

City of Laredo

Meeting Minutes - Approved

A-2024-R-08

Monday, May 20, 2024

5:30 PM

City Council Chambers

City Council

**City of Laredo
Regular City Council Meeting
A-2024-R-08
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
5:30 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Also in attendance:

City Manager Joseph W. Neeb
Assistant City Manager Steve E. Landin
Assistant City Manager Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary Mario Maldonado, Jr.
City Attorney Zone Nguyen
Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

IV. ROLL CALL

Also in attendance:

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

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

V. COMMUNICATIONS

1. [24-1050](#)

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Motion to approve the appointments 1-5, as amended.

Moved: Alberto Torres Jr.

Second: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

For: Mayor Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Rangel Jr., Cm. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Gutierrez, Cm. Dr. Tyler King, Cm. Perez, and Cm. Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: 0

Motion carries.

1. [APPT. - 45](#)
2. [APPT. - 46](#)
3. [APPT. - 47](#)
4. [APPT. - 49](#)
5. [APPT. - 50](#)

VII. PUBLIC HEARING & INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE

Motion to open Public Hearing 1-8.

Moved: Alberto Torres Jr.

Second: Dr. Victor D. Trevino

For: Mayor Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Rangel Jr., Cm. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Gutierrez, Cm. Dr. Tyler King, Cm. Perez, and Cm. Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: 0

Motion carries.

1. [24-0941](#)

Attachments: [ZC-036-2024 - Intro Staff Report](#)
[ZC-036-2024 - Maps](#)
[ZC-036-2024 - Narrative](#)
[ZC-036-2024 - Site Plan](#)
[ZC-036-2024 - Tenant List](#)
[ZC-036-2024 - Signage](#)
[Executed Ordinance 2017-O-154](#)
[Executed Ordinance 2021-O-074](#)
[Executed Ordinance 2022-O-084](#)
[Draft Ordinance- ZC-036-2024](#)

Motion to close and introduce and bring back on the following City Council meeting, as read into the Agenda.

Moved: Dr. David Tyler King

Second: Gilbert Gonzalez

For: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Dr. Tyler King, and Cm. Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Rangel Jr., Cm. Gutierrez, and Cm. Perez

Motion carries.

2.

[**24-0980**](#)

Attachments: [ZC-037-2024 - Staff Report](#)
[ZC-037-2024 - Maps](#)
[ZC-037-2024 - Narrative](#)
[ZC-037-2024 - Site Plan](#)
[ZC-037-2024 - Tenant List](#)
[Ordinance 2016-O-057](#)
[Ordinance 2016-O-058](#)
[Ordinance 2016-O-059](#)
[Ordinance 2019-O-147](#)
[ZC-037-2024 - Zone Change Signage](#)
[Draft Ordinance- ZC-037-2023](#)

as read into the Agenda.

Moved: Dr. David Tyler King

Second: Melissa R. Cigarroa

For: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Dr. Tyler King, and Cm. Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Rangel Jr., Cm. Gutierrez, and Cm. Perez

Motion carries.**3.****24-0981**

Attachments: [ZC-038-2024 - Intro Staff Report](#)
[ZC-038-2024 - Maps](#)
[ZC-038-2024 - Narrative](#)
[ZC-038-2024 - Site Plan](#)
[ZC-038-2024 - Tenant List](#)
[ZC-038-2024 - Lease Agreement](#)
[Ordinance 2014-O-015](#)
[Ordinance 2021-O-033](#)
[ZC-038-2024 - Zone Change Signage](#)
[Draft Ordinance- ZC-038-2023](#)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Melissa R. Cigarroa

Second: Gilbert Gonzalez

For: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Dr. Tyler King, and Cm. Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Rangel Jr., Cm. Gutierrez, and Cm. Perez

Motion carries.**4.**

Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Ordinance 2023-O-062 of the City of Laredo and authorizing to increase the insufficient fund fee to \$100.00 plus the per axle toll fee for southbound commercial vehicles that arrive at the toll booth with insufficient funds in the automatic vehicle identification (A.V.I.) system and if an AVI account has multiple insufficient fund U-turns the company must leave a credit card on file and schedule automatic replenishment of funds as further described in Exhibit "A" and hereby repealing all conflicting sections in all ordinances currently in effect.

24-1003

Attachments: [Intro Ordinance - Insufficient Fund Fee Increase for Commercial Traffic FY23-24](#)
[Toll Rate Schedule Exhibit A Revised 5.3.24](#)

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

Moved: Melissa R. Cigarroa

Second: Dr. David Tyler King

For: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Dr. Tyler King, and Cm. Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Rangel Jr., Cm. Gutierrez, and Cm. Perez

Motion carries.

