON STREET  
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040  
February, 2nd, 2026  
5:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**TEXAS PLEDGE**

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Also in attendance:

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

- Present:**
- Mayor Pro Tempore & District I Gilbert Gonzalez
  - District II Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.
  - Mayor Dr. Dr. Victor D. Trevino
  - District III Melissa R. Cigarroa
  - District IV Ricardo "Rick" Garza
  - District V Ruben Gutierrez Jr.
  - District VI Tyler King
  - District VII Vanessa Perez
  - District VIII Alyssa Cigarroa

**MINUTES**

**Motion to approve the minutes of January 20, 2026.**

**Moved:** Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

**Second:** Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

**For:** Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. Tyler King, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

**For:** Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. Tyler King, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

**Against:** 0

**Against:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Np:** Cm. Vanessa Perez

**Np:** Cm. Vanessa Perez

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

**RECOGNITION**

1. The City of Laredo Mayor and Council recognize Karma Athletics, who competed on December 22, 2025, at the Redline event in San Antonio, Texas, earning 1st Place & the title of Grand National Champions in their division. The team took home two championship rings, two medals & championship jackets, marking an outstanding achievement. [REC26-08](#)
  
2. Recognition of Roberto Rodriguez upon his retirement from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDot) after 26 years of dedicated public service. Mr. Rodriguez is honored for his close collaboration with the City of Laredo, his professionalism, commitment, and significant contributions to transportation projects that benefited the community. The City of Laredo extends its appreciation and wishes him continued success on his retirement. [REC26-10](#)
  
3. The City of Laredo Mayor and Council recognize students from U.I.S.D. and L.I.S.D. who competed in the annual American Legion Oratorical Competition, hosted by the American Legion Arturo T. Benavides Memorial Post 59 in Laredo. High school students delivered prepared speeches on selected topics about the U.S. Constitution, and scholarships were awarded. The program was led by District 23 Commander Jose M. Gamez. [REC26-11](#)
  
4. The City of Laredo Mayor, Dr. Victor Treviño, recognizes Manuel Serna for reaching 100 years of life, for his service to our country, and for joining the Mayoral Century Club. [REC26-12](#)

**COMMUNICATIONS**

5. Presentation by Mayor Dr. Victor Trevino, providing general comments on city matters, upcoming initiatives, and other relevant updates for the Council and the public. [26-212](#)

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

6. Presentation for confirmation by City Council of F. Javier Montemayor, Jr. [APPT26 - 16](#) as Associate Municipal Court Judge for the City of Laredo as recommended by Municipal Court Judge Position I Jesus M. Dominguez in accordance with Section 5.02 of the Charter of the City of Laredo.

**Motion to approve.**

**Moved:** Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

**Second:** Gilbert Gonzalez

**For:** Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. Tyler King, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

**Against:** Cm. Vanessa Perez

**Abstain:** Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

**Np:** 0

**Motion carries.**

7. Reappointment by Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez of Mr. Carlos [APPT26 - 17](#) Fernandez to the Port of Entry Advisory Committee.

**Motion to approve appointments 7-11.**

**Moved:** Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

**Second:** Tyler King

**For:** Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. Tyler King, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

**Against:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Np:** 0

**Motion carries.**

8. Reappointment by Council Member Ruben Gutierrez of Mr. Luis Hinojosa [APPT26 - 18](#) to the Port of Entry Advisory Committee.

9. Appointment of Ricardo DeAnda to the Mayoral Rio Grande Riverfront [APPT26 - 19](#) Coordination & Advisory Ad-Hoc Committee. Recommended by Council Member Ricardo "Rick" Garza.

10. Appointment of Armando Duarte to the Laredo/Webb Drug and Alcohol [APPT26 - 20](#) Commission by Council Member Ricardo "Rick" Garza.

11. Appointment of Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino of Hector Alaniz to the Port of [APPT26 - 21](#) Entry Advisory Committee.

## PLANNING & ZONING - PUBLIC HEARING & INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE

12. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance 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). [26-80](#)

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

ZC-006-2026  
District III

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

**Moved:** Melissa R. Cigarroa

**Second:** Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

**For:** Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. Tyler King, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

**Against:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Np:** Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza

**Motion carries.**

## PUBLIC HEARING & INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE

13. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance 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. [26-61](#)

Approval of Ordinance

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

**Moved:** Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

**Second:** Vanessa Perez

**For:** Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. Tyler King, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

**Against:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Np:** Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez, and Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza

**Motion carries.**

14. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance 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 that sell liquor in addition to food. [26-95](#)

This amendment formally incorporates the recent legislative changes into the City's Code of Ordinance by clarifying that as of the effective date of the new legislation (Sept. 1, 2025), the City of Laredo no longer charges 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.