5. An Ordinance amending Section 24.69.7-B-4(B) of The City of Laredo Land Development Code, provisions for Flood Hazard Reduction by clarifying the requirements for Specific Standards for manufactured homes; providing or publication and effective date. [2024-O-102](#)

Attachments: [Flood Plain](#)

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

Moved: Dr. David Tyler King

Second: Melissa R. Cigarroa

For: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Dr. Tyler King, and Cm. Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Rangel Jr., Cm. Gutierrez, and Cm. Perez

Motion carries.

6. An Ordinance amending Chapter 18, Article V of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances to change the title of Article V to "Certificates of Occupancy" and Establish Requirements and Fees for Certificates of Occupancy Application Fee of \$100.00 for a business under 2,000 square feet or \$200.00 for a business over 2,001 square feet, change of name fee on an existing business will be \$50.00. Temporary Certificate of Occupancy Fee will be \$200.00. All application fees are non-refundable and due upon submission of the application. Copies of the Certificate of Occupancy will have a fee of \$20.00 each; providing that this Ordinance shall be cumulative; providing for a savings clause; providing for a severability clause; providing for a penalty; providing for publication; and declaring an effective date. [2024-O-107](#)

Attachments: [Intro Ordinance Certificate of Occupancy 5-3-24](#)

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

Moved: Melissa R. Cigarroa

Second: Dr. David Tyler King

For: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Dr. Tyler King, and Cm. Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Rangel Jr., Cm. Gutierrez, and Cm. Perez

Motion carries.

7. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the FY2023-2024 City of Laredo Detoxification Center budget by increasing and appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$52,610.00, with no match for the City of Laredo Detoxification Center, and amending the FY2023-2024 Full-Time Equivalent Position Listing by creating one Harm Reduction Specialist, 209 position. The appropriation is for the funds received from the Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council. [24-0951](#)

Attachments: [PHIO - Opioid Ordinance](#)

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

Moved: Dr. David Tyler King

Second: Melissa R. Cigarroa

For: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Dr. Tyler King, and Cm. Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Rangel Jr., Cm. Gutierrez, and Cm. Perez

Motion carries.

8. Public Hearing and Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending section 24.65.0 (b) of the Land Development Code, prohibiting the parking and storing of any commercial vehicle that exceeds one ton in manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating or that has more than two axles within five-hundred feet of any public or private elementary or secondary school, park, or public playground. [24-1511](#)

Attachments: [Commercial Vehicle Parking Ordinance](#)

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

Moved: Dr. David Tyler King

Second: Alberto Torres Jr.

For: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Dr. Tyler King, and Cm. Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Rangel Jr., Cm. Gutierrez, and Cm. Perez

Motion carries.

(Recess)
(Press Availability)

VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES**Introductory Ordinances 9-11**

9. Authorizing the City Manager to grant a non-exclusive franchise to STX Dump Services to use the present and future streets, avenues, alleys, roads, highways, sideways, easements and other public rights-of-way of the City of Laredo, Texas for purpose 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 into General Fund. [24-0940](#)

Attachments: [STX Dump Services Franchise.docx 042224.docx](#)

10. An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents granting an easement and right-of-way to AEP Texas central company to install and construct certain electric lines and all necessary or desirable appurtenances. Said easement being a 755.2 sq. ft. easement, being out of Lots 7-12, Block 908, Western Division, City of Laredo, Webb county, Texas. The City of Laredo is currently leasing this property to Gateway Community Health Center Inc. The easement is more particularly described by Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made part of; providing for an effective date. [2024-O-100](#)

Attachments: [Aerial of 1702 Lafayette \(2\)](#)
[Easement Agreement Gateway Health Community Center West \(4\)](#)
[2024-O-100 Ordinance AEP Gateway West Easement](#)

11. An Introductory Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, adopting a tax exemption equal to 100 percent of the appraised value of all or a portion of real property operating as a qualifying Child-Care Facility. This exemption was passed during the 88th Texas Legislature regular session under Senate Bill 1145 and approved by the voters in November 2023, Proposition 2. The owner or operator of the Child-Care Facility must be licensed with the Health and Human Services Commission; participate in the Texas Workforce Commission's Rising Star Program; and have at least 20 percent child enrollment as recipients of subsidized childcare services; qualifying Child-Care Facilities will be exempt from City ad valorem taxes in accordance with Chapter 11, Section 11.36 of the Texas Property Tax Code, starting with tax year 2024 and each year thereafter unless amended; and declaring an effective date. [24-1017](#)

Attachments: [Introductory Ordinance.pdf](#)

IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**Motion to approve Final reading of Ordinances 12-17.**

Moved: Alberto Torres Jr.

Second: Dr. David Tyler King

For: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Dr. Tyler King, and Cm. Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Rangel Jr., Cm. Gutierrez, and Cm. Perez

Motion carries.

12. Final Reading authorizing the City Manager to amend FY 23-24 revenues and expenditures under the Community Development Department in the amount of \$373,000.00 in Section 108- Southern Hotel Fund to be used for the rehabilitation of the Southern Hotel Project. The U. S. Department of Urban Development (HUD) is requesting the City to establish a Deposit Account Control Agreement (DACA) funded purely from HUD Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG), which will create a shortfall in the funding availability for the project. [2024-O-089](#)

Attachments: [Final Reading 373,000](#)

13. Final Reading of Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to ratify and amend the City of Laredo's FY 2024 Police Trust Fund budget by drawing down on fund balance and appropriating additional expenditures in the amount of \$1,203,450.00, for the purchase of a SWAT tactical vehicle, replace outdated SWAT equipment, equipment for new SWAT members, and replace service weapons for all sworn personnel. [2024-O-091](#)

Attachments: [Ordinance](#)

14. An Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article II, Division 1, Section 2-16, "Departments of the City" of the Code of Ordinances by removing Building Development Services, Traffic, and Animal Care Services as named departments and adding a Marketing & Communications Department. [2024-O-092](#)

Attachments: [Department Ordinance](#)

15. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, allowing for the waiver of the waiting period requirements listed in section 24.92.2(b) of the City of Laredo Land Development Code for applicants whose application was denied by the Planning and Zoning Commission and subsequently did not receive the requisite three-fourths vote to overturn the denial between October 22, 2023 and May 6, 2024. [2024-O-093](#)

Attachments: [24.92.2\(b\) limited waiver](#)

16. An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to amend FY23-24 Laredo International Airport Construction Fund Budget by appropriating revenues and expenses in the amount of \$11,111.11 to fund the FY 2024 Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) Grant. Funds are being awarded by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). This funding will be used for airport maintenance at the Laredo International Airport. Funding will be available in the International Airport Construction Fund. [2024-O-094](#)

Attachments: [2024-O-094](#)
[TXDOT RAMP GRANT 2024 04.12.24](#)

17. Ordinance amending Chapter 31 (Utilities), Article V (Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan) sections 31-195 through 31-242. [2024-O-095](#)
Amending sections 31-195, 31-196, 31-197, 31-199, 31-203, 31-204, 31-207, 31-208, 31-211, 31-212, 31-215, 31-217, 31-218, 31-220, 31-222, 31-237, 31-238, 31-240 and deleting sections 31-209, 31-223, 31-224. Providing for severability and publication date. This amendment incorporates changes such as a new irrigation schedule, enhancing outdoor water management, imposing restrictions on non-essential water usage, establishing triggers for drought responses, and introducing automatic citation protocols.

Attachments: [Drought Contingency Plan for a Retail Public Water Supplier ARTICLE V. WATER CONSERVATION AND DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLANS \(SS Revision\)](#)

X. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 18-54, and to exclude items 25, 44.

Moved: Alberto Torres Jr.

Second: Gilbert Gonzalez

For: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Dr. Tyler King, and Cm. Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Rangel Jr., Cm. Gutierrez, and Cm. Perez

Motion carries.

AIRPORT: STAFF SOURCE GILBERTO SANCHEZ, AIRPORT DIRECTOR

18. Consideration to authorize a cooperative contract with Deere & Company (John Deere), Cary, North Carolina for the purchase of: [24-0999](#)

a). One John Deere Cab Tractor in the total amount of \$101,234.40 and;

b). One John Deere Flex Wing Rotary Cutter in the total of \$42,064.14;

for ground maintenance for the Airport Department. The purchase of this equipment shall be made utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program. Funding is available in the International Airport Fund.

Attachments: [Deere & Company 706 23](#)
[John Deere Buyboard quote 706 23](#)

BUILDING: STAFF SOURCE ELSA HINOJOSA, ACTING BUILDING DIRECTOR

19. Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and Jesus & Melba Ortiz for a proposed project located at 1220 Mier St., lot 5 block 691 Eastern Division that consists of residential single family, in accordance with authorized [2024-R-166](#)

guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ) 3. This agreement will be for a five-year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$180,000.00, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$961.10 and estimated total fee waivers of \$763.00. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information. This project is located within City Council District III.

Attachments: [Application](#)
[Deed](#)
[Cost Estimate](#)
[Supportive Documents](#)
[NEZ Resolution](#)
[NEZ Tax Abatement 2024](#)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: STAFF SOURCE TINA MARTINEZ

20. Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$25,000,000.00 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, under the Preservation & Reinvested Initiative for Community Enhancement (PRICE) Grant, which will focus on affordable housing preservation by encouraging revitalization and enhancement activities to preserve existing manufactured housing communities (MHCs), and manufactured housing units, including the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of existing manufactured homes. No match will be required. **[2024-R-172](#)**

Attachments: [RESOLUTION - PRICE Grant](#)

DETOXIFICATION CENTER: : STAFF SOURCE, DR. SAN JUANA VIVIANA MARTINEZ

21. Ratifying the execution of a service agreement between the City of Laredo Detoxification and Mateo Reyes, M.D. for services necessary within scope of practice for appropriate treatment of City of Laredo Detoxification Department patients, medical, and prescriptive authority oversight in the amount of \$21,666.66 per month, for \$260,000 per year. Total contract will be for 32 months, for a total not to exceed \$693,333. Funding is available in the American Rescue Plan Act Fund. **[24-0773](#)**