To hold a public hearing and introduce an ordinance incorporating changes to liquor licenses fee charges impacted by Senate Bill 1008.

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

**Moved:** Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

**Second:** Vanessa Perez

**For:** Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. Tyler King, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

**Against:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Np:** Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez, and Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza

**Motion carries.**

## INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

15. [2026-O-31](#) Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Food Service Agreement between the Laredo International Airport and Chick-Fil-A [26-138](#)

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.

Staff recommends the approval of this introductory ordinance.

## FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

### Motion to approve the final reading or Ordinances 16-32, excluding #19.

**Moved:** Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

**Second:** Vanessa Perez

**For:** Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. Tyler King, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

**Against:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Np:** Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez, and Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza

### Motion carries.

- 16.** Authorizing the City Manager to amend the FY25-26 General Fund Parks Department budget by drawing down fund balance and appropriating expenditures in the amount of \$49,314 in order to appropriate funds awarded by Texas Municipal League (T.M.L.) to be used for the replacement of the playground and shade at the Inner City Playground located at 202 West Plum. [2026-O-25](#)

- 17.** An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the FY25-26 Solid Waste budget by appropriating a drawdown in the total amount of \$818,089.77, in order to replace burned rental garbage truck and other equipment purchases. Funds are available in Solid Waste Fund. [2026-O-04](#)

Introduction of the ordinance

- 18.** Authorizing the City Manager to execute a First Amendment to Ground Lease Agreement ("First Amendment") by and between the City of Laredo ("Landlord"), a Texas municipality and SBA Steel LLC, a Florida limited liability company ("Tenant"), dated January 10, 2006 for the construction of a 140' self-supporting tower and equipment building for the purpose of providing cellular services; and attached hereto; to extend the term of the lease one additional, five year term commencing January 10, 2031; with an additional three, five year terms. Rent shall increase from \$39,799.00 to \$45,000.00 per year with a four percent escalation; all other terms and conditions remain in full force and effect. [2026-O-17](#)

Staff recommends approval.

- 19.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 15, Article VI, Section 78, Definitions, of the Code of Ordinances, by redefining “Bar”; providing that this Ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date. [2026-O-26](#)

Staff recommends that Council approves the Ordinance.

**Motion to close and approve as a "Cigar sales only" as amended.**

**Moved:** Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

**Second:** Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

**For:** Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. Tyler King, and Cm. Vanessa Perez

**Against:** Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

**Abstain:** 0

**Np:** 0

**Motion carries.**

- 20.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 8.6 acre tract, as further described by metes and bounds in attached “Exhibit A”, located north of Penn Street and west of Riverside Drive, from AG (Agriculture District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District). [2026-O-09](#)

ZC-001-2026  
District VII

- 21.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by amending Ordinance 2015-O-039, which authorized a conditional use permit for a Kiosk/Food Stand and Meat Market in the Grocery Store on Lot 12, Block 446, Eastern Division, located at 202 West San Carlos Street in order to remove Deyanira Villarreal and Ralph A. Hase and replace with Sergio Briones and Yessenia Briones as the parties to whom the permit is issued. [2026-O-10](#)

ZC-005-2026  
District VIII

- 22.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a special use permit for a restaurant serving alcohol on Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Buitron/Ramos Subdivision, located at 7101 and 7105 McPherson Road. [2026-O-11](#)

ZC-010-2026  
District V

- 23.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 3.70 acres, located north of Cielito Lindo Boulevard and west of Ejido Avenue, from B-1 (Limited Business District) and R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) to B-3 (Community Business District). [2026-O-13](#)
- ZC-004-2026  
District II
- 24.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 31.64 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached "Exhibit A", located south of Facultad Boulevard and west of US Highway 83, from R-1MH (Single Family Manufactured Housing District) to R-1B (Single Family High Density District). [2026-O-12](#)
- ZC-011-2026  
District II
- 25.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 2, Block 624, Western Division, located at 2416 Ventura Street, from R-2 Multi-Family Residential District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District). [2026-O-15](#)
- ZC-009-2026  
District VIII
- 26.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 1, Fire Station No. 11, located at 11015 McPherson Road, from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District). [2026-O-16](#)
- ZC-002-2026  
District VI
- 27.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively Close, Abandon and Vacate as a Public Easement, an Alley dedicated for public use in Block 925, Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, also known to be located at the 1700 Block of Guadalupe Street and providing for the reversion of the public's interest in said alley to the abutting landowners in equal shares, and providing for an effective date. [2026-O-18](#)
- Staff recommends the approval of this Ordinance
- 28.** An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a contract from the University Health for the Gilead FOCUS Grant, amending the FY2025-2026 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$50,397.00, with no match for the City of Laredo Public Health Department, for the term January 01, 2026 through December 31, 2026. Funds will be accounted for in the Laredo Public [2026-O-19](#)