Attachments: [Physician Service Agreement Draft.pdf](#)

ENGINEERING: STAFF SOURCE RAMON E. CHAVEZ P.E., CITY ENGINEER

22. Consideration to award a professional services contract to Sepulveda Associates Architects, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$65,021.00 for the Bruni Plaza Building, located at 1120 San Bernardo Avenue to provide professional architectural & engineering services, including an assessment report to review the existing building condition and system, provide enhancement recommendations and upgrades necessary to be able to utilize the building for future office space in compliance with current building codes. Contract time is 75 calendar days. Funding is available in the 2023 Certificate of Obligation. **24-0942**

Attachments: FY24-ENG-67 Bruni Plaza Building - Professional Services Proposal

23. Consideration to award a professional services contract to LJA Engineering, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the amount not to exceed \$1,915,203.23 for FY24-ENG-11, City of Laredo Solidarity Colombia Bridge Expansion to provide project management, bi-national & stakeholder project development meetings, consultations and coordination, presidential permit application services and conceptual planning, environmental constraint and mapping. Funding is available in the Bridge Construction Fund. [24-1011](#)

Attachments: [FY24-ENG-11 - Colombia Bridge Expansion - Professional Services Full Scope](#)
[FY24-ENG-11 - Colombia Bridge Expansion - Professional Services Full Scope](#)

24. Authorizing the City Manager to ratify payment to Kimmeridge Texas Gas, LLC, in an amount not to exceed of \$252,536.00 to lower an existing 8" gas pipeline for the utility conflict with existing communications line related to the future State Highway 84 (Hachar-Reuthinger Road), as per the Utility Adjustment Certification provided to the Texas Department of Transportation. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund. [24-1020](#)

Attachments: [State Highway 84 - Utility Agreementmt KTG](#)
[State Highway 84 - Kimmeridge Gas Line Readjustment Plans](#)
[State Highway 84 - Kimmeridge Cost Estimate](#)

ENVIRONMENTAL: STAFF SOURCE JOHN PORTER, ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTOR/SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR

25. Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a license agreement with U.S. Customs and Border Protection for controlling vegetation (only removal of Carrizo Cane) along the banks of the Rio Grande at Chacon Creek. Said license agreement will allow the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's contractor to control Carrizo Cane (including, but not limited to, visually inspecting, marking, mowing, cutting, clipping, trimming, topping, pruning and/or shredding vegetation; removing cut vegetation and/or other debris; and/or implementing erosion control measures); there is no financial impact to the City of Laredo. This is the same language in the agreement that was approved for the carrizo removal near the South Laredo Nature & Birding Center (SoLa Center). [2024-R-138](#)

Attachments: [BP License Agreement Carrizo Resolution](#)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Melissa R. Cigarroa

Second: Gilbert Gonzalez

For: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Dr. Tyler King, and Cm. Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Rangel Jr., Cm. Gutierrez, and Cm. Perez

Motion carries.

26. Consideration to renew contract FY23-034 with Tovar Landscaping, Laredo, Texas in an annual amount of \$42,200.00 for the maintenance of Manadas Creek by North Central. There was no price increase during the last extension period. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one year with the option to renew three additional one year periods, upon mutual agreement of both parties. This is the first of three extension periods. Funding is available in the Environmental Services Fund. [24-0899](#)

Attachments: [Renewal Letter](#)
[Bid Tabulation](#)
[Supplier Response](#)

27. Consideration to renew contract FY23-033 with Tovar Landscaping, Laredo, Texas in an annual amount of \$32,250.00 for the maintenance of Manadas Creek by the Academy Sports Store and North backwoods pond. There was no price increase during the last extension period. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one year with the option to renew three additional one year periods, upon mutual agreement of both parties. This is the first of three extension periods. Funding is available in the Environmental Services Fund. [24-0902](#)

Attachments: [Renewal Letter](#)
[Bid Tabulation](#)
[Supplier Response](#)

FIRE: STAFF SOURCE GUILLERMO HEARD, FIRE CHIEF

28. Consideration to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Border Region Behavioral Health Center's Community Health Worker Substance Use Disorder (CARE) Program and the Laredo Fire Department to encourage networking, coordination, and referrals to help address the needs of individuals with a substance use disorder, their families and supportive allies while addressing behavioral health disparities in the program service area, increasing opportunities to reduce harms related to substance use, increasing retention in substance use and mental health disorders, and addressing individual's medical needs and assist those who desire change to build a foundation for their recovery. The term of the memorandum of understanding is from November 10, 2023, through August 30, 2024. There is no financial impact. [24-0985](#)

Attachments: [MOU - Community Health Worker Substance Use Disorder Program \(CARE\)](#)

29. Consideration to approve Amendment #1 to the Psychological Services Agreement with Dr. Gina Dunckel, Psy.D., P.L.L.C., for an increase of \$7,500.00 to provide peer support consultation services, including review of peer support protocols, peer team concerns regarding mental health questions or best practices for a peer support team, training, guidance during peer support team activities, and triage of fire department members regarding mental health crisis. This service is part of the Laredo [24-0992](#)

Fire Department Health & Wellness Initiative for firefighters. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Project Fund.

Attachments: [Dr. Gina Dunckel - Psychological Services Agreement with Fire Department](#)

30. Consideration to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Remote Control Modelers of Laredo and the City of Laredo Fire Department to facilitate the use of the Laredo International Fire and Law Enforcement Training Center (Facility). The term of this agreement is for five consecutive years and may be renewed any time for subsequent five year terms as agreed upon in writing by both parties and may be cancelled by either institution with six months prior written notice. There is no financial impact. [24-1002](#)

Attachments: [MOU Remote Control Modelers of Laredo](#)
[AMA Insurance Certificate - Remote Control Modelers of Laredo](#)

FLEET MANAGEMENT: STAFF SOURCE RONALD MILLER, FLEET DIRECTOR

31. Consideration to reject the sole bid received through Cit-E-Bid for FY24-058 for the purchase of and installation of tinted glass, strobe lights, headache rack and tool boxes for the City of Laredo Fleet Department. The bid was evaluated and it was determined that the sole bidder could not provide a parts list of the items requested. The department will revise and clarify the specifications and solicit new bids. There is no financial impact. [24-0937](#)

Attachments: [FY24-058 Bid Tabulation](#)
[FY24-058 Bid](#)

HEALTH: STAFF SOURCE, DR. RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, HEALTH DIRECTOR

32. Authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a continuation contract from the Department of Health and Human Services, Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities, Surveillance, Research, and Prevention Grant in the additional amount of \$150,000.00 with no match for the City of Laredo Public Health Department for a total award of \$600,000.00 for the term period from January 01, 2024 through December 31, 2024. Funding is available in the Autism Spectrum Disorder Component 2 Grant - Public Health Department Fund. [2024-R-174](#)

Attachments: [2024-R-174.doc](#)
[NOA .pdf](#)

POLICE: STAFF SOURCE MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ, CHIEF OF POLICE

33. Authorizing the City Manager to renew a memorandum of understanding between the City of Laredo Police Department and the Laredo Job Corps Center. The police department's participation is part of the community services provided to our citizens and our partner law enforcement agencies with no cost to the City of Laredo. [2024-R-156](#)

Attachments: [Resolution #2024-R-156 \(Laredo Job Corps MOU\).doc](#)
[Laredo Job Corps MOU LPD 2024.pdf](#)

34. Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$29,999.96 from the Texas Department of Transportation for the enforcement of speed violations during the "Be Safe. Drive Smart. - Drive a Safe Speed" Operation Slowdown Campaign. The grant period for FY2024 Operation Slowdown will begin July 16, 2024 through August 07, 2024. This grant funding is to pay overtime salaries for officers to conduct intense speed limit enforcement in efforts to decrease traffic fatalities involving speed. The City of Laredo will be responsible for a required match of \$9,299.99, available in the total project funds from General Fund, for a total amount of \$39,299.95. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund. [2024-R-170](#)

Attachments: [Approval Notice](#)
[Resolution](#)

35. Authorizing the City Manager to ratify the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$24,999.75 from the Texas Department of Transportation for the enforcement of Vehicle Occupant Protection during the "Click It or Ticket" (CIOT) Campaign. The grant period for FY2024 CIOT will begin May 17, 2024 through June 05, 2024. This grant funding is to pay overtime salaries for officers to conduct intense occupant protection enforcement in order to increase occupant restraint use in all passenger vehicles and trucks. The City of Laredo is responsible for a required match of \$7,749.92, available in the project funds from General Fund, for a total project amount of \$32,749.67. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund. [2024-R-171](#)

Attachments: [Approval Notice](#)
[Resolution](#)

36. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a memorandum of understanding between the City of Laredo Police (LPD) and the Border Region Behavioral Health Center, Community Health Worker Substance Use Disorder Program (CARE) for the purpose of networking, coordinating, and referring individuals with substance use disorders. The Police Department's participation is part of the community service provided to our citizens and our partner law enforcement agencies with no cost to the City of Laredo. [2024-R-175](#)

Attachments: [Resolution #2024-R-175 \(Border Region CARE program MOU\).doc](#)

37. Consideration to authorize the purchase contract with DANA Safety Supply, Inc, Harlingen, Texas, for the procurement of ballistic windshields for thirty-seven police units for a total amount of \$123,850.00. This purchase shall be made utilizing the Buy Board Contract 698-23. Funding will be available in the Police Trust Fund. [24-0990](#)

Attachments: [Quote# 520587-A](#)
[QUOTE# 530396](#)