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**Health Department Fund - Gilead FOCUS Grant.**

Staff recommends that Council approves the Introductory Ordinance.

- 29.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo authorizing the City Manager to amend a lease agreement between the City of Laredo, as Lessor, and the Laredo Police Department, as Lessee, approved by Ordinance No. 2020-O-147 dated November 02, 2020, by amending the lease to increase the square footage of the leased premises from 138,359 square feet to 223,372 square feet in Section 1.01 of the lease and by additionally, amending Section 1.03 Rental Obligation by increasing the monthly obligation from \$11,358.00 to \$13,066.00. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged and in effect. [2026-O-20](#)

Staff recommends the approval of this introductory ordinance.

- 30.** An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement between the Laredo International Airport and the City Of Laredo Police Department for approximately 15,000 square feet constituting warehouse and office space situated within a 3.0-acre tract of land located at 5508 Thomas Avenue, Laredo, Webb County, Texas situated on property described as Block No. 1, of the subdivision plat of Laredo Airport according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 5, Page 1, Plat Records of Webb County, Texas. Lease term shall be for a total of five years, with three options to extend this lease, with each option being an additional five years, commencing on February 1, 2026. Initial monthly rent shall be \$8,676.23 a month and will be adjusted annually according to changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI); and providing for an effective date. [2026-O-22](#)

Staff recommends the approval of this introductory ordinance.

- 31.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Ordinance No. 2025-O-229, Chapter 6, Article II, Sec. 6-22 of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances relating to Rabies Control, Registration Requirements, and Vaccination procedures to align with current state law; providing for severability; providing for publication and an effective date. [2026-O-21](#)

Staff recommends that Council approves the Ordinance.

- 32.** An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a contract from the Alzheimer's Association for the 2026 Healthy Brain Initiative (HBI) Road Map Strategists Program Grant, amending the FY2025-2026 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$50,000.00, with no match for the City of Laredo Public Health Department, for the term January 01, 2026 through September 30, 2026. Funds will be accounted for in the Laredo Public Health Department Fund - 2026 Healthy Brain Initiative (HBI) Road Map Strategists Program Grant. [2026-O-23](#)

Staff recommends that Council approves the Introductory Ordinance.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 33-46, with the exclusion of item #43.**

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**Moved:** Ruben Gutierrez Jr.  
**Second:** Vanessa Perez  
**For:** Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. Tyler King, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa  
**Against:** 0  
**Abstain:** 0  
**Np:** Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez, and Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza

**Motion carries.**

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: TINA RODRIGUEZ, DIRECTOR**

- 33.** Authorizing the City Manager and/or his designee to execute a Participation Agreement with Laredo College for participation in Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) No. 1, pursuant to Chapter 311 of the Texas Tax Code, to become effective during the 2026 tax year utilizing the 2025 tax year as an initial baseline. [26-86](#)

Staff recommends the approval of this motion.

### **DETOXIFICATION CENTER: DR. SAN JUANA VIVIANA MARTINEZ, DIRECTOR**

- 34.** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$243,711.00 to the Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council to support the operations of the Detoxification Department, ROOTS Recovery Center to provide detoxification services to individuals experiencing substance use withdrawals; and execute all relevant documents as determined by the Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council. Grant funding will be up to \$243,711.00 for a one-year funding cycle. No grant match is required for this funding opportunity. Grant will be accounted for in the Detoxification Center Fund - CORE LT Grant. [2026-R-27](#)

Staff recommends approval as funding will directly support center operations to treat individuals experiencing substance use disorders in rebuilding their lives and reunite with their families.