38. Consideration to award a contract to purchase 400 Glock G45 guns, firearm flashlight and holsters for the Police Department in an amount of \$330,548.00 from GT Distributors, Inc. through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract No. 698-23. The total cost reflects a trade-in discount for 400 service weapons currently assigned to sworn personnel. Funding will be available in the Police Trust Fund. [24-0924](#)

Attachments: [Quote .pdf](#)

**SOLID WASTE: STAFF SOURCE JOHN PORTER, SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR/
ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTOR**

39. Consideration to approve the cooperative contracts for the purchase of heavy equipment to be used for composting at the Ponderosa Landfill: [24-0957](#)

1). Rush Truck Center, Laredo, Tx. for the purchase of:
one Peterbilt 548 Water Truck in the total amount of \$247,426.86; through Buyboard Cooperative Contract 723-23.

2). Nueces Power Equipment, Laredo, Tx. for the purchase of:
one 2024 Case Model 921G XR Wheel Loader in the total amount of \$328,065.26; through Sourcwell Cooperative Contract #011723-CNH.

3). Vermeer Texas-Louisiana, San Antonio, Tx. for the purchase of:
on Vermeer HG400G2 Grinder in the total amount of \$700,790.10;
one Vermeer TR521 Trommel screen in the total amount of \$484,123.75.
one Vermeer CT718 Propelled drum in the total amount of \$869,136.45
through Buyboard Cooperative Contract 684-22.

4). Holt Cat, San Antonio, Tx. for the purchase of:
one Caterpillar 730 Dump truck in the total amount of \$759,718.33 through Buyboard Cooperative Contract 685-22.

Funding is available in the Solid Waste Fund - 2023 Certificate of Obligation Bonds.

Attachments: [Quotes - Heavy Equipment
Cooperative Contracts](#)

40. Consideration to approve a cooperative contract for the purchase of one Peterbilt 537 Fuel Truck from Rush Truck Center, Laredo, in the total amount of \$279,132.53 utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Contract 723-23 for the Solid Waste Services Department. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Fund 2019 Public Property Finance Contractual Obligations, 2021A Certificates of Obligations, and 2022 Certificates of Obligations bonds. [24-0967](#)

Attachments: [Peterbilt 537 Fuel Lube
BuyBoard](#)

TAX: STAFF SOURCE DORA MALDONADO, TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

41. Motion to approve tax roll adjustments for the month of April 2024. The amounts adjusted represent a decrease of \$53,429.57 for prior year taxes and a decrease of \$86,701.21 for current year taxes. The aggregate adjustment represents a decrease of \$140,130.78. These adjustments are determined by value changes reported by the Webb County Appraisal District, which include rollbacks and reflected in General Fund. [24-0959](#)

Attachments: [April 2024 Adjustment Reports.pdf](#)

42. Motion to approve a property tax refund in the amount of \$722.74 due to an overpayment as required by Section 31.11(a) of the Texas Property Tax Code. The refund will be issued to Stewart Title Company from parcel number 972-90011-070. [24-0996](#)

Attachments: [Refund Application-Stewart Title Co.pdf](#)

UTILITIES: STAFF SOURCE ARTURO GARCIA, P.E., UTILITIES DIRECTOR

43. Consideration to approve the purchase of six Modular Aluminum Panel System Boxes (Trench Safety boxes) from United Rentals in the amount of \$150,222.00 through the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Contract RN11 19. These boxes are essential to provide protection to workers when working in an excavated area greater than 4 feet when sloping and benching cannot be met to prevent a potential cave-in. Funding is available in the Waterworks Fund- 2022 Waterworks Revenue Bond. [24-0943](#)

Attachments: [United Rentals Quote](#)

44. Consideration to award a professional engineering contract to Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam (LAN) in the amount of \$306,800.00 for benefit evaluation of Aquifer Storage and Recovery and System Storage considerations and assistance with WaterSMART Grant application. Funding is available in the Water Availability Fund. [24-0954](#)

Attachments: [Laredo ASR proposal jtr-final draft edits](#)
[Laredo ASR-WaterSMART LOE adj-20240501](#)
[RFQ - Aquifer Storage & Recovery Services & Grant Assistance](#)
[RFQ - Aquifer Storage & Recovery Services & Grant Assistance](#)
[Attachments](#)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Melissa R. Cigarroa

Second: Dr. David Tyler King

For: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Rangel Jr., Cm. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Dr. Tyler King, and Cm. Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Gutierrez, and Cm. Perez

Motion carries.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XI. STAFF REPORTS

45. [24-1051](#)

46. [24-1052](#)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Alberto Torres Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

For: Mayor Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Rangel Jr., Cm. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Gutierrez, Cm. Dr. Tyler King, Cm. Perez, and Cm. Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: 0

Motion carries.