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

- 35.** Consideration for approval of the selection of the top ranked consultant for the RFQ FY25-ENG-47 ADA Bus Stops & Bicycle Enhancements; and authorization to negotiate a professional service contract. A total of five firms responded to the request for qualifications Thursday, November 13, 2025. The committee recommends the selection of Ardurra Group, LLC. There is no financial impact at this time. [26-111](#)

1. Ardurra Group, LLC, Laredo, TX
2. KCI Technologies, Laredo, TX
3. Meta Engineering, LLC, Helotes, TX
4. Parra & Co., LLC, San Antonio, TX

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5. SWG Engineering, LLC, Weslaco, TX

Approval of this motion

**FIRE: GUILLERMO HEARD, FIRE CHIEF**

- 36.** Consideration to approve the purchase of five replacement 60 hz EPA Stationary Emergency Generator Sets for a total of \$482,656.23 for Fire Stations 1, 4, 10, 13, and 14. The purchases will be made from Holt Power Systems, San Antonio, Texas, through Buyboard Contract #788-25. Funding is available in the 2025 PPFCA Bond. [26-142](#)

Staff recommends approval of this agenda item.

**PUBLIC HEALTH: DR. RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, DIRECTOR**

- 37.** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for the Innovative Mental Health Services Research Grant, in the estimated total amount of \$400,000 per grant year, with no match for the City of Laredo Public Health Department for a five year term, from December 01, 2026 through November 30, 2031, for a total estimated amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00; and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents resulting from the award of this grant. Any funding as a result of this application will be appropriated in the Laredo Public Health Department Fund - Innovative Mental Health Services Research Grant. [2026-R-25](#)

Staff recommends that Council approve the Resolution.

**POLICE: MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ, CHIEF OF POLICE**

- 38.** A Resolution of the City of Laredo, Texas authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount \$152,000.00 to the Texas Department of Transportation for enforcement of Commercial Motor Vehicle Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. The grant period will begin October 01, 2026 through September 30, 2027; this grant is for overtime salaries. The city will be responsible for a required match of approximately \$36,000.00, from General Fund. Funding will be accounted for in the Special Police Fund. [2026-R-22](#)

Recommends that Council approves the resolution.

- 39.** 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 \$173,000.00 to the Texas Department of Transportation for the Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. The grant period will begin October 01, 2026 through September 30, 2027; this grant is for overtime salaries. The city will be responsible for a required match of approximately \$41,000.00, from General Fund. Funding will be accounted for in the Special Police Fund. [2026-R-20](#)

Recommends that Council approves the resolution.

- 40.** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas authorizing [2026-R-21](#)

the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$153,083.75 to the U.S. Department of Justice Program for the purpose of funding the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant for FY 2026. The funds will be utilized to replace approximately 145 vests that have exceeded the recommended life expectancy. If awarded the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program will provide funding in the amount of \$76,541.88 with the other 50% of the project being provided by city match, from General Fund. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund.

Recommends that City Council approves this Resolution.

- 41.** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to ratify the acceptance of the donation of one police service dog from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, TSA Canine Training Center to be trained and used by the Laredo Police Department for law enforcement purposes. The police service canines are strictly a donation and will be at no cost to the City of Laredo. [2026-R-23](#)

Recommends the approval of this resolution.

- 42.** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$3,250,000.00 to the office of the Governor's Public Safety Office for the purpose of funding the FY 2027 Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) program. Funding will be used to pay for costs associated with the operation of the TAG Center, including but not limited to, personnel, rent, contractual obligations, information system interfaces, equipment, training, supplies and direct operating expenses. This grant does not require matching funds. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund. [2026-R-24](#)

Recommends the approval of this Resolution.

### **SOLID WASTE: BISHOP P. WAGENER , DIRECTOR**

- 43.** Consideration to replace burned rental garbage truck for the total amount not to exceed \$403,599.55 and use \$414,490.22 to purchase equipment for a total of \$818,089.77 Funding is available in the Solid Waste fund. [26-22](#)

It is recommended that this equipment buyout be approved.

#### **With Big Truck Rental using Omnion Partress Cooperative Contract #2019000319, as amended.**

**Moved:** Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

**Second:** Vanessa Perez

**For:** Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. Tyler King, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

**Against:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Np:** 0

**Motion carries.****TAX: DORA MALDONADO, TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR**

- 44.** Motion to approve tax roll adjustments for the month of December 2025. [26-145](#)  
 The amounts adjusted represent an increase of \$1,867.40 for prior year taxes and a decrease of \$13,737.53 for current year taxes. The aggregate adjustment represents a decrease of \$15,604.93. These adjustments are determined by value changes reported by the Webb County Appraisal District, which include rollbacks and reflected in General Fund.

Approve motion.

**UTILITIES: DR. TAREQ AL-ZABET, DIRECTOR**

- 45.** Consideration to select and negotiate RFQ 2026-006 professional consulting services contract with the top score, Carollo Engineers, Inc., Dallas, TX, for an assessment and optimization study of the City's surface water treatment plants. This assessment will evaluate the performance, efficiency, and condition of the Jefferson Street and El Pico Water Treatment Plants, with a focus on filter assessments, process optimization, reliability, and long-term capital planning for the Utilities Department. The contract term is for one year and is contingent upon annual budget appropriations. The firms that responded to the RFQ and their consensus scores were: [26-66](#)

1. Carollo Engineers, Inc. - Score: 1
2. Garver, LLC - Score: 2
3. Ardurra - Score: 3
4. Freese and Nichols, Inc. - Score: 4

The Selection Committee recommends proceeding to scope refinement and fee negotiations with the highest-ranked firm, Carollo Engineers, Inc. There is no financial impact at this time.

It is recommended that City Council authorize staff to select and negotiate a professional consulting services contract under RFQ 2026-006 with the top score, Carollo Engineers, Inc. for the surface water treatment plant assessment and optimization study, and to return to Council for final contract award upon completion of negotiations.

**Motion to approve.**

**Moved:** Vanessa Perez

**Second:** Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

**For:** Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez, Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. Tyler King, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

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

**Abstain:** 0

Np: 0

**Motion carries.**

- 46. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract RFP#2026-022 with Anubis Engineering, Inc. for project management and program management support services for Utilities Department Water and Wastewater capital improvement projects in an amount not to exceed \$470,100.00. The initial term of the contract shall be for one year from the date of execution with the option to renew for up to three additional one-year periods subject to mutual agreement and the availability of appropriated funds. Funding is available in the Waterworks Fund - 2024 Water Revenue Bond. [26-106](#)

Staff recommends that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with Anubis Engineering, Inc. for project management and program management support services for Utilities Department water and wastewater capital improvement projects in an amount not to exceed \$470,100 for the initial one year term with the option to renew for up to two additional one year periods subject to mutual agreement and the availability of appropriated funds and to execute all related documents subject to legal review.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**STAFF REPORTS**

- 47. Overview of the City of Laredo Detoxification Department, DBA ROOTS Recovery Center. [26-02](#)

Staff recommends that City Council receive and acknowledge the overview of the City of Laredo Detoxification Department, DBA ROOTS Recovery Center, and further recognize that this item demonstrates *Strong alignment* with the Viva Laredo Comprehensive Plan-specifically the Plan’s Health Chapter policies to “provide access to services and programs that improve quality of life and support vulnerable populations” and to “support healthy living through programs and policies that promote well-being and dignity for all residents.”

Staff further recommends continued support for the Detoxification Department’s initiatives to enhance service capacity, strengthen inter-agency collaboration, and expand access to behavioral-health and recovery resources for individuals requiring medically monitored detoxification. These actions advance the Viva Laredo Plan’s long-term goals related to community health, equity, and overall well-being.

**Fiscal Impact**

Fiscal Year: FY25  
 Budgeted Y/N?: Y  
 Source of Funds: TX HHSC, Insurance Payments, TX CORE, TX Opioid Abatement, Municipal Court Fees  
 Account #: 274-7410  
 Change Order: Exceeds 25% Y/N: N/A

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

No financial impact.

48. Update on Plaza Theater project with possible action. [26-242](#)

Click or tap here to enter text.

49. 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](#)

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION****Motion to go into Executive Session.**

**Moved:** Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

**Second:** Melissa R. Cigarroa

**For:** Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. Tyler King, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

**Against:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Np:** 0

**Motion carries.**

50. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to discuss the City Manager's annual review pursuant to the terms of the City Manager's employment agreement, and any other matters incident thereto. [26-240](#)

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51. Request for Executive Session pursuant to 551.071(1) (A&B) of the Texas Government Code concerning DC-24-126, Ashley Morales v. The City of Laredo, and any other matter incident thereto. [26-245](#)

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**Motion for staff to process as recommended.**

**Moved:** Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

**Second:** Gilbert Gonzalez

**For:** Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez, Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., and Cm. Dr. Tyler King

**Against:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Np:** Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

**Motion carries.**

- 52. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071(1)(A) [26-246](#)  
 (consultation with attorney regarding pending litigation) of the Texas Local Government Code, related to 2025CVG002217D2 and any other matter incident thereto.