47. Staff report with possible action by the Human Resources Department on the Anti-Obesity Medication Program. [24-0711](#)

Motion to instruct staff to continue exploring different options and programs as it pertains to the anti-obesity medication program for the City of Laredo, and to bring back a plan that would be economically feasible for the upcoming budget.

Moved: Alberto Torres Jr.

Second: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

For: Mayor Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Rangel Jr., Cm. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Gutierrez, Cm. Dr. Tyler King, Cm. Perez, and Cm. Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: 0

Motion carries.

48. Staff report and presentation with possible action by the Human Resources Department on the Retiree Incentive Program. [24-0819](#)

Motion to instruct management to bring a retirement incentive program initiative or plan, back during the budget cycle.

Moved: Alberto Torres Jr.

Second: Gilbert Gonzalez

For: Mayor Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Rangel Jr., Cm. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Gutierrez, Cm. Dr. Tyler King, Cm. Perez, and Cm. Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: 0

Motion carries.

- 49.** Presentation with possible action on status of all the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funded projects and any other matters incident thereto.

[24-1015](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Staff Report](#)

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into Executive Session for item #50.

Moved: Alberto Torres Jr.

Second: Melissa R. Cigarroa

For: Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Rangel Jr., Cm. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Dr. Tyler King, and Cm. Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Gutierrez, and Cm. Perez

Motion carries.

- 50.** Request for Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071 related to contemplated litigation initiated by the City of Laredo against 407 Shiloh Dr., Laredo, Texas 78045, operating as Panitas Bar, and any other matter incident thereto.

[24-1035](#)

Motion to allow management and the Legal Department to proceed accordingly.

Moved: Alberto Torres Jr.

Second: Vanessa Perez

For: Mayor Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Rangel Jr., Cm. Torres, Cm. Gutierrez, Cm. Dr. Tyler King, Cm. Perez, and Cm. Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Cigarroa

Motion carries.

XIII. RECESS AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT

Motion to approve items 51,52,53,54

Moved: Alberto Torres Jr.

Second: Gilbert Gonzalez

For: Mayor Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Rangel Jr., Cm. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Gutierrez, Cm. Dr. Tyler King, Cm. Perez, and Cm. Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: 0

Motion carries.

51. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for the purchase of seven 35 ft. L/F Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses for \$705,470.00 each, for a total amount of \$4,938,290.00 from Gilling L.L.C. ("Gilling") utilizing the State of Washington Contract #06719-01. Funding is available in the Transit Capital Grants Fund - Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) and in the 2018 Certificate of Obligation Bond. [2024-RT-17](#)

Attachments: [Quote Laredo TX LoNo 7-35 ft CNG 04 22 2024](#)
[AutoVue - SL-66464-187136 1.DWG-0](#)
[Laredo, TX \(7\) 35' CNG -State of WA No 06719-01 - 4-22-2024](#)
[REV 4 WITH 2nd CUSTOMER CHANGES-GFI FAREBOX](#)
[View Print Application - TX-2024-001-00](#)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Alberto Torres Jr.

Second: Melissa R. Cigarroa

For: Mayor Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Rangel Jr., Cm. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Gutierrez, Cm. Dr. Tyler King, Cm. Perez, and Cm. Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: 0

Motion carries.

52. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for the purchase of 12 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses which include the following: Four 40 ft. CNG buses for \$713,943.00 each, six 35 ft. CNG buses for \$705,470.00 each, and two 29 ft. CNG buses for \$698,606.00 each for a total amount of \$8,485,804.00 for all 12 buses from Gilling L.L.C. ("Gilling") utilizing the State of Washington Contract #06719-01. Funding is available in the Transit Capital Grants Fund - Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) Low or No Emission Grant Program TX-2024-034. [2024-RT-21](#)

Attachments: [Quote Laredo TX LoNo 4-40 ft CNG 05 09 2024](#)
[Quote Laredo TX LoNo 6-35 ft CNG 05 09 2024](#)
[Laredo TX \(4\) 40' CNG -State of WA No 06719-01 - 5-9-2024](#)
[REV 5 WITH ALL CUSTOMER CHANGES-GFI FAREBOX](#)
[Laredo TX \(6\) 35' CNG -State of WA No 06719-01 - 5-9-2024](#)
[REV 5 WITH ALL CUSTOMER CHANGES-GFI FAREBOX](#)
[Laredo TX 40' SEAT LAYOUT](#)
[35' LAREDO TX SAMPLE AutoVue -](#)
[SL-66464-187136 1.DWG-0](#)
[View Print Application - TX-2024-034-00 \(1\)](#)
[Best Practices Procurement & Procurement Manual Rolling](#)
[Stock Procurements](#)
[Bus Procurement Frequently Asked Questions FTA 2024](#)
[RE State of Washington Contract Information 03 05 2024](#)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Alberto Torres Jr.

Second: Melissa R. Cigarroa

For: Mayor Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Rangel Jr., Cm. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Gutierrez, Cm. Dr. Tyler King, Cm. Perez, and Cm. Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: 0

Motion carries.

53. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement between the Laredo Transit Management, Inc., (Lessor) and Turimex International Bus Service (Lessee) for the lease of common property for buses and services and office space in the Transit Center Lobby, for a monthly sum of \$2,567.70 for a term of one three year period with the option of two one year extensions. Lessor covenants and agrees to allow the Lessee to occupy the premises beginning on June 1, 2024. [2024-RT-18](#)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Alberto Torres Jr.

Second: Melissa R. Cigarroa

For: Mayor Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Rangel Jr., Cm. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Gutierrez, Cm. Dr. Tyler King, Cm. Perez, and Cm. Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: 0

Motion carries.

54. Consideration to award contract FY24-060 Tire Lease/Purchase contract [2024-RT-20](#)

to the sole responsive, responsible, bidder Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, Akron, OH in the amount of \$556,032.40. This contract is for a period of five years with the option to renew an additional five year term upon mutual agreement and contingent upon availability of funds. The contract is to lease tires and/or purchase for transit vehicles. Funds are available in El Metro Operations Funds.

Year 1 \$104,727.39
Year 2 \$107,869.31
Year 3 \$111,115.77
Year 4 \$114,437.69
Year 5 \$117,882.24
Total: \$556,032.40

Attachments: [Tab B Bid Price - Goodyear 04232024](#)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Alberto Torres Jr.

Second: Melissa R. Cigarroa

For: Mayor Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Rangel Jr., Cm. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Gutierrez, Cm. Dr. Tyler King, Cm. Perez, and Cm. Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: 0

Motion carries.

XIV. ADJOURN AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT AND RECONVENE AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL

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

Moved: Alberto Torres Jr.

Second: Vanessa Perez

For: Mayor Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Rangel Jr., Cm. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Gutierrez, Cm. Dr. Tyler King, Cm. Perez, and Cm. Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: 0

Motion carries.

XV. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Request by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño

[24-C-107](#)

Motion to direct the City manager to help all future grants and Council Resolutions guide to them and place stricter guidelines on staff taking City positions.

Moved: Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Second: Alberto Torres Jr.

For: Mayor Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Rangel Jr., Cm. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Gutierrez, Cm. Dr. Tyler King, and Cm. Perez

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Cigarroa

Motion carries.

[24-C-108](#)

Sponsors: Cm. Vanessa Perez

Motion to direct the City Manager to come up with a proposal with a marketing plan when branding our bridges, and to bring back to Council.

Moved: Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Second: Alberto Torres Jr.

For: Mayor Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Rangel Jr., Cm. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Gutierrez, Cm. Dr. Tyler King, and Cm. Perez

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Cigarroa

Motion carries.

[24-C-109](#)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Second: Vanessa Perez

For: Mayor Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Rangel Jr., Cm. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Gutierrez, Cm. Dr. Tyler King, and Cm. Perez

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Cigarroa

Motion carries.

B. Request by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa[24-C-106](#)**Motion to have management prepare an MOU for monitor.****Moved:** Dr. David Tyler King**Second:** Alberto Torres Jr.**For:** Mayor Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Rangel Jr., Cm. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Gutierrez, Cm. Dr. Tyler King, and Cm. Cigarroa**Against:** 0**Abstain:** 0**Np:** Cm. Perez**Motion carries.**[24-C-112](#)**Motion to approve.****Moved:** Alyssa Cigarroa**Second:** Alberto Torres Jr.**For:** Mayor Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Rangel Jr., Cm. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Gutierrez, Cm. Dr. Tyler King, and Cm. Cigarroa**Against:** 0**Abstain:** 0**Np:** Cm. Perez**Motion carries.****C. Request by Mayor Pro Tempore Ruben Gutierrez, Jr.**[24-C-100](#)**Motion to no action taken.****For:** Mayor Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Rangel Jr., Cm. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Gutierrez, Cm. Dr. Tyler King, and Cm. Cigarroa**Against:** 0**Abstain:** 0**Np:** Cm. Perez**Motion carries.****D. Request by Council Member Dr. David Tyler King**[24-C-090](#)**Sponsors:** Cm. Melissa Cigarroa

Attachments: [Credits and deduction under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022](#)
[Elective Pay and Transferability](#)
[What is elective pay?](#)
[Clean Energy Tax Incentives: Elective Pay Eligible Tax Credits](#)

Motion for every department to develop a plan to take advantage of program funding.

Moved: Dr. David Tyler King

Second: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

For: Mayor Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Rangel Jr., Cm. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Gutierrez, Cm. Dr. Tyler King, and Cm. Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Perez

Motion carries.

[**24-C-110**](#)

Sponsors: Cm. Vanessa Perez

[**24-C-111**](#)

Attachments: [Open Laredo](#)

XVI. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn tat 10:42 p.m.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Alberto Torres Jr.

For: Mayor Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Gonzalez, Cm. Rangel Jr., Cm. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Gutierrez, Cm. Dr. Tyler King, and Cm. Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Perez

Motion carries.