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**Motion for staff to proceed as directed.**

**Moved:** Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

**Second:** Tyler King

**For:** Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. Tyler King, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

**Against:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Np:** 0

**Motion carries.**

**RECESS AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD**

**Motion to recess as the Laredo City Council and convene as the Laredo Mass Transit Board.**

**Moved:** Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

**Second:** Melissa R. Cigarroa

**For:** Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. Tyler King, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

**Against:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Np:** 0

**Motion carries.**

- 53. Consideration to award a supply contract with Sole Source Vendor Gillig, [2026-RT-06](#) LLC in the amount of and not to be exceeded of \$150,000.00 for the purchase of automotive parts, transit parts, and supplies of Laredo Transit Management Inc., El Metro. Gillig is the primary and sole source vendor to all and any repairs made to our fleet. The term of this contract shall be for one year beginning as of the date of its execution. Funding is available in the El Metro Maintenance Accounts.

Staff recommends approval of this contract.

**Motion to approve.**

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**Moved:** Ruben Gutierrez Jr.  
**Second:** Vanessa Perez  
**For:** Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. Tyler King, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa  
**Against:** 0  
**Abstain:** 0  
**Np:** 0  
**Motion carries.**

### **ADJOURN AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD AND RECONVENE AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL**

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

**Moved:** Ruben Gutierrez Jr.  
**Second:** Vanessa Perez  
**For:** Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. Tyler King, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa  
**Against:** 0  
**Abstain:** 0  
**Np:** 0  
**Motion carries.**

### **GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Request by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño**

54. Discussion with possible action on status of convention center, and any matters related thereto. [26-C-21](#)
55. Discussion with possible action on Central Laredo Management District (CLMD), and any matters related thereto. [26-C-22](#)

**Motion to request a workshop were Council can discuss any concerns or details.**

**Moved:** Dr. Victor D. Trevino  
**Second:** Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.  
**For:** Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez, Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. Tyler King, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa  
**Against:** 0  
**Abstain:** 0

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**Np:** Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., and Cm. Vanessa Perez

**Motion carries.**

**Request by Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez**

56. Discussion with possible action to support the 2026 Special Olympics opening ceremony to be held at the Sames Auto Arena and any other matters incident thereto. [26-C-17](#)

**Motion to approve, for all the districts to divide the total expense of \$17,500.00**

**Moved:** Gilbert Gonzalez

**Second:** Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

**For:** Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. Tyler King, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

**Against:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Np:** Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, and Cm. Vanessa Perez

**Motion carries.**

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

57. 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**

58. 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 Ricardo "Rick" Garza**

59. Status update with possible action related to the LECHE organization and the potential development of The Eastern Laredo Optimized Transportation (ELOTE) Plan and the letter of support from the City; and any matter incident thereto. [26-C-19](#)

**Motion to approve the relationship and take it to the next level with the proper documentation before any agreements.**

**Moved:** Ricardo "Rick" Garza

**Second:** Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

**For:** Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. Tyler King, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

**Against:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Np:** Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, and Cm. Vanessa Perez

**Motion carries.**

**Request by Council Member Tyler King**

- 60.** 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](#)
- 61.** 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](#)
- 62.** Discussion with possible action regarding the final passing of a City resolution of support as motioned by Council on November 3rd 2025 in advocating for new state legislation that could lead to a Project Finance Zone (PFZ) designation with the state of Texas, which allows for municipalities to designate a three-mile zone centered around a convention center or arena in which growth in state hotel taxes collected within the zone would be rebated to the City for a 30-year period to pay for improvements to a convention center or arena, by working with Dean Senator Judith Zaffirini and State Representative Richard Raymond to file legislation for the 2027 Session that would allow Laredo to qualify for a PFZ designation in the future, and also have the City produce an economic impact study to strengthen the City's case for one, and any other matters incident thereto [26-C-16](#)

**Motion to approve.**

**Moved:** Tyler King

**Second:** Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

**For:** Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. Tyler King, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

**Against:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Np:** Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez

**Motion carries.**

**Request by Council Member Vanessa J. Perez**

- 63.** Discussion with possible action on opportunities for centralization of city services within the organization, and any other matters incident thereto. [25-C-156](#)
- 64.** Discussion with possible action to create a project management policy, with standardized reporting, and any other matters incident thereto. [25-C-204](#)

65. 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](#)

**Request by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa**

66. Discussion with possible action on establishing a Pre-Council Review and Briefing Process for agenda Items and any other matters incident thereto. [26-C-11](#)
67. 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](#)
68. 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**

**Motion to adjourn at 10:56 p.m.**

**Moved:** Ruben Gutierrez Jr.